

# VILLAGE OF BARODA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Village of Baroda Council Meeting held on Monday, September 3, 2024, at 6:30pm.

## Roll Call Completed

**Present:** Michael Price, Katie Strefling, Bob Feickert, Jodi Mattner, Katie Zordell

**Employees Present:** Paula Bryan, Debbie Wishart

**Also Present:** Audra Johnson, Toni Gaul, Doreen Schultz, Carol Jakubs, Jerry Jakubs, Kelly Clark

**Audience Comments:** Doreene Schultz reported a bolt on the new merry-go-round is sticking up and may be a hazard.

## Approve/Amend Agenda

**Motion made** by Bob Feickert, Jodi Mattner 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the agenda for September 3, 2024,

Ayes-5 Nays-0 **Motion Carried.**

## Approve Special Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2024

**Motion made** by Bob Feickert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Strefling to approve the minutes with the correction of spelling for Michael Price. Ayes-5 Nays-0 **Motion Carried.**

## Approve Paying of the Bills

**Motion made** by Bob Feickert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Zordell to approve the paying of the bills in the amount of \$45,375.64. **Motion Carried.**

## Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes  
Katie Strefling- Yes  
Jodi Mattner- Yes  
Bob Feickert- Yes  
Jack Lewis-Out  
Katie Zordell-Yes

## Approve Payroll

**Motion made** by Jodi Mattner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Feickert to approve the payroll in the amount of \$14,369.16. **Motion Carried.**

### Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes  
Katie Strefling- Yes  
Jodi Mattner- Yes  
Bob Feickert- Yes  
Jack Lewis-Out  
Katie Zordell-Yes

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer, Paula Bryan, nothing

Close the United Federal Credit Union account.

The motion was made by Bob Feickert and seconded by Katie Zordell to close the United Federal Credit Union Account. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made to begin using Lake Michigan Accounting for oversight by Bob Feickert and seconded by Jodi Mattner. **Motion Carried**

**Clerk's Report:** Nothing

### New Business:

Motion was made to remove Amber Osha and add Debbie Wishart to the Honor Credit Union account by Bob Feickert and seconded by Katie Zordell. **Motion Carried.**

#### **Committee Vacancies**

Katie Zordell offered to fill the vacant position on the planning commission.

President Price appointed Katie Zordell to the Planning Commission. Jodi Mattner made a motion to accept the appointment of Katie Zordell to the Planning Commission, supported by Katie Strefling. All ayes, motion carries.

**Fire Board:** President Price spoke with Dennis Krotzer and Dave Wolf about the village position and they both agreed it would be best to postpone filling the position after the next election since there will only be one meeting before November.

**Council Vacancy:** President Price Mentioned he had spoken with the attorney and her suggestion was to either leave the position vacant since there will be an election in a few months or fill the position with someone who will not be running in the next election. Some discussion took place, and everyone agreed to leave the position vacant for now.

Tree Quotes for Pheasant run: The council were presented with two quotes to remove a tree on pheasant run. This was the tree where many roots were removed

due to the drainage work being done. After some discussion Katie Strefling made a motion to Hire Tree Amigos for \$600, motion supported by Bob Feickert.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Michael Price Yes
- Katie Strefling Yes
- Jodi Mattner- Yes
- Bob Feickert- Yes
- Jack Lewis-Out
- Katie Zordell-Yes

**Unfinished Business:**

**Pheasant Run Updates:** Eric Kamps from Wightman attended the meeting and gave an update on where the project is and explained some issues that had that put the project about 2 weeks behind. There was some discussion on the need for door hangers to inform the residents of the new work schedule. There was also discussion on the bill from Hoffman Bros for the \$4,788.00 that was missed in the original bid.

**Park Sign:** Trustee Katie Strefling asked if anyone had heard from Tigmaster about the park donation sign and some concerns that the business is being sold and they may not want to continue with the project. President Price said he will go down there tomorrow morning and ask.

**Parking spaces at the park:** There was some discussion on the blue line needing to be painted at the park for the handicap spot. Tony Cochran from the DPW mentioned the village should buy their own line painting equipment so it doesn't need to be hired out anymore and it would save money.

**Water Tower Contract:** The Council was presented with two proposals, one from Leary Construction and the other from Dixon Engineering. After a discussion on the differences between the two proposals Bob Feickert made a motion to Authorize the Village President to coordinate with Dixon Engineering to inspect the water tower. The motion was supported by Katie Zordell and a roll call vote was taken.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Michael Price-Yes
- Katie Strefling- Yes
- Jodi Mattner- Yes
- Bob Feickert- Yes
- Jack Lewis-Out
- Katie Zordell-Yes

**Committees**

**Park Committee:** Bob Feickert made a motion to disband the Park Committee. Jodi Mattner 2<sup>nd</sup> this

motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Permits and Fees Committee-** Motion was made by ~~Kate~~ Katie Zordell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Feickert to disband the Permit and Fees committee. **Motion Carried.** Jack was out.

**Roll-Call-Vote:**

~~Michael Price-Yes~~  
~~Mel Tollas-Yes~~  
~~Katie Strefling-Yes~~  
~~Jodi Mattner-Yes~~  
~~Bob Feickert-No~~  
~~Jack Lewis-Yes~~  
~~Katie Zordell-Yes~~

**Finance Committee-**Nothing

**Personnel Committee-**Nothing

**Planning Commission-** A motion was made by Jodi Mattner and seconded by Katie Strefling to add Katie Zordell to the Planning Commission. **Motion Carried.**

**Policy & Procedure Committee-** no action taken

**Council Member Comments:** Update all contact lists to reflect committee disbandment's.

**Bob Feickert-** Thank you to Debbie and for being here and taking the job. Bob also asked about Bubbers stuff at the DPW shop, how the service line inventory is going, and about selling the 2 old Kubota tractors.

**Katie Zordell-** Katie asked how the new DPW hire was doing, asked about the updated employee handbook, updating what ordinances need to be changed

**Katie Strefling-** The park looks great and thank you to the DPW for adding more wood chips under the swings. The Village of Stevensville has a nice website and would like Baroda Village to have a website like Stevensville that will show updates easily and be easier to navigate.

**Jodi Mattner:** No comment

**President's Comments-** Thanks you to Amber for all her hard work while working here. And we need to fill the pro tempore position. Bob Feickert offered to fill the position from now until the election. Bob Feickert was appointed to the position and Trustee Jodi Matter made a motion to accept the appointment of Bob Feickert to president pro tempore. Katie Strefling supported the motion. All yes votes, motion carries.

**Audience comments were heard:**

**Check website to remove inaccurate phone numbers for past employees**  
**Check lift station emergency numbers to reflect proper employee contacts**  
**Check Berrien County emergency contact numbers**

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:00 PM**

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Debbie Wishart, Clerk

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Michael Price, President