

BARODA TOWNSHIP

Board Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday October 15, 2018 in the Baroda Municipal Building at 9091 First St., Baroda. Present were Board Members Jim Brow, John Harner, Brenda Troxell, Wendie Shafer and David Wolf along with 6 audience members. The meeting was opened with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Jim Brow called upon Officer Jim Howell of the Baroda-Lake Police Dept. Officer Howell reported that the police Department had not attend several previous Board meetings due to many officers in the Department were taking a course in police practices. He reported the Department had attended 264 calls in September. He said there had been a rash of breakings and entering from Stevensville to Bridgman with persons breaking into unlocked cars.

Doug deBest from the Baroda September the Fire Fighters had attended 6 incidences including wires down, possible fire, auto accidents with personal injuries and a false alarm. He reported the extrication tool had been used to help remove people from their cars. He reported there were mutual aid calls with Lake and Lincoln Townships. He reported the fireman had received 223.5 man hours of training in September and that Fire Dept. had hosted a BCFFA meeting where 15 Fire Departments brought trucks for a combined training exercise. He reported The Department had hosted a National Fire Academy class with 5 out of town participants. He reported that the Fire Department will be installing 24 free fire alarms this year and that recipients will be required to sign a waiver form. Recipients are requested to contact Fire Dept. officers to set up appointments for the installations. He reported the Fire Board has discussed selling the 1994 Fire truck that is currently housed at the Lake Twp. Fire station.

Jessica Enget from the Lincoln Township Library reported on the activities of the Library for the month of August and gave dates for future activities. She reported a total circulation of 1,039 by Baroda Township members in September.

Brenda Troxell presented the Treasurers report. As of September 30, 2018 Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund - \$133,942.56, Library Fund - \$58.67, Road Fund - \$4,712.94, Baroda Police Fund - \$123,247.72, Fire Maintenance Fund - \$63,262.93, Fire Equipment Fund - \$182,574.18, Rubbish Fund - \$101,228.02, Building Fund - \$32,917.77, Water Fund - \$127,658.86, and Tax Fund - \$65,490.83.

Wendie Shafer gave the Clerk's report stating the Planning Commission had held two public hearings during their October 8th meeting. The results of the hearing were: A Special Land Use Permit was approved for Barbara and Kelly Day for a horse boarding and riding arena operation at 722 W. Shawnee Rd., and The Planning Commissioners voted to recommend approval of an amendment to the Baroda Township Zoning Ordinance adding provisions for Resorts in the Commercial and Agricultural zones. She apologized she did not have the needed documents included with the meeting materials for the Board members to vote on the recommendation.

Wendie Shafer moved, seconded by Brenda Troxell, to approve a budget amendment adding \$14,212.84 expense to the General Fund, and \$1900.00 expense to the Fire Maintenance fund. After discussion, Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Brenda Troxell reported the Trail & Treat program is scheduled to be held for the second year. The event will be held on Saturday, October 27th at the Baroda Township Park. Weather permitting the walking trail will be utilized for the handing out of treats and prizes. In the New pavilion Library staff will bring Halloween stories, the Lions Kid Sight program will be performing eye scans. Only non-scary costumes are allowed. This is to be a family friendly, non-scary event. She reported one of the sponsors from last year had declined to donate this year, but that members of the community, Baroda Area Business Association, Village of Baroda, and Lion's Club have made up for the shortfall by their generous donations.

Discussion was tabled regarding a new computer for the Assessor due to not having received a quote.

Wendie Shafer announced she has begun training Christina Price to take the Clerk's position on January 1st, 2019 when she retires. She recommended the training hourly wage should be \$15, and that Mrs. Price receive the current Clerk's salary when she is appointed to the position since she will be taking on the same responsibilities even though her hours will be somewhat different. David Wolf moved, seconded by John Harner to approve the Clerk Trainee Hourly wage at \$15 and Clerk annual salary to remain at the current rate of \$29,500. 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 Brenda Troxell moved, seconded by David Wolf, to approve the consent agenda. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Jim Brow at 7:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Baroda Township Board is scheduled for November 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Wendie Shafer,
Baroda Township Clerk