

BARODA TOWNSHIP  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
March 6, 2018

Members of the Baroda Township Board met on March 6, 2018 in the Baroda Municipal Building meeting room at 7:00 p.m. Having been duly noticed, the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jim Brow. Present were Jim Brow, David Wolf, Brenda Troxell and Wendie Shafer. John Harner was absent. Also attending were Kurt Buursma from Buursma Insurance Agency and Jim Hnilo from the Ted Hartleb Agency.

Mr. Hnilo introduced himself and presented an overview of his proposal for insuring the Township for comprehensive public entity coverage for liability, vehicles, buildings, equipment etc. The proposal had previously been provided to each board member. Also discussed was the possibility of also purchasing Worker Comp coverage through his company. He answered the questions of the board members. David Wolf moved, seconded by Brenda Troxell, to approve the purchase of insurance as proposed from the Hartleb Agency with inclusion of the premium for coverage for the New Fire Pumper Truck and a possible change of premium after an inventory of the Fire Department equipment to be completed with the Fire Chief and to purchase Worker Comp insurance with an effective date of April 1, 2018. Any policy/premium changes are to be reviewed and reported within 60-90 days of the beginning of the policy. After discussion, by Roll Call Vote – Voting YES Jim Brow, David Wolf, Brenda Troxell and Wendie Shafer. Voting NO None.

Kurt Buursma introduced himself as the Agent for Baroda Township's current Blue Cross Blue Shield Group insurance plan. He reported that Wendie Shafer is now on Medicare and will go off the Township's insurance policy effective April 1, 2018. He explained that since currently there are only two people on the Township group which is under common control with the Village and Police Departments, the Township group will become inactive when Wendie goes off the Township insurance. He explained that Jim Brow could elect to transfer to the Baroda-Lake Police or Village group but has elected to purchase an individual Medicare supplement plan. Mr. Buursma is able to offer such a plan at \$139 for Medicare part B plus \$40 per month = \$179.00 per month. He explained that it is illegal for the Township to pay directly for the insurance, so will want to increase the Supervisor's salary to compensate for the additional expenses incurred. He suggested the Supervisor's annual salary be increased by \$4000. David Wolf, seconded by Brenda Troxell moved to approve a \$4000 annual salary increase for both the Supervisor and Clerk, to omit the health insurance expense line items from the 2018-19 Budget. After discussion, Vote All Yes. Motion Carried.

David Wolf moved, seconded by Jim Brow to adjourn the meeting and the meeting closed at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by,

Wendie Shafer  
Baroda Township Clerk