

VILLAGE OF BARODA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Village of Baroda Council Meeting held on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:29pm.

Roll Call Completed

Present: Michael Price, Katie Strefling, Bob Feickert, Jack Lewis, Jodi Mattner, Katie Zordell, Mel Tollas (arrived about 6:45pm)

Employees Present: Amber Osha, Anthony Cochran

Also Present: Audra Johnson, Donnie Johnson, Donnie Johnson II, Adam Wrubel, Paul Meyer, Eric Kamps, Melanie Stanage, April Karsten-Milbourne

Audience Comments: None

Approve/Amend Agenda

Motion made by Bob Feickert, 2nd by Katie Strefling to accept the agenda for April 1, 2024 as amended adding MDOT Pheasant Run to the agenda under Old Business as number 1 and to change point 3 under New Business to say DPW PPE.

Ayes-6 Nays-0 **Motion Carried**

Approve Minutes for March 12, 2024

Motion made by Bob Feickert, 2nd Jodi Mattner to approve the minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Approve paying of the bills in the amount of \$\$71,070.83 and Payroll in the amount of \$21,680.93 Motion made by Bob Feickert, 2nd by Katie Zordell. **Motion Carried**

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes
Mel Tollas- Absent
Katie Strefling- Yes
Jodi Mattner- Yes
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Yes
Katie Zordell-Yes

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Paula Bryan, had prepared a financial report that the Trustees were given.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk, Amber Osha, advised the Trustees that the park equipment was scheduled to be delivered mid-April. She asked for Trustees to volunteer for Music in the Park

events this summer. The clerk also read a letter from Hollywood Elementary School asking to put a Free Little Library in the Village Park. **Motion made** by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Jack Lewis to allow the Little Free Library to be installed and maintained by Hollywood Elementary school. 7-Ayes, 0-Nays **Motion Carried**. The clerk also informed the Trustees that one of the cell phones has been cancelled due to lack of use. She also asked that Trustees think a little more about being respectful toward her.

Old Business:

MDOT- Pheasant Run- Trustees were appraised about the status of the project. After some discussion **Motion made** by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Bob Feickert to adopt Resolution 2024-3 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Village of Baroda. Ayes-7- Nays-0 **Motion Carried**

Right of Way Permit-Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Katie Zordell to accept the Right-of-Way Permit request from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has presented for installation of groundwater monitoring well at 8986 1st Street. Ayes-7- Nays-0 **Motion Carried**

PC Consultants Recommendation- Motion made by Bob Feickert, 2nd by Michael Price to enter into a service agreement with PC Consultants using option 2.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes
Mel Tollas- Yes
Katie Strefling- Yes
Jodi Mattner- Yes
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Yes
Katie Zordell-Yes

Estimate for Cash Receipts for BS&A- Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Jack Lewis to accept the estimate from BS&A in the amount of \$5,735. **Motion Carried**.

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes
Mel Tollas- Yes
Katie Strefling- Yes
Jodi Mattner- Yes
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Yes
Katie Zordell-Yes

Pheasant Run Drain- this was discussed with the representative of Wightman. They will investigate who owns and is responsible for the drain in question.

Water Lead Testing- There was a lot of discussion about who can do what and when it is all due to be finished. Anthony Cochran will reach out to AJ Mottl and Michael Price will reach out to the state of Michigan and possibly Wightman for clarification.

New Business:

Library- the library representative was unable to be at the meeting. The Clerk read some of the information that was sent as an update.

Special Event- American Legion- Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Katie Strefling to accept approve the Special Event Permit with proof of updated insurance.

6-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Abstain-1 **Motion Carried**

DPW PPE- Terry Lear the Foreman has already purchased safety vests and hard hats. He will also be purchasing safety glasses. There was some discussion that there needs to be a policy put into place to ensure that the DPW employees will be wearing the PPE.

Committees:

Park Committee: May 19, 2024, will be a park clean up day for the community. It will be in the April newsletter.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

Review Committee:

Grant Bly- Motion made by Bob Feickert, 2nd by Michael Price to give Grant a \$1 per hour raise based on his performance review. **Motion Carried**

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes
Mel Tollas- Yes
Katie Strefling- Yes
Jodi Mattner- Yes
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Yes
Katie Zordell-Yes

Andrew Spitzke- Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Jack Lewis to give Andrew a \$1 per hour raise based on his performance review. **Motion Carried**

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-Yes
Mel Tollas- Yes
Katie Strefling- Yes

Jodi Mattner- Yes
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Yes
Katie Zordell-Yes

There was also discussion on how to handle aging equipment and moving personal property off the Village property. Michael Price will handle this situation.

Planning Commission: Steve Carlisle from Wightman is scheduled to be at the May Planning Commission meeting with the data from the surveys.

Council Comments:

Bob Feickert- Bob asked if the new DPW Foreman was working out. Michael Price advised that he was at this time. He is also concerned that the tree stumps on 2nd Street still have not been removed by Tree Amigos.

Katie Zordell-Katie asked the status of the tax money that the Village paid to the Township on the property that the Village had sold previously. Michael Price informed that the new owner of the property had paid the Village back for the paid taxes.

Katie Strefling- Concerned that commercial properties on 1st Street are being used for storage not for business, as well as they are not keeping up with the outside appearance of the building making the Village not look appealing.

Jodi Mattner- Nothing

Jack Lewis: Jack mentioned that it has also been brought to his attention that the downtown businesses are not being kept up with. He also asked about the Kabotas that may need to be replaced. He has knowledge in regard to them and is willing to go with Michael Price to look at possible upgrades.

Mel Tollas- Mel mentioned that the Village needs to start working on getting a Downtown District Association (DDA) started back up. If the Village has a DDA then the local businesses could be eligible for grants.

Michael Price- He had received a letter from some residents regarding placing a flagpole with a flag and planting flowers in the circle of the cul-de-sac on Eagle Crest Drive.

Motion made by Jodi Mattner, 2nd by Mel Tollas to allow the residents at 1661, 1677, 1671 and 1664 Eagle Crest Drive to maintain the cul-de-sac circle. 6-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Abstain **Motion Carried.**

Audience Comments were heard.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Amber Osha
Village Clerk

Michael Price
Village President