

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
September 3, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Getz, Steve Jasper, Larry Nye, Michael Price, Leonard Krone, Ed Rath, Clerk/Treasurer Martin, Deputy Clerk Tomlinson

Members Absent: Don Turney

Guests Present: Christina Price, Carol Jakubs, Doreen Schultz, Rick Ast, Steve Carlisle, Doug Debest

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Meeting:

I. Audience Comments – none

II. Reports

A. Village Engineer –Village Engineer Steve Carlisle reported that he was happy with the progress on the Industrial Park Road Project.

B. Economic Development-no report

C. Committees

1. Park-President Getz reported that Gazebo railing is broken on one side and needs to be fixed; President Getz also stated that there appears to be an increase in vandalism in the Village; Trustee Nye reported a new bench has been installed at the basketball court and that he has been discussing re-sealing and painting the softball field with the Village DPW. Trustee Nye also stated that Music in the Park was very successful this summer, with many in attendance at the concerts.

2. Finance-no report

D. Planning Commission – Will be having a meeting to discuss changes to zoning ordinances and special use permits.

E. DDA - no report

III. New Business

A. Auditors Report - Aaron Stevens, CPA from Maner Costerisan, was here to present the findings in this year's audit. He stated that the Village is in good standing. We have a net position of \$195,522.00, or 42% of our expenses. He noted recommendations for better internal controls to prevent the Village from being at risk for fraud, etc., by segregation of duties, but also stated that is difficult to do with a small office.

B. Sewer sampling/Wightman - Village Engineer Steve Carlisle stated that the EGLE has reached out concerning the strength of the Village wastewater. It is Steve's recommendation that the Village do more testing to understand the high strength locations and what can be done to solve the issue. He presented quotes from three different analytical laboratories to do the testing. A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Rath to award the testing to Trace Analytical Laboratories, Inc. for \$2,950.00.

C. Doug DeBest/Fire Department – Interim Fire Chief DeBest has requested help from the Village in asking that the Village DPW workers be of support to the Baroda Township Fire Department, whether it be as a firefighter or as part of auxiliary support. The fire

department currently has a shortage of firefighters. A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and supported by Trustee Rath to support the concept of encouraging DPW workers to assist the Baroda Township Fire Department during the workday. All ayes, motion carried. Interim Fire chief DeBest also requested an address for the sewer ponds for identification purposes.

- D. Pavement Warranty Resolution – President Getz presented Pavement Warranty Resolution #7 for the reporting process and Pavement Warranty Resolution #8 for the Warranty Program, stating the Village is required by the state to pass the resolutions. A motion was made by Trustee Krone and supported by Trustee Jasper to pass Resolution #7 for the reporting process of the Pavement Warranty. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Krone and seconded by Trustee Jasper to pass Resolution #8 for the Pavement Warranty. All ayes, motion carried.
- E. Approval of USDA monthly draw/bills – A motion was made by Trustee Nye and supported by Trustee Rath to approve USDA monthly draw/bills for \$80,254.67 for the Industrial Park Road project. All ayes, motion carried.
- F. Pergola in the Park – After some discussion, there was a motion made by Trustee Rath and supported by Trustee Nye to move forward with the design for the new Pergola for the Village Park. Four ayes, two nays (Trustee Krone and Trustee Price), motion carried.

IV. Consent Agenda - A motion was made by Trustee Rath and seconded by Trustee Jasper to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

- A. Council Minutes – August 5, 2019
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$19,999.80
- D. Correspondence

V. Council Comments

- A. President Comments – President Getz stated that DPW Ewalt had obtained a few quotes for renting and/or purchasing a scissor lift to replace the need for a bucket truck. The Council did not feel this was a safe choice. President Getz also stated he received a text message from Tony Cochran saying he has a friend that was interested in the trees at the sewer ponds and would clean them up and haul them away free of charge. The council agreed to let Tony's friend take care of the trees. President Getz also stated the Village received a call from Nadine Wendt about restoring her lawn that was damaged from the Lemon Creek Road Project. President Getz stated he would contact Kalin Construction about the matter.
- B. Council Member's Comments – Clerk Martin stated the Village has a request to use the new Industrial Park Road for the Half Marathon race again next year. Council members agreed it would be okay. Clerk Martin also stated that she is taking a class on Monday and Wednesday evenings and that she would have to miss the next three Council Meetings and that Deputy Clerk Tomlinson agreed to fill in for her.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Recorded by:



Tina Martin, Clerk