

**VILLAGE OF BARODA  
Council Minutes  
Baroda Municipal Building  
March 23, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Larry Nye, Michael Price, Jodi Mattner, Leonard Krone, Toni Gaul, Katie Strefling, Clerk Martin

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Attorney James McGovern, Larry Martin, Brad Mattner, Jeff Gaul, Dennis Krotzer, Ric Hoffman, Christina Price, Doreen Schultz

Council Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro-tem Nye.

Council Meeting:

I. New Business

- A. Accept resignations of President and Clerk - President Pro-tem Nye read a letter of resignation from President Getz. A motion was made by Trustee Krone, supported by Trustee Gaul to accept the resignation. A roll call vote was taken:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OBSTAIN</u>
Bob Getz			X	
Michael Price	X			
Larry Nye	X			
Toni Gaul	X			
Leonard Krone	X			
Katie Strefling	X			
Jodi Mattner	X			

Motion carried.

- A. President Pro-tem Nye read a letter of resignation from Clerk Martin. The question was put forth by Trustee Strefling asking if Clerk Martin would stay on longer to help with a transition if no one is found. President Pro-Tem Nye stated it is important to find someone quickly. After several requests for a motion, Trustee Krone finally made the motion to accept resignation, supported by President Pro-tem Nye. A roll call vote was taken:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OBSTAIN</u>
Bob Getz			X	
Michael Price	X			
Larry Nye	X			
Toni Gaul	X			

Leonard Krone X  
Katie Strefling X  
Jodi Mattner (unhappily) X

Motion carried.

- A. Discuss and vote on how to fill the President's seat – President Pro-Tem stated that it is the job of the council to either appoint someone to the President's seat from the council, or from within the Village. After some discussion, Trustee Gaul nominated Trustee Krone to the position. Trustee Krone denied the motion. President Pro-Tem stated he does not want to take on the position. After further discussion, it was decided that Clerk Martin would post the job at the post office and on Facebook to try to find a candidate. A motion was made by Trustee Mattner to post it, supported by Trustee Strefling. All ayes, motion carried.
- B. Hiring process for the Clerk/Treasurer's position – After much discussion, Trustee Krone recommended that the Clerk and Treasurer position be separated and make the Clerk position part time. There was much discussion and questions for the attorney. The plan will be to post the job as is. In the meantime, the attorney will put together a new ordinance to separate the positions. We can interview in the meantime and hope to find a candidate.

Clerk Martin asked what the hours and wage would be to post the job. After much discussion, it was decided the job would be 29.5 hours a week for \$17.50 per hour. After 60 days the pay will be re-evaluated. A motion was made by Trustee Krone, supported by Trustee Gaul. All ayes, motion carried.

## II. Council Comments

### A. President Comments

- B. Council Member's Comments – Trustee Gaul wanted to confirm that we are having our regular meeting in April. Clerk Martin will do a Zoom option for those that can't make it.

Trustee Krone stated that he would like to interview via the personnel committee, but then have the council interview the top two candidates. There was a concern about doing that due to it being a public meeting and it may hinder some applicants. The attorney stated that having the personnel committee interview would be the best way to start in order to protect the candidates. After some conversation, Trustee Gaul requested that a third person be on the committee as she has some issues with only two. She stated "we are starting a whole new regime and everyone needs to be involved". She also stated that "we" decided that the whole council should be involved. There was some unclarity as to who "we" are, as Trustee Mattner requested clarity. After more conversation, it was decided that Trustee Krone would sit in on the personnel committee. President Pro-tem appointed Trustee Krone, Trustee Mattner and Trustee Strefling would do the first round of interviews and bring the top choices to the council for final interview. A motion was made by President Pro-tem, supported by Trustee Price to follow that process. All ayes, motion carried.

- a. Trustee Price wanted to address a FOIA request that was sent to the council. President Pro-tem stated that it is not on the agenda for the special meeting. Clerk Martin stated that she is handling it as the FOIA Coordinator.
- b. Trustee Mattner stated her concern regarding secretive meetings and that there is not an open and honest relationship between council members. Her concern is that everyone is not on the same page nor working together for the greater good of the Village.
- c. Trustee Strefling stated that she is open to interview anytime next week. Clerk Martin stated that they can discuss times after the meeting.
- d. Trustee Krone stated that we should consider having our zoom meetings like the Township, with a microphone and camera. Clerk Martin stated that it is no different then how we do ours. The board could not be heard and no one else was seen or heard. The microphone was on the township clerk only.

III. Audience Comments – Doreen Shultz had questions on the applications.

Brad Mattner stated that he would like to thank Clerk Martin for all of her years of service and for doing a great job and that many residents are very sad to see her go.

President Pro-tem Nye stated that he is very sad to see President Getz and Clerk Martin go and they will be missed. He stated that he thinks they both did a terrific job for the Village. It has been a long time since anyone has worked as hard as they did. He stated that they both brought in a lot of money via grants and donations for many projects, including the pergola, dog park, street projects, and tennis courts. For Mr. Nye personally, he said it is one of the darkest days he has seen since his many years on the council.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tina Martin, Clerk