

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
Aug 2, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Nye, Michael Price, Jodi Mattner, Kathryn Strefling, Leonard Krone, Toni Gaul, and Clerk Denton

Members Absent:

Guests Present: Christina Price, Doreen Schultz, Jeff Gaul, Nancy Strefling, Matt Fry, Brian Wisneski, Mona Himmelien, Audra Johnson, Matt Moershe, Amy Covington, Dennis Krotzer, Kristen Spence, and William wood.

Council Meeting called to order at 6:28 p.m. by President Pro-Tem Nye

I. Reports

A. Village Engineer- No Report. The village was notified we will not need to replace the main water lines back flow preventer. The Master pump needs servicing this will save on costs, the pump is located on the corner of Lemon creek and Holden rd.

B. Economic Development

C. Committees

1. Park- The locks need to be redone and adjusted or serviced on the pavilion. Trustee Strefling filed a motion and Trustee Mattner second. All ayes motion carries. The Dumpster lock was in question if locked no way to dump trash in. The key for the lock bar is on the park key rings so rentals can take bar off to dump trash. The village for now will unlock the dumpster and monitor what gets dumped. Size and costs also a concern, Clerk Denton was asked to get quote of smaller size dumpster for next meeting.

2. Finance- village in good shape but need more explaining of accounts

3. Clerks Info-Park Cameras are halfway installed, Bees delayed the install, DPW Ric took care of the bees. Clerk Denton will set up a last meeting at the park once the cameras are done. Basketball hoops are on order to be delivered next two weeks. Meeting at the park soon to look at equipment deemed unsafe and what exactly the park needs to be updated and safe for all.

D. Planning Commission- No Meeting

E. DDA- Resolution to dissolve the DDA. The state is working on a new program to replace most DDA called the corridor improvement. The DDA disbanding also makes BABA (Baroda Area Business Association) in question of funds they still have; President Pro Tem Nye will reach out to find out BABA's plan on disbanding an money disbursement after taking care of any legal standings.

II. New Business –

A. Hungerford Nichols Audit (Maner Costerisan Quote package) – Brian Wisneski and Kristen Spence talked to the board on behalf of Hungerford Nichols. Kristen is a certified fraud examiners and has a full team involved, the team consists of several GPA, Evaluation experts, and couple certified fraud examiners two types of investigations a fraud investigation and a forensic audit, The level of depth is the major difference fraud is looking into back history and interviews of persons. Forensic looks more into records and back finances. If the findings took us to litigation the staff can testify about these findings in court also. Trustee Strefling asked how billing would work, Kristen Spence replied often they use progress billing. Progress billing starts the village at \$5000 and will be a good start to research any info from this special audit. After the first initial payment is reached Kristen and her team will notify the Village to review the findings and decide on moving forward. Hungerford reports will send over recommendations on moving forward after initial costs. If the Village feels no wrongdoing was found, the village can stop at that point. Trustee Mattner asked if the regular audit the village currently is having will uncover any of the questionable records, Kristen Spence explained that Maner audit is a routine audit, and their audit looks deeper into fraud case scenario. A supplemental review is the recommendation, the board conversation was back and forth most of the board feels they never received any answers and were always told no. Trustee Gaul feels we need to go forward to protect the village as the board all signed an oath when being sworn in. The professional opinion is to have a forensic audit to see what has occurred in the past. Trustee Krone asked what a good number to start at for results, \$5000 was the response. After discussion Trustee Krone filed a motion to start the audit at a cap and Trustee Price second the motion.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Larry Nye		X	
Michael Price	X		
Toni Gaul	X		
Leonard Krone	X		
Jodi Mattner	X		
Katie Strefling	X		
Motion Carries			

B. Round barn Concert – The Round Barn sent Matt Moerch to discuss closure of First street for an outside concert across the road in their new Cantina. The band is a Tim McGraw cover and Round Barn is expecting 400 plus people. On Friday September 17th from 5PM till 11PM. Using barricades to block First street to allow food vendors and guest to walk between the Round Barn and the Cantina safely. Pro Tem Nye recommends blocking with lightweight gates or cones that can be removed if needed for emergency vehicles. The subject of Menser drive being open can make another route for emergency vehicle to get around the closed road. The recommendation from the board is to keep a certain section of blocking

movable. Alcohol will always be behind fence lines to stay within state regulations. The concert will end at 10 and will allow for an hour of clean up. Trustee Strefling filed a motion and Trustee Krone second the motion, vote all ayes motion carries.

- C. Parking lot, buss signs, and dead end at Menser – The signage down at Menser to the dead end on First street was never properly moved years ago Pro Tem Nye feels we need to add new sign to route traffic down Menser drive to Hills rd., and finally Shawnee road. The speed and dead-end issue can be helped with proper signage is the village idea, Clerk Denton will investigate proper signage, also the township helped in moving the older dead-end sign. Clerk Denton will get prices for all signs needed in the village including park, and parking lot signs also. Another option discussed was Speed Bumps, but the village doesn't recommend the speed bumps due to damage to our new road and issues of factory overloaded trucks may cause damage. Pro Tem Nye recommends we find out prices and order what we need Trustee Strefling filed a motion if sign under \$500 dollars to order them, Trustee Mattner second the vote, all ayes motion carried
- D. Village Maintenance uniform – Currently the village offers uniforms, that are rented from Cintas. Ric has three florescent green shirts from the past that the village purchased and are bright and cool. Clerk Denton will investigate extra T shirts for the mowing hot days and get a quote to the board.
- E. Newman Garage doors quote – The shop doors need servicing. All new weather stripping and cables replaced that are bad or stretched. Trustee Krone feels this a maintenance job and needs to be fixed in house. By the village workers keeping costs down and work load up.
- F. Ninety Day Review – The Clerk is going on 90 days, and the treasurer is at 70 days' time for the first review. The treasurer position is asking for 6 hours of extra time to study or learn if needed. Time can get short when trying to learn exactly how and when to get your position. Since both positions are ready for review the board set a committee of three to review office performance for the clerk and treasurer. The members include Mattner, Strefling, and Krone, the board has no issue with this committee however Doreen Schultz (resident) feels the past relationship of Denton and Strefling results in a conflict of interest. Trustee Strefling filed a motion to extend the treasurer hours by 6 hours when needed and set a time and date shortly per the review committee, President Pro Tem Nye second all ayes motion carries.
- G. House Lettering and Fines or Fees- Doreen Schultz feels a fine of 50 dollars is too harsh of a penalty for first time fine. As a village we have an ordinance officer who contacts the homeowner and discusses options. A fine is not the first option and in most cases not necessary. After a verbal warning the resident will have time to fix the complaint. Council would like to look at adding to the ordinance of a first warning will need to write up.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Council Minutes – July 6, 2021
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$11,204.02
- D. Correspondence

Pro Tem Nye filed the motion to pass the consent agenda, Trustee Krone second, all Ayes motion carries

IV. Council Comments

- A. President Comments
- B. Council Member's Comments –

Toni Gaul- The Forensic audit is not a personal vendetta hopes that nothing is found and can be recorded as such.

Michael Price- Asked if the village should supply some bright color T shirts for hot days, or just to wear as another option. Clerk Denton will talk to the crew see if they want those shirts.

Leonard Krone-The contract with F and V is monthly. Trustee Krone filed a motion to cancel the contract thru them. Krone has two willing and able persons to take over their operations to save the village major money, both have the proper credentials. Trustee Strefling second the motion and states Krone knows more and trust the decision. Krone also not happy on the maintenance being barely kept up needs work. All ayes on the motion it carries. Trees also a conversation clerk Denton will get a couple estimates. If estimates good Pro Tem Nye may reach out for approval before month end. Discussion of proper minutes to clarify procedure and music in the park was a success.

Kathryn Strefling- Feels a bit offended that certain persons feel there is a conflict of interest between Trustee Strefling being on the board to review Clerk Denton. Since Denton is Strefling ex-husband the question was raised, Strefling feels they have been divorced over ten years and are professional and private friends still. Trustee Strefling was on the hiring committee, and the board feels no conflict exists.

Jodi Mattner- Jodi was wondering about volunteers for the music in the park for Sunday Aug 22. Clerk Denton will make sure everything ready for the event. Also asked about the park benches ordered for Chuck Trapp, and John Harner they are on order and questions of looks were answered. Jim Florian will cut a check when benches arrive.

- V. Audience Comments – The grass that is getting mowed by Water tower is getting to tall before they mow causing grass to fill on sidewalk, if they do that at least blow the loose grass toward the yard keep the sidewalk clean. The ditches need to be mowed down better since the village sends letters enforcing yards and weeds cant be long.

Big tree off Lemon creek road close to Third street corner is getting damaged by wind due to size and age. Pieces of bark and branches were blown all over causing clean up after every storm, the tree needs to be addressed. Question was asked about little books to reference township policy for new people might help with any questions.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mike Denton