

Baroda Township and Baroda Village Joint Planning Commission Meeting
January 24, 2017

David Schultz, Baroda Township Planning Commission Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Baroda Municipal Building meeting room. Present were:

Village Planning Commission Chair Ed Rath, Village Commissioners Mona Himmelein, Ron Zordell, Jerry Jakubs, Barry Gidley, and Larry Nye, Village President Bob Getz, Steve Carlisle from Wightman & Assoc., and Planner Chuck Eckenstahler, Township Planning Commission Chairman David Schultz, Township Commissioners Tom Shafer, Partick Freehling, Peter VanVooren, and Wendie Shafer, and Township Supervisor Jim Brow.

Questions were asked regarding the specifics of the need for an intergovernmental plan to be adopted by the Township and Village. An explanation was given by Chuck Eckenstahler that the Village is currently classified as a low to moderate income municipality and as such would be eligible to apply for MEDC grants without the requirement of providing jobs for infrastructure projects. The low-Moderate income status designation will be up for review in 2020 and will likely be discontinued. The State legislature is pushing for the increase of intergovernmental cooperation and the Village may possibly be given a higher grant eligibility rating if the Village and Township were to adopt a Community Strategy Plan showing common Capital improvement, planning, and recreation goals.

It was noted that the Village Master Plan is to be adopted without updates but with an amendment incorporating a Community Strategy Plan (Community Plan). The Township Planning Commission is in the process of updating its Master Plan and Capital Improvements Plan. The Township Park Plan is also in the process of being updated.

It was suggested that the Township and Village upon completion of the Master Plan, CIP and Recreation plan updates could hold a joint public hearing to adopt their individual plans and to adopt the incorporation of the new intergovernmental community strategy plans.

Discussion was concluded. No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned by Chairman David Schulz at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendie Shafer
Secretary, Baroda Township Planning Commission