

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
January 6, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Getz, Michael Price, Don Turney, Clerk/Treasurer Martin, Steve Jasper, Leonard Krone, and Ed Rath

Members Absent: Larry Nye and Deputy Clerk Tomlinson

Guests Present: Christina Price, Doreen Schultz, Rick Ast, Carol Jakubs, Greta Hurst, Larry Martin, Steve Carlisle, Mary Nykamp, David Wolf, and Tom Brazinsky

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Meeting:

I. Reports

A. Village Engineer – See Sewer Testing below

B. Economic Development - no report

C. Committees

1. Park - no report

2. Finance - Clerk/Treasurer Martin stated there were no IP invoices to pay. Clerk/Treasurer Martin presented 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments which were due to a busy Enforcement Officer, F&V Operations, sewer repairs, DPW changeover, an increase in park trash expense, and unexpected equipment expenses. A motion was made by Trustee Turney and supported by Trustee Jasper to approve the 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

D. Planning Commission – The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to hear request for a special land use permit for an in-home beauty salon at 1549 Placid Drive, on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Baroda Municipal Building.

E. DDA – no report

II. New Business

A. Sewer Testing - Mary Nykamp from Wightman gave an analysis on the Wastewater Collection System. Ten areas were sampled and tested. It is concluded that the residential areas are causing most of the high BOD readings. Mary stated that we will dial this in, but the Village has been meeting their discharge limits the entire time. Mary stated that she will contact the DEQ, who will advise the Village on what they would like the Village to do next. Mary stated that consumer knowledge is the key to correcting this issue.

B. 401K – We have been instructed that we have to change our 401k to a 457b. The current set up we have is “illegal”. 457b is specifically designed for governmental organizations. Clerk Martin will reach out to our Plan Administrator to correct the issue. A motion was made by Trustee Turney, supported by Trustee Jasper. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Knox Box Ordinance - Christina Price & Dave Wolf (Baroda Township)

After some discussion on the verbiage for the Knox Box Ordinance, the Council agreed to the verbiage, except for Section D. The Council would like to add to Section D, “in an amount equal to or in excess of \$20,000.00”. The Council also agreed to use the Village Attorney to review the Ordinance. The Township will update the Ordinance and

vote on it at their next meeting and will give to Tina for the Village Attorney to review. A motion was made by President Getz and supported by Trustee to Turney to accept the Knox Box Ordinance with the change in verbiage of Section D. All ayes, motion carried. Marquee Sign – After much discussion, the Council stated that they are willing to give “custody” of the sign back to the fire department.

D. DPW Phones – Clerk Martin presented an estimate from Verizon Wireless (the only cell phone that really works good in the Village). We will get 2 new phones (free). The numbers will stay with the Village if we have any turnover in maintenance so that way we don’t keep changing numbers with employees. A motion was made by Trustee Krone, supported by Trustee Turney to move forward with the purchase of 2 new phones.

E. Budget Committee – The budget committee will meet on February 4th at 5:30 p.m.

F. Personnel - President Getz removed Trustee Michael Price from the Personnel Committee due to a conflict of interest, as his wife is the Baroda Township Clerk and information is being relayed between them.

III. 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 – December 2, 2019

B. Treasurer’s Report

C. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$7,514.46

D. Correspondence

IV. Council Comments

A. President Comments – The Baroda Alumni Association contributed to the Village Park. They requested that the funds be used towards a piece of public art to represent the Baroda Bulldogs.

B. Council Member’s Comments – Trustee Krone offered to sit on the Personnel Committee in place of Trustee Price. President Getz stated he will not be appointing anyone until April.

V. Audience Comments – Mr. Martin stated that if it is “illegal” for the BABA to have ownership of the marquee sign, he feels they should be reimbursed for the portion they paid towards it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Recorded by:



Tina Martin, Clerk/Treasurer