

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
March 4, 2019
6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: DPW Cochran

Guests Present: Gary Ruhl, Sam Singh, Kim Fowler, Doreen Schultz and Rick Ast, *Christina Price*

Public Hearing:

- I. Proposed 2019/2020 Budget-Clerk Martin reported an increase in operating costs, an increase in revenue from state, and a good return in interest on investments. Clerk Martin also reported the Village will be saving for local and major street projects and also for a dump truck for the sewer department.

Public hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

Council Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Getz. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Meeting:

- I. Audience Comments – Gary Ruhl asked about road repairs for Pheasant Run as the road is deteriorating badly. President Getz commented that the Village is looking into doing storm drains on Pheasant Run next year and the road the following year.
 - a. Doreen Schultz expressed concerns about her yard being torn up due to snow plowing. Trustee Krone gave an explanation as to why this happens and suggested putting up reflectors. Doreen Schultz also asked about due date on water bills being fluctuating. Clerk Martin explained that the water bill due dates are made around holidays and days of the week that the Village office is open (Monday - Thursday). She also inquired about the 10 % late penalty fee.
- II. Reports
 - A. Village Engineer-no report
 - B. Economic Development – no report
 - C. Committees
 1. Park - no report
 2. Finance-Clerk Martin reviewed the year end budget amendments. She stated expenses were mostly normal, however there was increase in audit and accounting fees as a result of USDA application. Amendments totaled \$138,372.81. President Getz mentioned that the Village was gaining money for the DDA from IFT's that will be used towards different projects. A motion was made by Trustee Nye, seconded by Trustee Jasper to accept the Year End Budget Amendments for period ending 3/31/2019. All ayes, motion carried.
 - D. Planning Commission – No meeting last month, next meeting March 19, 2019.
 - E. DDA – President Getz reappointed Scott Geiger, Elmer Rudlaff, and Dan Starbuck to the DDA for another four-year term ending April 4, 2023. Trustee Nye would like to have a DDA meeting in April. There is still one opening available for two years to fulfill the balance of Chris Moersch's term.
- III. Unfinished Business - none

IV. New Business

- A. Budget - A motion was made by Trustee Nye, seconded by Trustee Turney to accept the General Appropriations Act Resolution for 2019-2020. A roll call vote was taken to accept the General Appropriations Act for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bob Getz	X		
Michael Price	X		
Steve Jasper	X		
Larry Nye	X		
Ed Rath	X		
Leonard Krone	X		
Don Turney	X		

Motion Carried.

- B. Farmers Market - Christina Price asked to move the location of the Farmer's Market to First Street in front of Chill Hill, would like to close off the road from 9-2 on Saturdays, June 1st - October 19th. Village declined request to close off First Street due to concerns with traffic, safety, and with regards to the Fire Department. Council suggestions were the water tower area, South Street, and further down on First Street (in front of Village). Christina was going to talk with her committee about other possible solutions.
- C. Bond Resolution - The Village needs to issue bonds before we can retain the funds for the Industrial Park project. Construction cannot start until they are issued. A motion was made by Trustee Nye and seconded by Trustee Turney to pass the Resolution Authorizing the Intent to Issue Bonds for Water System Improvements. A roll call vote was taken to accept the Bond Resolution.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bob Getz	X		
Michael Price	X		
Steve Jasper	X		
Larry Nye	X		
Ed Rath	X		
Leonard Krone	X		
Don Turney	X		

Motion Carried.

- D. Compensation Ordinance - A motion was made by Trustee Nye and seconded by Trustee Rath to accept the Compensation Ordinance to change the council salary. A roll call vote was taken to accept the Compensation Ordinance.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bob Getz	X		
Michael Price	X		
Steve Jasper	X		
Larry Nye	X		
Ed Rath	X		
Leonard Krone	X		
Don Turney	X		

Motion Carried.

- E. Fence Estimate - Proposal was presented from Fence Masters to replace maintenance fence completely or just two sides and also to extend the gate by burn pile. Trustee Price asked if estimates were obtained from anyone else. Trustee Price will get Clerk Martin names and numbers of other companies for estimates. We will postpone until next month's meeting.
- F. Forks for Loader and Backhoe - postponed until next month's meeting, need more information from DPW Cochran who is currently on vacation.
- G. Chill Hill Resolution - Dan Nitz needs an Off Premises Tasting Room License to transport wine from his Hinchman Rd. location to his Chill Hill Tasting Room in town. A motion was made by Trustee Nye and seconded by Trustee Turney to approve the Off Premises Tasting Room License for Chill Hill. All ayes, motion carried.
- H. Resolution for Street Administrator - Resolution needed to appoint Leonard Krone as new Street Administrator. A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Turney to accept the Resolution For Designation of Street Administrator. All ayes, motion carried.
- V. Consent Agenda - A motion was made by Trustee Rath, seconded by Trustee Jasper to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. All ayes, motion carried.
 - A. Council Minutes – February 4, 2019
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Paying of Bills and Transfers \$15,464.40
 - D. Correspondence
- VI. Council Comments
 - A. President Comments-President Getz commented that Church Street Bridge is in need of repair. President Getz stated that the Village could apply for MDOT Grant to repair bridge. Grant is 95% with 5% match. Cost of application is \$1,000. Trustee Krone made a motion seconded by Trustee Rath to allow President Getz to apply for MDOT Grant for local bridge repair. All ayes, motion carried.

President Getz gave update on Lemon Creek Road Project. Lemon Creek will be a total rebuild from the Tap out to Ruggles Road through a Road Commission Grant. Kalin is doing excavating and Reith-Reilly is doing the paving. Project will begin May 20th and be completed by June 28th. There will be a detour up on Hollywood and Lemon Creek. President Getz stated the water contract we were promised is still not done. The Village needs contract before we can sell the bonds. He mentioned the Village did get approved for the bonds for the road portion of the IP project. President Getz presented the opportunity and encouraged council members to attend the Fiscally Ready Communities for Municipalities across the state. Our region will be in April. He also mentioned that the Village lost their part-time DPW worker due to finding a new job. President Getz will not be in the office much this week due to wife's surgery.
 - B. Council Member's Comments - Clerk Martin commented that she is going to Lansing on Tues/Wed. of this week for finance training and will be gone all next week for her 2nd year of the Clerk Institute. Deputy Clerk Tomlinson will be covering the office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Recorded by:
Tina Martin, Clerk

