

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
November 2, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting

Members Present: Michael Price, Leonard Krone, Kathryn Strefling, Jack Lewis, Mel Tollas, Bob Feickert and Clerk Denton

Members Absent: Jodi Mattner

Guests Present: Amy Covington

Council Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Price-

Trustee Feickert questioned the Special Meeting being legal on how it was posted in the Village. Trustee Feickert read aloud to everyone the Open Meeting Act. The discussion on posting on the website for legal purpose is the debate, President Price reached out to the Village attorney and Township attorney for MML clarity and both lawyers state posting on the public building entrance is the only legal posting necessary. There was discussion on moving forward on how special meetings are posted to clarify for clerk Denton on the direction council would like to take. Trustee Strefling filed a motion if the Village has a special meeting it will be posted 18 hours before on the website as well of the main entrance to the village hall following the Open Meeting Act and MML explanation. Trustee Tollas supported the motion and a roll call vote motion carried.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mike Price		X	
Mel Tollas	X		
Leonard Krone		X	
Jodi Mattner			X
Jack Lewis	X		
Kathryn Strefling	X		
Bob Feickert	X		

- II. New Business – Trustee Feickert stepped down as council for this meeting and stayed as a taxpayer for the Village of Baroda

- A. Hiring committee for Treasurer and DPW positions- The Village attorney recommended council to choose new members for both hiring committees. Trustee Strefling also feels a committee is the best way to interview. The council conversation was to pick two council members and Clerk Denton is the third person on both committees, the Treasurer committee will consist of Trustee Strefling, Trustee Tollas, and Clerk Denton. The DPW committee will consists of President Price, Trustee Feickert, and Clerk Denton. Leonard Krone would be a backup. Clerk Denton reported it was hard to find applications for either position to hire at the wage start off and hours of work for either position. Trustee Strefling filed a motion for Trustee Tollas, Trustee Strefling, and Clerk Denton to be the hiring committee for Treasurer. There was a roll call vote with all ayes motion carries. Trustee Tollas filed a motion to accept President Price, Trustee Feickert, and Clerk Denton as the DPW hiring committee, second by Trustee Strefling with a roll call vote all ayes. Motion carries
- B. Walter (Jim) Nelson Builder inspector to replace Ross Rogien- Clerk Denton reported Ross Rogien our Building inspector is stepping down and has recommended Walter Nelson as the Village new building inspector. Walter (Jim) Nelson has been training under Ross for both building and zoning although he needs more training in zoning so for a back up Ryan Keough will help I the background until Jim is comfortable in zoning. Trustee Strefling filed a motion to accept Walter Nelson application as the new Building inspector for The Village of Baroda, President Price supports the motion with a roll call vote all ayes motion carries. The zoning is separate Trustee Strefling file a motion to accept Ryan Keough for zoning administrator for the Village of Baroda and supported by Trustee Tollas. A roll call votes all ayes motion carries.
- C. Patronas Nursing Home tree removal- Clerk Denton brought a couple of quotes to the council for removal of a tree in front of Patronas parking lot. Clerk Denton did call to get multiple quotes but only two companies got back to the office. Trustee Strefling filed a motion to have Hurst tree service remove the tree, President Price second the motion, a roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.

IV. Council Comments

A. President Comments-

- B. Council Member's Comments- Trustee Strefling commented on how loud Chill Hill music was at the last concert of the year. The discussion of a noise ordinance and other options needs to be discussed by the council and planning commission during the winter season. Trustee Tollas filed a motion to talk to the Planning Commission about reviewing a noise ordinance for the village of Baroda. Trustee Lewis second the motion and a roll call vote of all ayes motion carried. Trustee Tollas discussed the issues of the maintenance department and if hiring one more full-time employee may not be enough to run the department. Clerk Denton

recommends a full-time supervisor, one full-time, and a couple of part-time employees. Clerk Denton feels a supervisor will keep the checks and balances at the maintenance department working on lists to make sure all the Village workloads will be done in a timely manner, keeping all paperwork current while rebuilding the maintenance into its own department. Trustee Strefling recommends typing up a posting to hire a full-time working supervisor and what the job would detail to look at hiring and a rate of hire to start. Trustee Krone feels it would be a working role not just supervising, one other full-time and a part-time employee. After a discussion Clerk Denton will write up a job posting for a full-time working supervisor.

- C. Audience Comments- one suggestion is to write up and have a new employee sign a newly written policy and procedure document that will detail the job and what is expected, and a document used to write an employee up for not following the guidance of the document. Have a sit down with the maintenance and have a discussion of appreciation from the council and see how the work is going. Clerk Denton will schedule interviews and if Trustee Feickert can't make an interview President Price filed a motion to allow Trustee Krone to step in for Trustee Feickert for interviews supported by Trustee Tollas. A roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Denton

The meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.