

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
May 1, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Getz, Don Turney, Milt Sluder, Ed Rath, Steve Jasper, Larry Nye, Mona Himmelein, Clerk Boehm and Treasurer Hammond

Guests Present: Rick Ast, Anthony Cochran, Leonard Krone, Doreen Schultz, Jerry Leach

Council Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Getz. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. Audience Comments
- II. Reports
 - A. Village Engineer
 - B. Economic Development
 - C. Committees
 1. Park – Starbucks came and replaced the trees that had to be replaced. Trustee Nye mentioned his concern about the deep rips in the tennis courts and not sure what to do about them. He said he would call Steve Carlisle and ask him what to do.
 2. Finance – Treasurer Hammond completed her certification to be a Michigan certified public treasurer.
 - D. Planning Commission – Will be meeting again this month to discuss a new rental ordinance.
 - E. DDA – n/a
- III. Unfinished Business – n/a
- IV. New Business
 - A. Mowing – We received an estimate for mowing the Village properties. It was from CR Lawn Service, for \$2,250 for all properties to be mowed every two weeks. DPW Krone stated that he had someone that would be able to come and mow for us. He is a resident of the Village and is retired with previous truck driving experience. He said he could start immediately and DPW Krone told him he would be paid \$12.00/hr.
 - a. He also said he has a couple of part time workers that need to do community service that can help out to work in the evenings to get caught back up.
 - B. Center Street – Trustee Sluder stated that the County would not be able to sealcoat it this year, however they may be able to cut it out and patch it this year. President Getz said he would like to see that get done as to prevent further damage to the street. He also stated that they would look at the drain issue to see what could be done while the road work is done.
 - C. Intern – Clerk Boehm presented information regarding the “Earn to Learn” Program that she received from Lake Michigan College. She had presented it to

the BABA Board to see about getting some administrative help since we do not have a paid person that can take care of a lot of the paperwork that needs to get done. They approved it, but are not set up for hiring employees. They asked if the Village could fund the person, and then BABA would reimburse the Village.

The person would use the BABA laptop to work on while here, but would sit at President Getz's desk so that Clerk Boehm/President of BABA could supervise and direct the work that is done. The program is funded by Whirlpool Corporation, and pays for 70% of the student's pay for 12 weeks through the summer, up to 20 hours/week. The Village would be able to also give the person more work if there isn't enough to do for BABA. President Getz, Clerk Boehm and Griffin Ott of The BABA would do the interviewing. BABA approved \$10.00/hour to begin, with an increase after 30 days if the student does good work.

A motion was made by Trustee Turney to approve the intern for 20 hours/week to support BABA and the Village for the summer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nye. No nays, motion carried.

- D. Support Our Troops Festival Permit for fireworks - We received the application to approve and support the permit for fireworks for Support Our Troops Festival this summer. A motion was made by Trustee Rath, seconded by Trustee Jasper. No nays, motion carried.
- E. Health insurance renewal – President Getz presented a renewal rate sheet to the Council to review for next month's meeting. The renewal is effective July 1, 2017. Clerk Boehm highlighted the changes as: deductible increasing by \$100/individual, \$200/family. The premiums for Anthony Cochran and Clerk Boehm are going down this upcoming year, however DPW Krone's premium is increasing. The overall increase is 5.95%.
- V. Consent Agenda - Motion by Trustee Rath, seconded by Trustee Jasper to approve the consent agenda items as presented. No nays, motion carried.
 - A. Council Minutes – April 3, 2017
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$27,619.68
 - D. Correspondence
- VI. Council Comments
 - A. President Comments – President Getz, Trustee Nye and Clerk Boehm are attending the Redevelopment Ready Communities that is being presented by MEDC. This is the first of two sessions that are in preparation for becoming certified. The second session is in June.
 - a. We have been discussing changing the water bill postcards to a full sheet water bill so that we can use it to communicate with the Village water customers regarding changes in ordinances or upcoming events.
 - B. Council Member's Comments – Clerk Boehm has been implementing the new water rate fee schedule in BS&A. Hoping for a smooth transition and get the bills out near "on time" this month.
 - a. Trustee Nye stated that he had spoken with Jim Florian. He is putting up the third house in the new subdivision, and the electric company wants to come and set a pole next week, however there is a tree that needs to be cut down

before they can do that work. Trustee Nye spoke with CR Tree Service and they said they could cut the tree down, stump grind and haul away the wood for \$1,000.

Trustee Nye requested we get proposals to take down all the trees in the lot, but we need to get this tree taken care of. Council approved \$1,000 for the one tree.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Recorded by:

Tina Boehm
Village Clerk