

BARODA TOWNSHIP

Board Meeting Minutes November 19, 2018

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday November 19, 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 7 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. He reported the Department had attended 257 calls in October of which 53 were in the Township and 24 in the Village. The current number of calls for 2018 is 2733 and total calls for last year was 2154.

Bob Getz, Village President of Baroda attended the meeting in regards to Municipal Building garage use. They would like to keep their water containing Jetty machine in the heated garage to prevent from freezing. The Fire Department mentioned relocating the Township plow to make more room for both Jetty and Fire Department Vehicles. If the Village is required to remove their Jetty Machine then David Wolf suggested adjusting their percentage of municipal building expenses down from 40%.

Larry Klug from the Baroda Fire Department mentioned the Fire Fighters had attended 6 incidences including wires down, possible structural fire, three traffic incidents. He reported there were mutual aid calls with Bridgman and a tree down in Weesaw Township. He reported the fireman had received 241 man hours of training in October.

Doug deBest reported risk management insurance requested writing a letter to Medic One informing them that Baroda fire fighters need special training on Medic One ambulances in order to operate them. Medically trained fire fighters will be allowed to assist and ride along in the back of the ambulances. Brenda Troxell moved, seconded by David Wolf to send a letter to Medic One as described above. After discussion, VOTE- ALL VOTED YES. Motion carried.

Jessica Enget from the Lincoln Township Library reported on the activities of the Library for the month of October and gave dates for future activities. She reported a total circulation of 1,323 by Baroda Township members in October. The total October library wide use is 17,149.

Brenda Troxell presented the Treasurers report. As of October 31, 2018 Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund - \$93,024.01, Library Fund - \$58.67, Road Fund - \$4,713.35, Baroda Police Fund - \$78,193.24, Fire Maintenance Fund - \$56,111.58, Fire Equipment Fund - \$182,589.69, Rubbish Fund - \$85,372.86, Building Fund - \$31,078.82, Water Fund - \$127,669.70, and Tax Fund - \$41,154.23.

Brenda Troxell reported trail and treat event had enjoyed better weather than last year and the attendance was about the same. Lions club had scanned one more child than last year. She said there was a lot of extra candy and treats that were distributed to the fire department, local church and handed out on Halloween within the community.

Wendie Shafer gave the Clerk's report stating there had been a 60% turn out for the General Election, with 1315 voters and 305 absent voter ballots. Planning commission has scheduled three public hearings in December, for Bed and Breakfast and two Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Wendie Shafer made a motion to increase the General fund expenses by \$385.00 and Fire Maintenance Fund expenses by \$1680.00. Motion was seconded by Brenda Troxell. After discussion, ALL VOTED YES. Motion carried.

Wendie Shafer read a letter of resignation to be effective December 31, 2018. Brenda Troxell moved, Seconded by David Wolf to accept her resignation. After discussion, ALL VOTED-YES. Motioned carried.

David Wolf made a motion, Seconded by Brenda Troxell to purchase a preowned Dell Optiplex AIO from Computer Products and Services for the Township Assessor for \$1450.00. After discussion, ALL VOTED YES. Motion carried.

Wendie Shafer offered a resolution, seconded by David Wolf to adopt a Zoning Ordinance Amendment providing for resorts in Baroda Township. After discussion, by ROLL CALL VOTE, VOTING YES- Wendie Shafer, Brenda Troxell, Jim Brow, David Wolf, and John Harner. VOTING NO-NONE. Resolution declared Adopted.

Brenda Troxell moved, Seconded by David Wolf to sign new bank signature cards with Chemical Bank, retaining Brenda Troxell, Amy Hemphill, Wendie Shafer, adding Christina Price and deleting Barbra Sukys as signers for Township bank accounts. After discussion, ALL VOTED-YES. Motion carried.

Jim Brow moved, Seconded by David Wolf to reappoint Peter VanVooren to a three year term on the Baroda Township Planning Commission. After discussion, ALL VOTED-YES. Motion carried.

The board discussed to ask the County Road Department to extend the no passing stripes on Cleveland Ave., from Russell Rd. to Shawnee. It was reported that Road Department would only install stripes according to data showing the need.

David Wolf moved, seconded by John Harner to approve a request to purchase an annual subscription renewal for the financial accounting program for 1120.95. After Discussion, ALL VOTED YES. Motion Carried.

Quotes for hand held and backpack leaf blowers were considered by the Board to replace the current nonfunctional handheld blower used at the cemeteries and park. No action was taken pending further research on brands.

Brenda Troxell moved, seconded by Wendie Shafer to approve paying the \$75 Annual dues for the Baroda Area Business Association (BABA). After discussion ALL VOTED YES. Motion Carried.

Brenda Troxell offered an ordinance, supported by Wendie Shafer, to adopt an Ordinance prohibiting Marihuana facilities in Baroda Township, adding the alternate spelling (Marijuana) and contingent upon the certification of the General election and the assignment of a MCL number to the newly passed legislation. After discussion, VOTING YES – Wendie Shafer, Brenda Troxell, Jim Brow, David Wolf, and John Harner. VOTING NO- none. Ordinance Declared Adopted. This ordinance will be effective 10 days after publication.

Wendie Shafer moved, seconded by John Harner to approve budgeting \$300 for Deputy Clerk training. After discussion, ALL VOTED YES. Motion Carried.

Brenda Troxell moved, seconded by David Wolf to approve the Michigan State University Ag Extension to use the Municipal Building meeting room to teach Tractor Safety classes during the months of January – March. After discussion, ALL VOTED YES. Motion carried.

Jim Brow presented the Consent Agenda (monthly Bills, Treasurer's report and Minutes of the last meeting) for approval. David Wolf moved, seconded by John Harner to approve the Consent Agenda. After discussion, ALL VOTED YES. Motion Carried.

David Wolf discussed that the Baroda-Lake Police Chief had requested to hire a fifth full time officer. The Lake Charter Township Board has agreed to provide an additional \$50 thousand dollars and asked if the Baroda Township Board could afford to contribute an additional \$25 thousand. It was reported that the Baroda Township General fund cannot afford to spare the additional contribution. David Wolf will take the information to the Police Board at their next meeting.

An audience member suggested the spelling of the word Marihuana should be Marijuana.

An audience member led discussion about a problem on Jayme Drive where moldy clothing and other items are being stored. They reported the situation in that home and garage constitute a health hazard to the occupants of the home.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Jim Brow at 8:42 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Baroda Township Board is scheduled for December 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Wendie Shafer,
Baroda Township Clerk