

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
November 7, 2022
6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Jodi Mattner, and Bob Feickert

Guests Present: Scarlet Netco, Deleigh "Kitty" McClintok, Brad Mattner, Carol Jackubs, Amber Osha, Chelsie Nitz, and Christina Price

Council Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Price

I. Reports

A. Treasurer Report- Brian Hanke presented Krugel and Lawton audit report for the Village. Brian started off reporting the Village last audit was 2 years ago and that it was smart to have a second bookkeeper to help accomplish the 2022 audit. Brian Hanke reported how to read the audit report and where the Village stands with long term cash and debt ratio. Brian Hanke explained the funds and the health of the village, Baroda is 4.5 months in working capital on the General fund little low but expenses most of the issue. Brian Hanke also reported on water/sewer funds and are on longer term basis both accounts doing well. The state has received the audit and F-65 and will help with a state letter needed for a corrective action plan with Clerk Denton. Trustee Strefling asked about 4.5 months being low and what needs to be considered comfortable to the Village, Trustee Krone reported last time the council saw an Audit report the figure was 2 months. Brian Hanke answered those commits by saying it is a good idea to work off that number and make changes in spending to raise the number over 6 months. The council thanked Brian Hanke for all of Krugel and Lawton work.

B. Economic Development-

C. Committees-

1. Park- Trustee Strefling asked about the tennis courts and if Arnt is going to fix spots bad on the court, and cracks on the basketball court from their original resurfacing this year. Clerk Denton reported that Trustee Krone and Clerk Denton went and inspected both courts and the new spots are not from Arnt work but needed to be looked at for repair. Kitty McClintok recommended a wheelchair swing by the pavement walkway; Trustee Strefling reported many ideas have been looked at for sensory toys in the park. Trustee Tollas took down Kitty information and will reach out after the meeting to help gather information.

2. Finance-

3. Clerks Info-Clerk Denton reported going to the Drain Commission meeting and learning future and ideas moving forward.

- D. Planning Commission-Brad Mattner reported about attending the meeting for the Five-year plan with the Township council and Township Planning Commission. The Discussion was not taken to the Village Planning Commission with no quorum they had to cancel the meeting. Brad did state that the parks plan should be separated from the new Five-year plan, and grants would be easier to get with plans separated. The full plan needs to be reviewed and discussed if we should separate the plan from Village and Township going forward. Brad Mattner also discussed a couple of companies that also help write plans and help to look for grants to pay for the plans. The Village council does make the final direction on what the Planning Commission right full path would be for our goals. The discussion on noise ordinance was brought up by Trustee Tollas and asked if the Planning Commission would consider writing a new ordinance for noise, Brad Mattner did report a noise ordinance can be written but only enforced by an ordinance officer. There was some light discussion on events and amplified music.
- Brad Mattner wants to explore the options on the Five-year plan and where we stand and what needs to happen next.

II. New Business –

- A. Ms. Wheelchair USA (Kitty McClintock)- Deleigh McClintock was introduced to the council as “Kitty” and is here to discuss her position as Ms. Baroda wheelchair. Kitty was awarded Miss Congeniality in 2018 as the first wheelchair contestant in the Miss Baroda pageant. Kitty spoke at the meeting to get her name and voice heard in the community and asked for any connections to help better her position. Kitty main goal is going to Miss USA Wheelchair and needs to figure a way to fundraise to afford the trip. Kitty thanked everyone and will keep in touch and help support our community. The council had a discussion with Kitty and will support her individually with their own connections.
- B. Michigan Par Plan Grant Resolution (concrete scarifier)- Clerk Denton discussed the Michigan Par Plan insurance grant and what the village needs. The grant clerk Denton is reporting would be for a concrete scarifier (concrete sander). The council needs to vote to accept the resolution, Clerk Denton can then apply for the grant. Trustee Strefling filed a motion to accept the resolution and Trustee Tollas supported the motion. A vote of all ayes motion carries
- C. Miss Baroda Scholarship Pageant- The discussion of sponsoring Miss Baroda and the amount to sponsor for the scholarship program. In the past the Village donated \$300 per year for plaque and a charm for the ending ceremony. The sheet Clerk Denton presented only say sponsorship for donation to the scholarship program as a sponsor. The discussion was tabled to clarify spending of funds.
- D. Maintenance Interviews Conversation- The Discussion of the interviews that were conducted and who was present during those interviews. The hiring committee reported 4 interviews had been done, and during the day of the

meeting a fifth application was introduced by a reliable, and credited worker. After some discussion the council understands why waiting for another interview might be the best option. The council conversation of Treasurer interviews and when they can be set up since Clerk Denton tried not to interview on Saturday or Sunday. The Hiring committee discussion of the days and times when the applicants can be interviewed. Clerk Denton will work on interviews for next Tuesday and Thursday to get all the interviews done not on a weekend day, without multiple meetings costing the Village taxpayers money. Clerk Denton can be available next Saturday if a must to not slow down the hiring process.

- E. Acceptance of Notices (Treasurer, DPW, and Building Inspector)-The Village council needs to accept the resignation letters of the past employees. Trustee Strefling filed a motion to accept Justin Milliken resignation letter supported by Trustee Krone a roll call vote of all ayes motion carries. Trustee Krone made a motion to accept Ross Rogien resignation letter as Building inspector, second by Trustee Strefling a roll call vote of all ayes motion carries. Trustee Lewis made a motion to accept Treasurer Hurst resignation letter, second by Trustee Tollas a roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.

- III. Consent Agenda- A motion made by Trustee Krone to approve the consent agenda, and second by Trustee Tollas. A roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.

- A. Council Minutes – October 3, 2022
- B. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$59,599.62
- C. Correspondence-

IV. Comments

- A. President Comments- President Price would like to make a motion to allow any council members to take MML training classes and the classes be paid for by the Village. Trustee Tollas second the motion a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.
- B. Council Member's Comments- Trustee Krone reported moving the fire hydrant in Tigmaster parking lot and adding a water sample test station the Village needs to for sampling of water. The hydrant costs to move may exceed \$4,000 discussion of a better quote and if Tigmaster would be willing to help fund moving the hydrant for safety reasons. Trustee Strefling would like to have Clerk Denton investigate the Verizon cell phone contract and can we switch to Comcast cellular to save the village money. Trustee Tollas asked if Lift Station on church streetlight is still blinking what can be the issue, trustee Krone will investigate it further.

- C. Audience Comments-

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Denton
Meeting Adjourned by 8:55 pm