

BARODA TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2018

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday July 16, 2018 in the Baroda Municipal Building at 9091 First St., Baroda. Present were Board Members Jim Brow, John Harner, Brenda Troxell and David Wolf along with four audience members. Absent was Wendie Shafer. The meeting was opened with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brad Paquette, Michigan 78th District House Candidate, made a presentation introducing himself to the Board & audience members. Brad is currently a teacher at Niles New Tech School teaching Civics, US History & Spanish. Brad's platform includes:

1. Changing our education system to attract & retain engaged & dynamic teachers
2. Brad identifies as a conservative who wants to have education decisions made at the local level
3. Brad is seeking genuine fellowship to make sure he is in touch with his constituents

An audience question for Brad involved automobile insurance reform. Brad's reply was that yes auto insurance reform is needed in Michigan & he hoped that it would be taken up by the Legislature. Brad stated that several attempts toward reform had already been attempted.

There was no Baroda-Lake Township Police report.

Fire Captain Doug DeBest gave a report of the Fire Department activities. For the month of June He said the Fire Dept. had answered 6 calls and completed 57.5 man hours of training with Lake Township FD at Zion Church in Baroda. He reported that there was a 6/20 open house at the Station, structural fire pre-planning is ongoing, the County Fire Fighter meeting was attended & the DNR grant is still on progressing. Brenda Troxell added that she heard a rumor regarding the proposed new fire station stating that the \$2,800,000.00 bond request included \$1,000,000.00 for land purchase. Brenda stated that untrue & that the land acquisition & development costs for the project is \$240,000.00.

Jessica Enget from the Lincoln Township Library reported on the activities of the Library for the month of May and gave dates for future activities. She said the summer reading program had 814 participants, the 7/12 concert had 132 attendees, a 7/17 nerf contest was scheduled & that on 7/25 a Dermudy event (drum & cymbals) was scheduled. She provided a report showing there had been a 1105 total circulation by Baroda card holders in June.

Brenda Troxell presented the Treasurers report. As of June 30, 2018 Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund - \$171,095.85, Library Fund - \$2048.16, Road Fund - \$5001.22, Baroda Police Fund - \$168,699.33, Fire Maintenance Fund - \$100,171.64, Fire Equipment Fund - \$186,529.49, Rubbish Fund - \$151,095.75, Building Fund - \$23,991.18, Water Fund - \$121,420.68, and Tax Fund - \$439.99.

Brenda Troxell made the Clerk's report for Wendie Shafer. Brenda presented a re-zoning request from the Planning Commission to rezone 4296 Cleveland Ave. from commercial to residential. Property has a home & at one time a realtor's office used by Emil Strefling. The office has not been used for years so the re-zoning will match the current use. David Wolf made a motion is accept the recommendation, seconded by Harner. After discussion, Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Jim Brow presented the Consent Agenda (monthly Bills, Treasurer's report and Minutes of the last meeting) for approval. After discussion David Wolf moved, seconded by Brenda Troxell, to approve the consent agenda. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Jim Brow reported that a Drain Board of review was happening for 7 drains in the Township on 7/24/18 at the Drain Office at 701 Main Street, St. Joseph. The meeting will be 9:00 to 5:00 & no appointment is necessary.

An audience member (Tom Lippert) reported that he spoke with a gentleman about weed cutting at Hess Lake Park. Tom said the (verbal) price quote was \$25,000.00. Tom was asked to get a written quote, addressed to the Board for them to consider.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Jim Brow at 7:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Baroda Township Board is scheduled for August 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

David Wolf for
Wendie Shafer,
Baroda Township Clerk