

Village of Baroda Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
August 3, 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, and Jack Lewis (late)

EMPLOYEES PRESENT

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

AUDIENCE

Audience comments were heard.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

After the addition of Treasurer salary to Personnel Committee section, Bob Feickert motioned second by Julie Elliott to approve August 3, 2026 agenda, as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Julie Elliott to approve July 6, 2026 minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motioned by Julie Elliott seconded by Bob Feickert to approve bills in the amount of \$33,172.73. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Steven Hillhouse to approve payroll in the amount of \$12,433.49. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

[Jack Lewis arrived at 6:48 p.m.]

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Mark Culverhouse gave the treasurer's report.

Mark Culverhouse discussed the savings interest rate difference between our credit union account and Michigan CLASS. We are already seeing benefit.

Mark also talked about Property Tax payments coming in and auditors are starting on audit for the year.

Clerk Report

Becky Seely gave the clerk's report.

Becky discussed potential water shut off accounts.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Report

Holiday décor was discussed, putting up decoration around 1st week of November was suggested.

CGA Report

Jenni Leich indicated that TJ's Baroda Tap, Founders, and Round Barn have been approved for the Social District by the state of Michigan. Ribbon Cutting ceremony will be held August 14 at 2pm. For the time being, temporary signage will be used, including sandwich boards.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Décor/Budget

It was discussed that Andrew checked holiday decorations, indicated they are in working order. No budget this year for replacements, indicated that we should put some funds in next year's budget.

Water and Wastewater Operation Services

Michael Price shared a quote for water and wastewater operation services from F&V Operations for \$6,455.00 per month. Not moving forward at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lawn Mower Update

Michael Price indicated we will be moving forward with purchasing a new lawn mower in August, expected to be under the amount of \$22,600 we approved in July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

None

Personnel Committee

Becky's 60-day review occurred. Motion by Julie Elliott to raise the clerk's pay from \$23 to \$24 per hour, seconded by Steve Hillhouse. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously

Mark's wages was discussed, Motion by Bob Feickert to raise the treasurer's pay from \$22 to \$26 per hour, seconded by Jack Lewis. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Bob Feickert discussed Michael's salary, would like to raise from \$16,500 to \$18,500 annually. Becky will need to update Ordinance and then council can vote at September 8, 2026 meeting.

Planning Commission

Next meeting will be September 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Short term property rentals will be discussed. There will be no August meeting.

Policy and Procedure Committee

Julie suggested we update our social media policy.

COMMENTS

Robert "Bob" Feickert discussed tennis and basketball courts at the park look good after the resurfacing that was done recently.

Nikki Andrews – Thanked everyone for looking into Holiday décor. She thanked Becky, Mark, and Michael for looking into getting the lawn mower for a lower price point.

Julie Elliott – Agreed with Nikki's comments.

Katie Zordell – Discussed salt trucks, replaced 3 years ago. Music in the Park bathrooms were not clean, key deposit to be used to ensure bathrooms are clean also. Have Andrew check bathrooms on Monday.

Steve Hillhouse – Thanked audience for coming to meetings.

Jack Lewis – Also comments that the tennis and basketball courts look good.

President Michael – No additional comment.

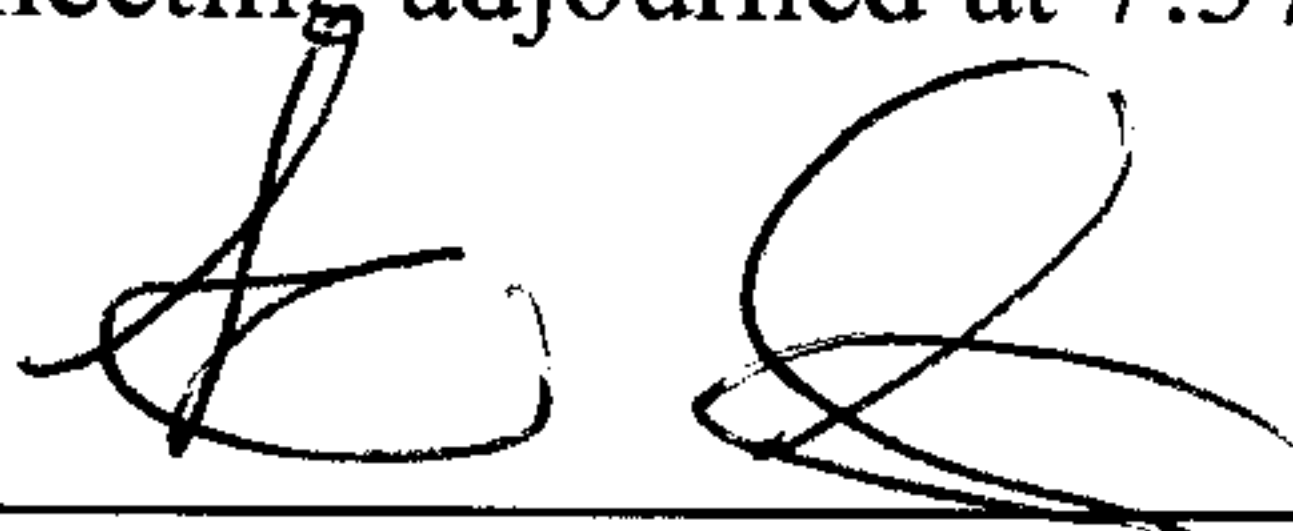
PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comment and no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Michael Price



Becky Seely