

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building/Zoom Meeting
March 1, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Nye, Michael Price, Jodi Mattner, Leonard Krone, Toni Gaul, Katie Strefling, Clerk Martin

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Christine Getz, Mike Berry, Dave Kerschbaum, Larry Martin, Brad Mattner, Ashley Nitz, Christina Price, Doreen Schultz

Council Meeting called to order at 6:53 p.m. by President Getz.

Public Hearing:

- I. 2021-2022 Budget – President Pro-Tem Nye reviewed the proposed budget. There were no questions. Public hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

Council Meeting:

- I. Reports
 - A. Village Engineer
 - B. Economic Development
 - C. Committees
 1. Park
 - A. Finance - Proposed 2021-2022 Budget – Trustee Krone had many concerns about the snow plowing and lack of in-house maintenance that is happening with our DPW. He doesn't feel they should get a raise. After much discussion about the staff and their work, a motion was made by Trustee Krone to deny the 3% wage increase at this time, with a review in 3 months to see if things improve with the work being done. Supported by Trustee Price. A roll call vote was taken:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OBSTAIN</u>
Bob Getz		X		
Michael Price	X			
Larry Nye		X		
Toni Gaul	X			
Leonard Krone	X			
Katie Strefling	X			
Jodi Mattner		X		

Motion carried.

- b. A motion was made by President Pro-Tem Nye, supported by Trustee Strefling to approve the 2021-2022 budget as presented. All ayes, motion carried.
 - D. Planning Commission - appointment of Katie Strefling – President Getz appointed Trustee Strefling to the Planning Commission.
 - E. DDA

II. New Business

- A. General Appropriations Act Resolution – President Getz presented the GAAR for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Krone, supported by Trustee Strefling, to approve the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OBSTAIN</u>
Bob Getz	X			
Michael Price	X			
Larry Nye	X			
Toni Gaul				X
Leonard Krone	X			
Katie Strefling				X
Jodi Mattner	X			

Motion carried.

- B. Chill Hill resolution to sell beer and distilled products – Ashley Nitz was representing Chill Hill with a request for Dan Nitz to sell beer and spirits that he is making on his farm. The information was very vague. A decision was made to hold off on the liquor license resolution until there is better information.
- C. Chill Hill request to play music until 9:00 PM – Ashley Nitz requested more opportunities to play music at Chill Hill. She is requesting to have music every 2 weekends from May 29th thru Sept. 18th, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. After much discussion, it was decided that as long as the Village is listed as an additional insured on their insurance, and they follow the guidelines from the Village, they can move forward. However, if at any time, they are in noncompliance, the Village will revoke the approval and no more music will be allowed. A motion was made by Trustee Nye, supported by Trustee Krone to approve the times/dates for music, with our stipulations. A roll call vote was taken:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OBSTAIN</u>
Bob Getz	X			
Michael Price	X			
Larry Nye	X			
Toni Gaul				X
Leonard Krone	X			
Katie Strefling				X
Jodi Mattner	X			

Motion carried.

- D. Appointment to Fire Board – The Township is requesting a member of the Village Council for the “new” AD HOC Fire Board Standing Committee. President Getz has been on the board for many years and said he is willing to step aside if someone else would like to take over. Trustee Krone stated he would be willing to take it. A motion was made by Trustee Nye, supported by President Getz to have Trustee Krone on the new Fire Board. All ayes, motion carried.
- E. Street Administrator – President Getz appointed Trustee Mattner as the new Streets Administrator. She will get with Clerk Martin as to what needs to be done.

- F. Patriot Tool – Mike Berry and Dave Kerschbaum were present to request clearance from the Village to manufacture and assemble AR-15 platform, then in future manufacture complete firearms to eventually sell over the internet and to gun shops, and possibly open a store front here in the Village. After much discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Strefling, supported by Trustee Gaul to approve the request. All ayes, motion carried.
- G. RTF Grant – President Getz presented the grant opportunity from the Berrien County Rural Task Force. The proposed project is for Lemon Creek from First Street to Cleveland Ave. The total project cost is \$387,426. The Village would be required to put up \$99,46, the rest would be grant monies from the County. If we do not take it now, we will lose our place in line. A motion was made by Trustee Strefling, supported by President Getz to move forward with the project. All ayes, motion carried.
- III. Consent Agenda – Trustee Mattner made a motion to approve the consent agenda, supported by Trustee Strefling. All ayes, motion carried.
 - A. Council Minutes – February 1, 2021
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$6560.29
 - D. Correspondence
- IV. Council Comments
 - B. President Comments – President Getz stated that we needed to approve the resignation of Bill Tucker, our enforcement officer. A motion was made by Trustee Krone and supported by Trustee Gaul. All ayes, motion carried.
 - a. President Getz also has spoken with Duane Miller, a Bridgman resident that is also a police officer, about taking over the enforcement position. Mr. Miller is very interested and would like the position. A motion was made by Trustee Krone, supported by Trustee Strefling to approve the hiring of Duane Miller as our new enforcement officer. All ayes, motion carried.
 - C. Council Member's Comments – N/A
- VI. Audience Comments – Doreen Schultz had some concerns about the music with Chill Hill.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tina Martin, Clerk

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