

Village of Baroda Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
July 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Price at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

President Michael Price, Katie Zordell, Robert "Bob" Feickert, Julie Elliott, Nikki Andrews, Steven Hillhouse. Council members not present: John "Jack" Lewis.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Becky Seely, Clerk
Mark Culverhouse, Treasurer
Andrew Spitzke, DPW
Tony Cochran, DPW

AUDIENCE

Audience comments were heard.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

After the addition of CGA in Reports section, Bob Feickert motioned second by Katie Zordell to approve July 6, 2026 agenda, as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Julie Elliott to approve June 1, 2026 minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Julie Elliott to approve bills in the amount of \$40,451.16. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Motioned by Julie Elliott seconded by Steven Hillhouse to approve payroll in the amount of \$21,361.72. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Mark Culverhouse gave the treasurers report.

Mark Culverhouse discussed investments strategy, suggested we begin using Michigan CLASS investments to avoid the risk of having uninsured funds at Honor Credit Union and earn additional interest.

Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Julie Elliott to authorize the Treasurer to utilize the Michigan CLASS as appropriate. All ayes, motion carried.

Mark Culverhouse indicated that his budget amendment recommendations were on the statements provided ahead of the meeting.

Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Julie Elliott to approve the budget amendments suggested by Mark Culverhouse. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Clerk Report

Becky Seely gave clerks report. Discussed cleaning up old balances in utilities accounts receivable, sending credit balances to the state of MI for escheatment, and sending 15 letters to overdue water bills. Also shared information was available about CDBG Homeowner Rehab Program on table outside meeting room.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Report

Andrew Spitzke reported the Village lawn mower has a bent frame, which is causing the hydro pump to fail. It is prohibitively expensive to repair; replacement is recommended.

CGA Report

Julie Elliott and Jenni Leich indicated that TJ's Baroda Tap has been approved for the Social District by the state of Michigan but no other locations have yet. There was discussion on signage and flags coming.

NEW BUSINESS

Lawn Mower Quote

Michael Price shared a quote for a new lawn mover with the board. There was a lot of discussion about options, used and new and what would be the best approach. It was determined that more research is needed. The board would like documentation on options that were further explored.

Motioned by Julie Elliott seconded by Katie Zordell to spend up to \$22,600 for a new or used lawn mower once all options have been reviewed. Roll call vote:

Bob-no

Nikki-yes

Julie-yes

Katie-yes

Steve-yes

Mike-yes

Motion carried.

Pavement Marking Program

Motioned by Julie Elliott seconded by Michael Price to approve participating in the Pavement Marking Program in the amount of \$1,700.00. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

FOIA Coordinator

It was determined that the Clerk, by position, is the designated FOIA coordinator.

Events

Nikki Andrews and Julie Elliott discussed a letter that was received from Baroda Soda about their disappointment in the Legion having an ice cream vendor at the fireworks on July 3, 2026. There was some discussion about how to handle going forward for other events, it was indicated that more communication was needed sooner in many cases.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Music in the Park Volunteers

Michael Price reported that Audra Johnson had volunteered for July and that he would cover August because nobody else had volunteered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

None

Personnel Committee

None.

Planning Commission

Next meeting is July 21, 2026 at 6:30pm where they will be discussing short term property rentals. There will be no August meeting.

Policy and Procedure Committee

None.

COMMENTS

Robert "Bob" Feickert indicated board positions will be up for election in November and encouraged audience to consider running. The deadline to submit is July 21, 2026, submit to Township Clerk.

Nikki Andrews – Thanked the board, DPW, Mark, and Becky.

Julie Elliott – Thanked Police and Fire Department for the fireworks on the 3rd of July. Also thanked Mark and Becky.

Katie Zordell -None

Steve Hillhouse – Discussed June Music in the Park success, except for bugs.

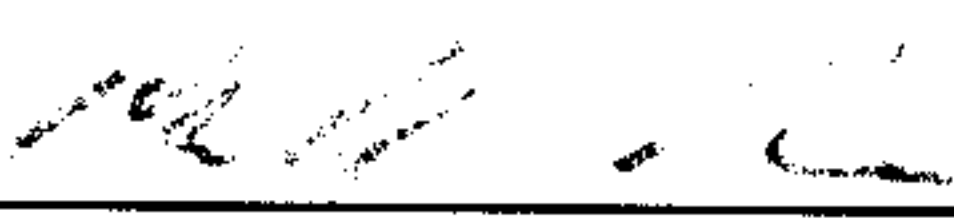
President Michael – Thanked Police Department, Fire Department, the Legion, and the volunteers who helped with the fireworks on July 3, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comment and no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Michael Price



Becky Seely