

VILLAGE OF BARODAMEETING MINUTES
Berrien County, Michigan
Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Meeting
October 6, 2025

President, Michael Price called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Michael Price, Katie Zordell, Robert Feickert, Julie Elliott, Steve Hillhouse, Jack Lewis.

Absent: Nikki Andrews

Employees Present: Debbie Wishart, Gloria Payne

There were guests signed in.

Audience Comment: Audience comments nothing was heard.

1. Approved October 6, 2025, Agenda. Julie Elliott made a motion to approve 2nd by Robert Feickert, all ayes, motion carried.
2. Approved September 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Robert Feickert made a motion to approve 2nd by Julie Elliott, all ayes, motion carried.
3. Approved paying bills- \$37,766.91. Motion made by Robert Feickert, 2nd by Jack Lewis. Roll Call Vote: Robert Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott, Jack Lewis, All Ayes motion carried.
4. Approved payroll of \$21,170.18. Motion made by Robert Feickert, 2nd by Jack Lewis. Roll Call Vote: Robert Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott, Jack Lewis. All ayes motion carried.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report – Fund balances were provided. Kruggle Lawton confirmed the April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 audit was submitted to the State of Michigan. Council requested detailed monthly sewer fund reports. Email the council the MRWA Water/Sewer rate analysis when received.
2. Clerk's Report – Trick-or-Treat will be Friday October 31st 5:30 -7:00.
3. DPW Report- Leaf vac is being repaired. EGLE sanitary survey for the water supply.

New Business:

1. Trail & Treat Township – The township requesting volunteers. Trustees will be contacting Shafer and Hildebrand farms for apple donations for the event. Katie Zordell made a motion to approve \$250.00 for purchase of apples for the event. Robert Feickert 2nd the motion. Roll call vote: Robert Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott, Jack Lewis. All ayes motion carried.
2. Fire Department Trick-or-Treat Oct 31st from 6:00 – 7:30- Katie Zordell made a motion to donate \$50. Robert Feickert 2nd the motion. Roll Call Vote: Robert Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott, Jack Lewis. All ayes motion carried.

Jack
Lewis

3. Resolution 2024-3A amending Resolution 2024-3 Pheasant Run Project. Amendment needed to reflect projected costs in the MDOT contract 24-5052. Robert Feickert made a motion to approve the resolution amendment, Jack Lewis 2nd the motion. Roll Call Vote: Robert Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott, Jack Lewis. All ayes motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Water Tower Network radio upgrade. Peerless Midwest provided a quote of \$13,130.00 for the labor and equipment upgrades. The equipment is required by Lake Township This software allows Lake Township to access, monitor, and fill the water tower as needed. Motion made by Robert Feickert 2nd by Jack Lewis. Roll Call Vote: Robert Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott, Jack Lewis. All ayes motion carried.
2. The Legion will be hosting Christmas with Our Heroes. They need volunteers. Chill Hill and Baroda Soda will be holding a Makers Market the same weekend to add to the festivities. Dates and times to be determined.
3. Basketball repairs postponed. Arnt Asphalt has advised not to fill cracks or begin any repair until spring.
4. Church Street Bridge/Sidewalk concrete repairs- Rose Concrete provided a quote to repair concrete at the Church Street bridge. This includes the cost of materials and labor for approximately 5ft x 24 ft totaling \$3,760.00. The estimate also included cost for materials and labor for sidewalks in town and Eaglecrest subdivision of appx. 375 ft \$6,944.00. Motion to approve was made by Robert Feickert, 2nd by Jack Lewis. Roll Call Vote: Robert Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott, Jack Lewis. All ayes motion carried.

Committees:

1. Finance Committee – Nothing Heard
2. Personnel Committee- Nothing Heard
3. Planning Committee - Nothing Heard
4. Policy & Procedure: CDL policy is being reviewed as the verbiage was changed, creating different outcomes than intended.
5. CGA Committee – Julie Elliott reported that progress is being made with Bob Jones and the Township. They are still gathering current information on area businesses. The topic of celebrating new businesses in the area and current businesses anniversaries was mentioned.

Council Comments:

Robert Feickert – Thank Katie Schoenwitz for her enthusiasm on the CGA.

Julie Elliott – Nothing heard

Katie Zordell – Asked for updates on park sign, being completed by Tigmaster, road signs, cameras at the park, touring the DPW and lagoons.

Steve Hillhouse – Nothing heard

Jack Lewis – Nothing heard.

President's – Wightman has confirmed that the drainage ditch on Hills Road is working properly, and no further action is needed.

Audience Comments were taken.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:15 PM

Debbie Wishart, Clerk

Michael Price, President