

# VILLAGE OF BARODA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Village of Baroda Council Meeting held on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:33pm.

## **Public Hearing for the 2024/2025 Budget**

President Price opened the Public Hearing at 6:30pm; The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. He opened the meeting up to comments from the audience. There were no audience comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:32pm.

## **Roll Call Completed**

**Present:** Michael Price, Katie Strefling, Bob Feickert, Jack Lewis, Mel Tollas, Jodi Mattner, Katie Zordell

**Employees Present:** Amber Osha, Paula Bryan, Anthony Cochran

**Also Present:** Doreen Schultz, Christina Price, Kathy Kissane, Cindy Casper, Audra Johnson, Donnie Johnson II

**Audience Comments:** None

## **Approve/Amend Agenda**

**Motioned** by Bob Feickert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Strefling to accept the agenda for March 4, 2024.  
Ayes-7 Nays-0 **Motion Carried**

## **Approve Minutes for February 5, 2024**

**Motion** by Bob Feickert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jodi Mattner to approve the minutes. **Motion Carried.**

## **Approve paying of the bills in the amount of \$46,478.08.**

**Motion** made by Bob Feickert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Lewis. **Motion Carried**

### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

## **Approve payroll in the amount of \$18,540.79.**

**Motion** by Bob Feickert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Lewis **Motion Carried**

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Michael Price-Yes

Mel Tollas- Yes  
Katie Strefling- Yes  
Jodi Mattner- Yes  
Bob Feickert- Yes  
Jack Lewis-Yes  
Katie Zordell-Yes

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer, Paula Bryan, presented the Board with the Budget for 2024/2025. Paula also updated on the amendments that need to be made and the current financials of the Village.

**Clerk's Report:** The Clerk, Amber Osha, advised the Council that musicians are scheduled for Music in the Park. The Village Newsletter was finished and available. Also, it was discussed that a village wide yard sale could be June 20-22, 2024.

**Park Committee: Motion** made by Bob Feickert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mel Tollas, to purchase the Revolutionary Spinner and slide with installation from quote number 3230 from Great Lakes Recreation Co. up to ~~\$26,336~~ **\$27,000**, being funded out of the \$12,000 allocated for Park equipment, \$4850 in donations **received**, ~~\$9500~~ **and-balance necessary** from the reserve fund.  
**Motion Carried.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

A Park clean-up day is being scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2024.

**Finance Committee:** There was discussion on the budget with a decision to have a new Public Hearing decided for Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

**Review Committee:** Andrew Spitzke and Grant Bly are still due for yearly reviews. The Committee consisting of Jack Lewis, Mel Tollas and Michael Price will do the reviews on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 9:30am and 10:00am.

**Planning Commission:** There have been changes regarding who we are working with at Wightman. There is a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

**New Business:**

- 1) **Library**-Cindy Casper updated us on the things going on at the library including the Easter Egg Hunt coming up and renovations.
- 2) **Bringe Inspections-Motion made** by Mel Tollas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Lewis to accept the contract with Wightman to pay up to \$3816. **Motion Carried.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

- 3) **Audit- Motion made** by Mel Tollas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Zordell to accept the Engagement Letter from Kruggel Lawton for the 2023/2024 audit. **Motion Carried.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

- 4) **Medical Insurance Renewal- Motion made** by Mel Tollas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Lewis to accept option number one for the renewal. **Motion Carried.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

- 5) **Water Bill Increase- Motion made** by Jodi Mattner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mel Tollas to amend the Water Rate Ordinance. Ayes-7 Nays-0 **Motion Carried.**

- 6) **Water Rate Increase-** Our water supplier, Lake Township, is raising rates 5% effective April 1, 2024, **Motion Made** by Bob Feickert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Price to approve a resolution raising water rates by 5%. Ayes-7 Nays-0 **Motion carried.**
- 7) **Trustee Tollas Resignation-** after some discussion it was determined to wait on accepting the resignation until we hear back from the attorney.
- 8) **Par Plan Resolution- Motion made** by Mel Tollas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Lewis to accept the Resolution of Support Michigan Township Participating Plan Grant Application. Ayes-7 Nays-0 **Motion Carried.**
- 9) **Personnel Committee-**there was discussion that the name should be changed to comply. The Committee will be made up of Bob Feickert, Jack Lewis, and Michael Price with Katie Zordell as an alternate if needed.

### **Unfinished Business**

- 1) **Generator-**One has been purchased for \$18,000. It has been wired and tested and works well.

### **Council Comments:**

**Bob Feickert-** Praised Paula Bryan for all the work she has done and informed her she is doing a great job. He asked if Kelly Clark and the police had been notified about the Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance. Clerk Osha informed him that Kelly Clark had been notified but the police had not. He mentioned that employee reviews need to be done in a timely manner. Lastly, he mentioned that the council should be sure to not create a hostile environment for the employees.

**Katie Zordell-**Questioned if the Policy and Fees Committee had done anything. Jodi Mattner spoke up and said that Brad Mattner had done some research and had passed it along to our building inspector Jim Nelson. Katie also agreed with Bob that everyone needs to be nicer and answer questions when they are asked.

**Katie Strefling-** Requested that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Ally be put on the agenda, and it was missed. She would like us to reach out to local companies for estimates. She also informed the Board that our Ordinance Officer is out on medical leave.

**Jodi Mattner-** Nothing

**Jack Lewis:** Nothing

**Mel Tollas-** Asked what the status of the flowers baskets is. President Price informed her that the baskets had been taken to Hartline. Mel also informed the Board that there is a website HR Municipality that is helpful in reviews, employee handbooks and other helpful things. Katie Strefling brought up possibly hiring Mel as Deputy Clerk if she must resign as Trustee

**Michael Price-** Thanked everyone for the park donations and the Township for bringing 2,000 gallons of water when it was needed.

**Audience Comments were heard.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.**

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**Amber Osha  
Village Clerk**

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**Michael Price  
Village President**