

VILLAGE OF BARODA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Village of Baroda Council Meeting held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 6:43pm.

Roll Call Completed

Present: Michael Price, Jodi Mattner, Katie Strefling, Bob Feickert and Donna Ryan

Absent: Jack Lewis, Mel Tollas

Employees Present: Amber Osha, Paula Bryan, Anthony Cochran, Grant Bly, and Andrew Spitzke

Also Present: Doreen Schultz, Ashley Nitz, Steve Carlisle & Kelly Clark

Audience Comments: Doreen Schultz is happy that the leaves got picked up.

Approve/Amend Agenda

Motioned by Katie Strefling 2nd by Jodi Mattner to approve the November 6, 2023, agenda.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Absent-2 **Motion Carried**

Approve Minutes for October 2, 2023, Council Meeting, approve paying of the bills in the amount of \$52,523.26 and payroll in the amount of \$14,995.49: Motion made by Bob Feickert 2nd by Donna Ryan Ayes-5 Nays-0 **Motion Carried.**

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes

Mel Tollas- Absent

Katie Strefling- Yes

Jodi Mattner- Yes

Donna Ryan- Yes

Bob Feickert- Yes

Jack Lewis-Absent

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Paula Bryan advised the Council that all IRS payments have been paid and paperwork is turned in. She also advised where she was with working on chart of accounts, bank account etc. She has been working closely with Heather from Blossomland Accounting to have a better understanding of all the finances. Michael Price made a motion, 2nd by Katie Strefling to add the Treasurer, Paula Bryan, to the Honor Federal Credit Union and United Federal Credit Union bank accounts. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Absent-2 **Motion Carried**

Clerk's Report: The Clerk, Amber Osha, brought to the Council's attention that her yearly Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks was due, that she has Clerk Institute in March that needs to be signed up for. She advised the Council that late fees and disconnect notices had been sent out. There is a webinar that she signed up for on getting a grant for the possible lead pipelines. It was also discussed that local activities could not go on the website but could be displayed on the door of the municipal building and in the newsletter.

Park Committee: Everything has been approved.

Finance Committee: The committee needs to set up a time to meet.

Review Committee: Anthony Cochran had his review. Katie Strefling made a motion 2nd by Jodi Mattner to give Anthony a 3% raise of \$.75/hour retroactive to his 60 days on the job. Amber Osha is due for her 60-day review. It will be done before November 15, 2023.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission is waiting to get their final copy of the survey from Wightman. The supplies needed to mail out the surveys are ready and in the office for when they get the surveys. They will have no meeting in November. December's meeting will be a normal meeting preparing for the new year. January's meeting, they will ask Wightman to come back.

New Business

Pheasant Run Grant: Steve Carlisle from Wightman discussed that the Village of Baroda did receive a \$100,000 grant and that we would be using the ARPA funds to help with this project.

Business Christmas decorating Contest and Residential Decorating Contest: Mel Tollas had asked to talk about this but was unable to attend the meeting.

Lighted Christmas Parade: A resident had emailed the clerk asking that the Council investigate this. There was some discussion that it would be a nice idea but there was not enough time to put this together for this year, but that should be investigated for 2024.

Social District-Downtown Development: Mel Tollas had asked to talk about this but was unable to attend the meeting. A short discussion was had that this wasn't a good idea in the Village of Baroda.

Special Event Permit for Chill Hill Winery: Katie Strefling made a motion to approve the dates for next year's events pending the Permit & Fees Committee making changes to the fees and Chill Hill updating their license and Insurance. Bob Feickert made an amended motion to accept the permit application with the current fees at \$50 per event pending proof of updated License and Insurance, 2nd by Jodi Mattner. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Absent-2 **Motion Carried.**

Christmas in the Village: The Baroda American Legion is looking for volunteers and donations of \$50-\$100 for the event on December 2nd. Katie Strefling made a motion 2nd by Jodi Mattner to donate \$100 to the American Legion for the Christmas in the Village.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes

Mel Tollas- Absent

Katie Strefling- Yes

Jodi Mattner- Yes

Donna Ryan- Yes
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Absent

First Aid & Eye Wash Station-The Clerk presented that the First Aid Cabinet in the DPW garage was not compliant and that all medications are expired. There was some discussion that there needs to be more quotes. Amber Osha was told she could clean out and restock the cabinets and get first aid kits for the DPW vehicles.

Generator: There was some discussion that there needs to be more quotes on getting a new one also, look into possibly a stand-alone generator.

Unfinished Business:

“O” is still missing in the park sign: Michael Price advised that he had made and put up a new one last week.

DPW WorkingSupervisor: There was discussion that Terry Lear should be asked to take the position at his current rate of pay. It was also discussed that the supervisor of the DPWs have a meeting with the DPW department about their strengths, weaknesses and where they work best in the department.

Tree Quotes: Katie Strefling made a motion 2nd by Michael Price to have Tree Amigos cut down the tree at 8929 2nd Street at \$1625.00 and the tree at 9105 3rd Street for \$2125.00.

Roll Call Vote:
Michael Price-Yes
Mel Tollas- Absent
Katie Strefling- Yes
Jodi Mattner- Yes
Donna Ryan- Yes
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Absent

Council Comments:

Bob Feickert- Thanked Donna for her service. Thanked the office staff for working hard together to get everything current. He asked Michael Price for clarification that he was going to get more estimates for a generator. Michael said that he would. Bob also asked Michael Price if he thought the idea of working with the DPW department to help each of them develop their skills and desires was actionable. Michael Price advised that it was.

Donna Ryan- Thanked for the opportunity to serve as a Trustee and spoke to the public about her position being available.

Katie Strefling- When are the employee bonuses? Next month. She also expressed her concern that the Village is not putting money toward the park and that it needs to be done

now so that things can be ordered and delivered before Spring. There was a brief discussion on it.

Jodi Mattner- Thanked Donna for her service as a trustee, and she will be missed.

Michael Price- The DPW guys got the leaf vac fixed and in working order. He also thanked Donna for her service with the Village.

Audience Comments:

Kelly Clark: after the trees are taken down will the Village plant something there.

Michael Price advised her that there is an ordinance in effect so they cannot. She also advised that she did not like hearing caddy comments from the Council members about other council members.

Doreen Schultz: agrees that the Village needs to put some money into the park, maybe a new slide to replace the old one. She would also like to see community park clean up days. This information can go out in the newsletter. She would rather see a small newsletter more often than a long newsletter rarely.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Amber Osha
Village Clerk

Michael Price
Village President