

**VILLAGE OF BARODA**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Baroda Municipal Building**  
**September 6, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Michael Price, Leonard Krone, Kathryn Strefling, Jodi Mattner, Mel Tollas, Jack Lewis, and Bob Feickert

Members Absent: Clerk Denton, and Treasurer Hurst

Guests Present: Doreen Shults, Christina, and Paul Jancha, Ashley Nitz

Council Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Price

I. Reports

A. Treasurer Report- Jamie out of Town

B. Economic Development-

C. Committees-

1. Park- There was a discussion of the wood chips, concrete under BBQ grills, proper signage, and any other liabilities from the insurance meeting. The council wanted answers to when the list of priorities will be ordered and done. The concerns where manpower and forming a new park committee to oversee issues.

2. Finance- 457b plan retirement-Clerk Denton investigated the retirement plan and with no one contributing the plan is costly. Clerk Denton can sign the village up to a plan free of charge for the future, as of now no employee is contributing to any retirement. A motion by Trustee Krone and second by Trustee Tollas, a roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.

3. Clerks Info- Audit on Schedule Trustee krone asked if audit company will be at a meeting to discuss the entire audit.

D. Planning Commission- Meeting in September

II. New Business –

A. Paul Jancha- Paul Steven Jancha is the Chief Public Defender of Berrien County, currently running for Berrien County District Court Judge. Paul visited the Village to introduce himself and have a brief conversation about his position and what the future can be for the county. There were no questions, the council thanked Mr. Jancha for his time and devotion to the people of our county.

B. Chill Hill Special Event Packet 2023- Ashley Nitz represented Chill Hill in next year event packet for council approval for concert event in the Village parking

lot next to their business. The Council reviewed the Special Event paperwork and had a brief discussion of event dates and complaints for noise. After a brief question and answer over those issues the council felt relative. Trustee Tollas made a motion to accept the 2023 Special Event package with multiple event days next season, and Trustee Feickert second the motion, a roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.

- C. Maintenance Department Discussion- The committee came back to the meeting with the idea of making lists for the guys to follow weekly, and Trustee Mattner questioned having a working supervisor in the department to maintain workflow and knowledge in training. There was a discussion of what needs to be accomplished and how to get the workload done while training is key some things need to be supervised. The council feels needing another meeting with a neutral party in Trustee Feickert to see more options and pathways for that department. The council will discuss again next month after meetings.
- D. MWRA Water Requirements- The village was visited by a MWRA representer who discussed with President Price, and Clerk Denton about a project from state level to prove and report no lead or galvanized service lines in the Village. The Village would need to dig up and picture the service lines for proof at the village costs. Research is key and the office and Trustee Krone will research what needs to happen to be compliant by 2025. No vote today just knowledge.
- E. Trail and Treat Donation- the Township Clerk Price is hosting a Trail and Treat at Hess Lake Park on October 29 and is asking for a donation from the village. Clerk Price has multiple businesses donating for the event to keep this non scary event fun for all ages. There was a discussion about donating, and Trustee Streffling felt her ideas were downed and donating to this cause goes against the council ideas in the past but likes and is for the idea. Trustee Mattner filed a motion to donate \$200 to the township, second by Trustee Krone a roll call vote of 4 to 3 motion carries.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mike Price	X		
Leonard Krone	X		
Jodi Mattner	X		
Kathryn Streffling	X		
Jack Lewis		X	
Mel Tollas		X	
Bob Feickert		X	

- III. Consent Agenda- A motion made by Trustee Mattner to approve the consent agenda, and second by Trustee Tollas. A roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.
  - A. Council Minutes – August 1, 2022
  - B. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$54,104.34
  - C. Correspondence-
- IV. Council Comments
  - A. President Comments- Employee Manuel review and Start of the Master plan.
  - B. Council Member’s Comments – Trustee Streffling asked if maintenance patched a hole she emailed the council, Trustee Krone asked of storm drain issues was budgeted. Trustee Feickert brought his updated version of house numbering ordinance and explained the writing changes. Trustee Mattner recommends taking to the planning commission for discussion. Trustee Tollas talked about better planning for events and how Christmas in the village went great for the timing and we need a committee to help with those events. Trustee Krone last question was about the roofs in the maintenance building quotes Clerk only had two before the meeting.
- V. Audience Comments – Chill Hill music too loud they need to use the meter they have and ask to turn it down. Trustee Tollas reached out and reported to Chill Hill about complaints and they showed picture proof of meter being used. Chill Hill did cut concerts in half next year.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Denton

Meeting Adjourned by 9:15 pm