Village of Baroda Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
October 5, 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, Steven Hillhouse, and Jack Lewis

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

Audit Update
Brian Hake from Kruggel Lawton presented the results of the annual audit for period ending March 31, 2026. Overall it was a fantastic audit, of note were some minor issues relating to turnover and small staff involved with accounting at the Village.

AUDIENCE
No audience comments.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA
Motioned by Julie Elliott second by Katie Zordell to approve October 5, 2026 agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Motioned by Julie Elliott seconded by Jack Lewis to approve September 8, 2026 minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS
Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Jack Lewis to approve bills in the amount of $53,088.80. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL
Motioned by Bob Feickert seconded by Jack Lewis to approve payroll in the amount of $16,688.46. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS
Treasurer Report
Mark Culverhouse discussed moving $100K from Major Streets fund to MI Class investment at 3.9% rate. Mark gave a recap of disincorporation related spending totaling $3,450.00 for legal fees thus far. Mark requested to move capital improvements balance to general account in the amount of $144 and close the account for posting going forward to avoid errors.

Motioned by Julie Elliott seconded by Jack Lewis to move $144 from capital improvements to general fund. Six ayes and one nay, motion carried.

Clerk Report
Becky discussed updating code book at a cost of $1,323 to $1,521 for 10 books as it hasn't been updated since 2023. It was decided to hold for now and reduce the number of books to 5 when we do proceed to save cost. Becky indicated the social media policy was updated with the lawyer's approval. Old minutes were updated on the website back through 2017.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Report
None

CGA Report
Jenny Leach discussed a grant opportunity.

NEW BUSINESS

Arnt Asphalt Quote for Street Parking in Front of American Legion
A decision was made not to proceed at this time with this quote for the legion parking lot patching and striping.

Berrien County Transportation Authority
Teri Freehling explained the new transportation authority and how the funding will work for the first three years. We talked about how it would work if the Township opts in and the Village opts out. No action by the Council, by default opts in to the Transportation Authority.

Lakeshore After Prom Committee Special Event Application
Motioned by Katie Zordell was seconded by Nikki Andrews to allow Lakeshore After Prom Committee to collect donations on the four corners at First St/Lemon Creek/Stevensville Baroda Rd (by TJ's and CJ's) on one Saturday in October (date TBD). All ayes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee
None

Personnel Committee
None

Planning Commission
Next meeting is October 20, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Policy and Procedure Committee
None

COMMENTS

Robert "Bob" Feickert thanked Mark for providing disincorporation spending update. Bob thanked Mark for a fantastic audit report and explained the progress that has been made in this area over recent years. He appreciated the work done by the Treasurer, the Clerk, and the President. In order to ensure costs are booked appropriately to water & sewer, Bob asked that Becky write account numbers on large dollar invoices for a double check (Becky has been doing this but missed one or two). Bob thanked Becky for updating old minutes on the website. He clarified that the revolving loan account of $78K is available for expansion or start up businesses in the future.

Nikki Andrews – Thanked the board, the treasurer, and the clerk.

Julie Elliott - Agreed with Nikki.

Katie Zordell - None

Steve Hillhouse - None

Jack Lewis - None

President Price – Asked about Weko Boys rescheduling Music in the Park again due to another rainout in September. It was agreed we would wait until 2027 to schedule them again.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comment and no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Michael Price	**Becky Seely**