

VILLAGE OF BARODA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Village of Baroda Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Roll Call Completed

Present: Michael Price, Katie Strefling, Bob Feickert, Jack Lewis, Mel Tollas

Absent: Jodi Mattner

Employees Present: Amber Osha, Paula Bryan, Anthony Cochran

Also Present: Doreen Schultz, Christina Price, Audra Johnson, Donnie Johnson II, Kathy Kissane, Katie Zordell, Kelly Clark

Audience Comments: None

Approve/Amend Agenda

Motioned by Bob Feickert, 2nd by Mel Tollas to amend the agenda to add Open Trustee Seat under new business and then to approve the amended agenda for January 9, 2024. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Absent-1 **Motion Carried**

Approve Minutes for December 4, 2023

Motion by Bob Feickert, 2nd by Katie Strefling to approve the minutes with the amendment to add "Motion Carried" where needed. **Motion Carried.**

Approve minutes for November 6, 2023, joint Public Hearing Minutes

Motion by Michael Price, 2nd by Bob Feickert to approve the minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Approve paying of the bills in the amount of \$35,523.95 and Approve payroll in the amount of \$21,558.98.

Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Katie Strefling. **Motion Carried**

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes

Mel Tollas- Yes

Katie Strefling- Yes

Jodi Mattner- Absent

Bob Feickert- Yes

Jack Lewis-Yes

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Paula Bryan, presented the Board with budget amendments, and up to date accounting reports. **Motion made by** Mel Tollas, 2nd by Jack Lewis to approve the recommended total budget with amendments thru 12/31/2023. There was further discussion. Ayes-5 Nays-0 **Motin Carried.**

Clerk's Report: The Clerk, Amber Osha, advised the Council that the eye wash station has been installed in the maintenance garage. We have copies of the franchises with both Comcast as well as Michigan Gas Utilities.

Park Committee: Michael Price advised that 70 letters are being mailed out to businesses for park donations. There was some discussion about getting something ordered to be installed by spring and also some other ways to raise funds.

Finance Committee: The committee met and will be meeting again on January 15, 2024, at 10 am.

Review Committee: Bob Feickert reported that he and Michael Price have met with the Treasurer, Paula Bryan for her 60-day review. He stated that they are very pleased with the progress that Paula has and continues to make. Paula mentioned in the review that Heather from Blossomland Accounting has been very helpful in her learning Municipal accounting.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission has mailed out all the surveys and they will be collecting the data and putting it together to report on. They are also looking into the Capital Improvements Plan.

New Business

Open Trustee Seat:

Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Katie Strefling to vote in Donnie Johnson II as Trustee. **Motion NOT Carried.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motin made by Michael Price, 2nd by Jack Lewis to vote Kathryn Kissane in as Trustee. **Motin NOT Carried.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Katie Strefling to vote Katie Zordell

Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Music in the Park- Some discussion was had about which bands were liked or not from last summer. The clerk was advised to book the bands and to also line up food trucks.

2024-2025 Calendar: Motion made by: Katie Strefling, 2nd by Mel Tollas to have the Village office closed on July 3, 2024. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Absent-1 **Motion Carried**

Fire Board- Mel Tollas informed the Council that she doesn't feel as if she is a good fit for the board. She will remain on the Fire Board until someone else steps up to take the position. Tabled until the February meeting.

Blossomland Accounting: Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Jack Lewis to continue to keep Blossomland on for up to \$500 a month through the end of June 2024.

Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes
Mel Tollas- Yes
Katie Strefling- Yes
Jodi Mattner- Absent
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Yes

Unfinished Business:

DPW Work Boots: Motion made by Katie Strefling, 2nd by Mel Tollas to reimburse \$150 per calendar year, to each DPW employee for safety-toe work boots. **Motion Carried.**

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes
Mel Tollas- Yes
Katie Strefling- Yes

Jodi Mattner- Absent
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Yes

Forming a Zoning Board of Appeals: Michael Price appoints Kathy Kissane, Doreen Schultz, Kelly Clark, Donnie Johnson II, and Audra Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Motion** made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Katie Strefling to accept the nominations to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes-5 Nays-0 **Motion Carried.**

Patriotic Flags- Clerk has the confirmation to contact the residence about getting veteran flags in support of their family members for the light poles and get them ordered.

PC Consultants: Motion made by Katie Strefling, 2nd by Mel Tollas to change the Village IT to PC Consultants.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes
Mel Tollas- Yes
Katie Strefling- Yes
Jodi Mattner- Absent
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Yes

Council Comments:

Bob Feickert- Welcome Katie Zordell to the Board. He thanked the other applicants for applying. Katie needs to meet the Clerk to be sworn in. He questioned when the stumps would be taken care of on 2nd Street. The Clerk will contact Tree Amigos. Bob advised the Clerk to investigate getting a new recording device for the meetings.

Katie Strefling- Asked what the status of the generator is. After some discussion it was agreed to allow Anthony Cochran to reach out to some of his contacts about one.

Mel Tollas- Thanked the Trustee applicants and informed them that there will be 5 open seats to run for in the election of 2024. She also advised the Clerk to reach out to Donna Ryan for advice on a new recording device. She also inquired if the Village had contacted Craig Hartline about flowers for the Spring. She was advised that Michael Price was trying to make contact with him.

Jack Lewis: had no comments.

Michael Price- Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Jack Lewis to accept the quote for the new generator from Kelko Enterprise at \$37,500, if Anthony Cochran cannot find a better deal within 2 weeks. **Motion Carried.**

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes

Mel Tollas- Yes
Katie Strefling- Yes
Jodi Mattner- Absent
Bob Feickert- no
Jack Lewis-Yes

Audience Comments:

Kelly Clark- wants to make sure that the DPW guys know that when they plow there are new sidewalk corners, and they shouldn't be plowing the snow up at these corners tearing up the new sidewalks.

Donnie Johnson II- has concerns that the appropriate trucks are not being used for snow plowing.

Audra Johnson-Would like someone to investigate the lift station light being on all of the time on Church Street. Audra would like the Council to budget for fixing the alley behind Second Street between Church Street and the Legion as it constantly is flooding. She also has concerns about the DPW guys smoking while picking up leaves, in the truck and while not on breaks.

Doreen Schultz: When are the dates for Music in the Park for 2024? June 30, July 28 and August 25. She wanted to know if the Park cameras are working. Michael Price advised that they were but will double check on them. Doreen also questioned why all the Christmas decorations weren't put up in the park. Anthony Cochran informed; they had been put up in front of the municipal building instead of the park.

Kathy Kissane- asked about the next steps for Zoning Board of Appeals. She was advised the Board's information would be passed along to the Zoning Administrator and they would be receiving information it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm.

Amber Osha
Village Clerk

Michael Price
Village President