

Village of Baroda Council Meeting Minutes  
Berrien County, Michigan  
Special Meeting  
January 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Price at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

President Michael Price Katie Zordell, Robert “Bob” Feickert, Julie Elliott, Nikki Andrews, John “Jack” Lewis, and Steven Hillhouse.

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT**

Gloria Payne, Clerk  
Anthony Cochran, Department of Public Works (DPW)

**AUDIENCE**

Three visitors were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BARODA VILLAGE TREASURER POSITION**

Michael Price introduced Mark P. Culverhouse of St. Joseph, Michigan as the candidate for the Baroda Village Treasurer’s position. Mr. Culverhouse reported that he has a B.S. in Public Administration and served as a Financial Control Supervisor. He is looking for a part-time position to supplement his income and is interested in being the Baroda Village Treasurer.

Michael Price nominated Mr. Culverhouse as the Baroda Village Treasurer. It was moved by John “Jack” Lewis seconded by Julie Elliott to appoint Mr. Culverhouse. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Motion carried.

**BARODA TREASURER RATE OF PAY AND HOURS**

It was moved by President Price, seconded by Robert “Bob” Feickert, to set the Treasurer’s starting pay at \$20.00 per hour, with the start date January 20, 2026. All ayes, motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER OPERATOR**

Michael Price turned the floor over to Anthony Cochran, who recommended that the Village terminate the contract with the current Operator. The Village has received letters from the State of Michigan citing violations. The contract can be terminated by sending a letter to the current Operator giving him 30 days’ notice of termination.

Anthony Cochran further suggested that he and President Michael Price would perform all water and sewer operations duties, including all required daily testing.

Anthony Cochran requests a \$750.00 per month stipend. The current Operator is being paid \$1,500.00 per month.

Michael Price reported that he received his sewer license in October and his water license in April of 2025, he agreed to accept a \$750.00 per month stipend while he is filling this role. Once Andrew Spitzke obtains his licenses, he could become the Operator.

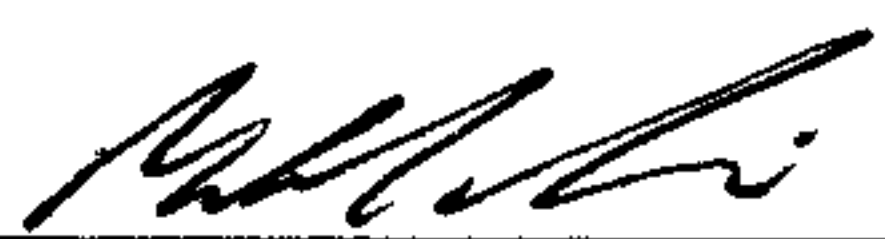
This will be looked into and brought up for a vote at the next regular council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further comment and no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

  
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Michael Price

  
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Gloria Payne