

VILLAGE OF BARODA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Village of Baroda Council Meeting held on Monday, May 6, at 6:30pm.

Roll Call Completed

Present: Michael Price, Katie Strefling, Bob Feickert, Jack Lewis, Jodi Mattner, Katie Zordell, Mel Tollas

Employees Present: Paula Bryan, Anthony Cochran

Also Present: Audra Johnson, Kathy Kissane, Mona Himmelein, Konrad Schultz, Eric Kamps, Mary Couitcher, Brittany Frenchko, Chad Mock, Matt Kasewurm and Melanie Stanage.

Audience Comments: Dennis Krotzer mentioned concerns about lending and borrowing equipment with Village.

Approve/Amend Agenda

Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Bob Feickert to accept the agenda for May 6, 2024, as amended.

Ayes-7 Nays-0 **Motion Carried**

Approve Minutes for April 1, 2024

Motion made by Bob Feickert, 2nd Mel Tollas to approve the minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Approve paying of the bills in the amount of \$55,178.28 and Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Bob Feickert. Ayes -7 Nays 0- **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

Approve Payroll in the amount of \$20,234.95 and Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Jack Lewis. Ayes 7 Nays -0 **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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Paula Bryan, had prepared a financial report that the Trustees were given. Financials for April will be reported against the new Budget at the next meeting.

Clerk's Report: none

Old Business:

Michigan IT Solutions, Chad Mock- Chad Presented proposal for services to replace PC Consultants proposal that was presented at the last meeting. Chad is no longer with PC Consultants and most of the staff at PC Consultants has transferred to Michigan IT Solutions. After discussion on changes with PC Consultants. **Motion made by** Mel Tollas and 2nd by Jack Lewis to amend our acceptance of the proposal for services from PC Consultants to Michigan IT Solutions. Chad will follow up with proposal for pricing on equipment: Backup, Firewall, Remote Access, Dual Monitors and Server. Ayes 7 Nays – 0 **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

MDOT- Pheasant Run- Melanie Stange from Whiteman presented the update regarding Pheasant Run, this project is going to cost approximately 40k more than expected. Whiteman asked the State for more money and was declined. Whiteman recommendation is to accept the lowest bid by Hoffman Bros. Melanie also reported that the drain in question is owned by the village, we do not need permission to work on it and she confirmed it with the County Drain Commissioner. After some discussion, a **Motion was made** by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Jack Lewis to approve the remaining amount needed for the project to be paid out of the ARPA account. The funds can be transferred to Local Street Fund to pay for the remaining balance on this this project. Ayes-7- Nays-0 **Motion Carried**

Additionally, a **Motion made** by Bob Feickert, 2nd by Mel Tollas to accept the Hoffman Bros quote dated May 2, 2024, for \$239,323 work to be done on this project. Ayes-7 Nays-0 **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

2nd Street Ally – Melanie Stanage commented that her findings were consistent with GIS. The strip of ally way in question, is located in the public right of way. Michael Price did some research on this area and contacted local accessors and their suggestions were to “abandon” it to the county and they would split and give it to the adjacent properties.

Boat for Ponds – President Michael Price picked one up at an auction for \$240 and the village can reimburse him for it if they want to.

Donation sign for Park – President Michael Price spoke with Tigmaster and they are willing to make whatever we want after we decide on a design. Discussion regarding a possible design and Matt Kasewurm volunteered to come up with a design.

Water Service Line Verification Plan – Anthony Cochran has been working on this and has completed the random sampling and determined 35 residents are affected. Further narrowing of the residents will be completed. It was suggested we obtain quotes from B&Z, Burkholder and D’Agostino. Michael Price will get the bids and give an update at the next meeting.

Par Plan Grant – Michael reported we received the Risk Reduction Grant Program Agreement for \$2500.00 for purchase of a sidewalk grinder. **Motion made** by Michael Price and 2nd by Katie Strefling to sign the agreement and mail and purchase the sidewalk grinder. Ayes-7 Nays -0
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

New Business:

Library - none

Special Event – July 4th Fireworks – **Motion made** by Katie Strefling 2nd by Mel Tollas to approve the fireworks application. Ayes – 7, Nays -0 **Motion Carried.**

Motion made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Jack Lewis to approve donation of \$500 to Baroda Fire Department toward the 2024 Fireworks. Ayes – 7 Nays 0 **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

DPW – This was tabled.

AJ Mottl Resignation – Motion was made by Jodi Mattner, 2nd by Katie Strefling to accept resignation of AJ Mottl effective June 1, 2024. Discussion took place regarding who will take over the water testing and Anthony Cochran stated he will contact MRWA for help in the interim. Ayes – 7 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Commercial Insurance - Motion was made by Mel Tollas, 2nd by Katie Strefling to approve the Commercial Insurance Proposal by BHS for coverage period 4/1/24 – 4/1/25 for \$17,266.00 Ayes -7 Nays -0 **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

Tractor Quotes – Michael Price presented 5 tractor quotes and discussion took place, it was decided that more research is needed and more quotes on used mowers will be gathered before a decision can be made.

Clarification of Ordinance 34-303 Political Signs – Discussion took place on what part of our ordinance we are going to enforce regarding placement of political signs.

Clerking 101 – Trustee acting as Deputy Clerk – June 2024 – Motion made by Bob Feickert 2nd by Jack Lewis to reimburse conference registration fees for Mel Tollas for \$700 Ayes-5 Nays-2 **Motion Carried**

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Price-No
Mel Tollas- Yes
Katie Strefling- Yes
Jodi Mattner- No
Bob Feickert- Yes
Jack Lewis-Yes
Katie Zordell-Yes

Berrien County Suicide Prevention Coalition 5k – Discussion was held regarding support of a 5k fundraiser, and it was determined they need to find out if a special use permit is needed. They will find out and let us know, sign a waiver if necessary and drop it off to clerk. We can add it to the newsletter when they let us know.

Committees

Park Committee – minor comment was made.

Finance Committee – nothing to report on at this time.

Personnel Committee -

Terry Lear review – Discussion happened, and it was determined a copy of original job description for foreman is needed before this can be completed.

Planning Commission –Nothing to report at this time.

Council Member's Comments –

Bob: none

Katie S – none

Katie Z – ~~none~~ What is the status of Bubber's stuff on the DPW property? Did the Legion update the insurance for the street dance? What is the status of the buildings on 1st Street getting the broken window fixed? Also, she is still waiting for the aw book.

Jodi- none

Jack – Can someone in the village have other pets like chickens, rabbits? Discussion took place and it was unclear on an answer.

Mel – none

President's Comments – none

Audience Comments - none

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Paula Bryan
Treasurer

Michael Price
Village President