

Village of Baroda Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
September 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Price at 6:33 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Becky Seely, Clerk
Mark Culverhouse, Treasurer
Tony Cochran, DPW

AUDIENCE

Audience comments were heard.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

After the addition of DPW raises to Personnel Committee section, Bob Feickert motioned second by Jack Lewis to approve September 8, 2026 agenda, as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Julie Elliott to approve August 3, 2026 minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Jack Lewis to approve bills in the amount of \$83,310.18. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Jack Lewis to approve payroll in the amount of \$12,456.24. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Mark Culverhouse gave the treasurer’s report.

Mark Culverhouse discussed opening a CD at honor credit union for \$200K at a favorable rate. He mentioned neighborhood road funding forthcoming. Also a bill for approximately \$6K for a special assessment relating to the Johns Drain will be paid in full this month.

Clerk Report

Becky Seely gave clerk’s report.

Becky discussed taking eCode360 for New Municipal Staff course.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Report

Tony reported on the recent sewer lagoon inspection and reported that a valve actuator on the village water tower needs to be replaced.

CGA Report

Julie Elliott gave a brief update on the social district.

NEW BUSINESS

Trail and Treat Donation

A decision was made to not donate this year to Trail and Treat.

METRO Act

Motioned by Michael Price was seconded by Bob Feickert to approve signing permit contract with Frontier/Verizon for fiber optic cable in the village. All ayes, motion carried.

Motioned by Michael Price was seconded by Bob Feickert to approve signing permit contract with Midwest Energy & Communication (MEC) for fiber optic cable in the village. All ayes, motion carried.

Music in the Park Rain Date

Motioned by Bob Feickert was seconded by Katie Zordell to have Weko Boys make up rain date for Music in the Park on September 20, 2026 from 6pm to 8pm. All ayes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

None

Personnel Committee

Motioned by Bob Feickert was seconded by Jack Lewis to raise the President's salary from \$16,500 to \$18,500 annually and to strike under section 5, "the day after the date of its publication". Ordinance 201 will be posted in Herald Palladium this week. Raise effective September 21, 2026. Roll call vote:

Bob-yes

Nikki-yes

Julie-yes

Katie-yes

Steve-yes

Jack-yes

Michael-no

Motion by Michael Price to raise Grant Bly's pay from 24.00 to 24.96 per hour, seconded by Bob Feickert. Raise effective September 7, 2026. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bob Freickert to raise Andrew Spitzke's pay from 22.00 to 23.00 per hour, seconded by Jack Lewis. Raise effective September 7, 2026. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

Next meeting is September 15, 2026 at 6:30pm where they will be discussing short term property rentals.

Policy and Procedure Committee

Julie requested an update to the social media policy in the employee handbook. In general, communication to the board is required prior to posting as well as other updates. Becky requested time to review, we plan to send to lawyer by end of next week (September 18, 2026).

COMMENTS

Robert "Bob" Feickert thanked Music in the Park volunteers, thanked Mike for water tower monitoring, asked about abandoning the water tower, asked if preparations had been made for the two to four new council members that are expected to be sworn in after the November election, and stated a budget timeline is needed for next year.

Nikki Andrews – None

Julie Elliott – None

Katie Zordell -

Steve Hillhouse – None

Jack Lewis-Blessed to live in Baroda.

President Michael –Met with Wightman & Associates about road updates needed in the village.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comment and no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Michael Price

Becky Seely