

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
August 1, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Michael Price, Kathryn Strefling, Jodi Mattner, Mel Tollas, Bob Feickert, and Clerk Denton

Members Absent: Treasurer Hurst, Leonard Krone

Guests Present: Doreen Shults, Jennifer Marren

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

I. Reports

- A. Treasurer Report- Bank statements from UFC
- B. Economic Development- Bridgman water sample tests went up 4 dollars per test from \$16 to \$20 dollars per test once a month.
- C. Committees- No Report
 - 1. Park- Jennifer Venema from the Par plan insurance did an inspection for the village of the park and its status in safety. The report sent to Clerk Denton shows the areas of improvement. The Village maintenance will work to start taking care of items that need updated, and signs will be ordered to stop swimming in the creek. Also, larger sign warning of erosion near the creek to not have a fence. After much discussion we will start with the major end at the minor issues.
 - 2. Finance- Trail and Treat thru the Township need find out if any donation before in the past.
 - 3. Clerks Info-House Numbering Ordinance updated- Clerk Denton reported that the ordinance officer would like the Village to update the ordinance on House lettering to clarify and allow residents to comply that may not have known. This will save time and tickets if most comply and get lettering decals put up. Trustee Feickert will review and draft a proposal for future discussion.
- D. Planning Commission- No Meeting till September

II. New Business –

- A. September Meeting- Clerk Denton reported his aunt passed away and will be attending her funeral and spreading ashes that Tuesday September 6. Clerk Denton was asking to either move the meeting to the next Monday or excuse his absence and have a council member take notes for Clerk Denton to use for minutes when he returns the next day. The September meeting will be held at the park on Tuesday

September 6th with Clerk Denton absent. All packets and information will be done and ready the Thursday before.

- B. Round Barn Car Show- Jennifer Marren spoke on behalf of the Round Barn concerning an event, Jennifer brought in a Special Event packet filled out for a car show. The Baroda car cruise would take place on September 11, 2022, hosted by Rusted Knuckles car organization who specializes in these types of events. The Round Barn is also asking to close First Street to have enough space for the event. Clerk Denton and Jennifer had a meeting covering all the questions pertaining to the event and proper paperwork. After a brief discussion from the council Trustee Strefling filed a motion to accept the car show pending on the Legion comment after their meeting, and Trustee Tollas second the motion if local businesses are contacted. There was a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.
- C. Updated Hours in office Clerk/Treasurer- Clerk Denton wants to verify the new office working hours of Clerk and Treasurer. Clerks' new hours 32 to 35 hours a week Full time employment, and Treasurer 12 to 18 hours a week Part time. This would be the hours set going forward in new hires if Clerk Denton or Treasurer Hurst were to leave their positions. Trustee Mattner made a motion to clarify the Treasurer hours 12 to 18 and the Clerk's hours 32 to 35 to keep the posted office hours of 8:30 to 4:30 Monday thru Thursday, supported by Trustee Tollas. A roll call votes all ayes motion carries.
- D. Masterplan Village/Township combined- Wightman sent a quote for the Five-year Master plan to have both the Township and Village work together on their plans. Both entities need to update this report and can save big money by combining the work together. The Township board has approved the fees and are happy to work with the Village. After a brief discussion, the Village council feels happy to partner with the township on this important report. Trustee Strefling filed a motion to accept Wightman quote for \$19,300 to be split with the Township second by Trustee Mattner, A roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.

III. Consent Agenda- Trustee Mattner made a motion to approve as amended the consent agenda and supported by Trustee Strefling. A roll call vote of all ayes motion carries

- A. Council Minutes – July 5th
- B. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$36,219.38
- C. Correspondence-

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IV. Council Comments-Trustee Strefling would like to know what needs to be done to get maintenance department running better and getting the job done. The discussion of a full-time supervisor role for the maintenance needs checks and balances to collaborate with Trustee Krone on the work side of maintenance. President Price recommended asking Grant Blye if he would be interested in a supervisor role to provide the needed oversight. There was a discussion on how to correct these issues going forward. President Price and Trustee Feickert will coordinate a time to have a meeting with all outside staff. Trustee Lewis will look at the park electric and Trustee Tollas added getting President Price a new name plate to go with the title.

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- A. President Comments- September meeting will be at the park.
- B. Audience Comments – Doreen Schultz asked about the water O&M fee and the increase in water rates. The Village water system is in decent shape but water costs themselves are expected to continue going up. Doreen voiced support of the village helping with the Halloween event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Denton