

## **BARODA TOWNSHIP**

### **Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2019**

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday January 21, 2019 in the Baroda Municipal Building at 9091 First St., Baroda. Present were Board Members Jim Brow, Brenda Troxell, David Wolf, and Deputy Clerk, Wendie Shafer along with 9 audience members. Absent were John Harner and Christina Price. The meeting was opened with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Jim Brow called upon Krista Wolf, Chairman of the Baroda Queen's Committee who had each of the members of the Baroda Queen's court stand, introduce them selves and say a few words.

Supervisor Brow introduced Baroda Fireman, Patrick Hanlin, who requested to use one of the park pavilions to begin a two – three mornings per week exercise opportunity for firefighters, police officers and anyone who would like to participate. He reported there is a person in Berrien Springs who will donate \$1 for each mile run by emergency personnel to a charity chosen by the firefighters. Mr. Hanlin would like to use the monies to install exercise stations along the paved path at the Baroda Township Park.

Supervisor Jim Brow called upon Officer Jim Howell of the Baroda-Lake Police Dept. who reported that the police Department had 27 calls in Baroda Township December. This was fewer than expected. He reported there had been 15 calls in the Village. And a total of 170 calls this year. He reported the Baroda-Lake Police Dept. had hosted a class on the new Marijuana laws with about 100 area police officers attending. He said to warn the citizenry that this is the time of the year when phone scams increase. There may be people calling, posing as government officials, asking for personal information intending to defraud unwary people.

Baroda Fire Chief, Larry Klug reported the Fire Dept. had attended no calls in December, but had attended a record of 67 calls for the year. He reported the fireman had received 126 man hours of training in December. He reported the Fire Dept. had assisted with the Christmas in the Village Program and that 5 firemen had attended the BCFFA conference. He reported that new tires had been purchase for several of the fire vehicles.

Jessica Enget from the Lincoln Township Library reported on the activities of the Library for the month of December and gave dates for future activities. She reported a total circulation of 1,069 by Baroda Township members in December. She was happy to report that the library had been used in over 200,000 instances for all users in 2018. She reported on their "happy or not" machine, a tool used to determine customer satisfaction.

Brenda Troxell presented the Treasurers report. As of December 31, 2018 Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund - \$121,867.74, Library Fund - \$61.42, Road Fund - \$3,424.94, Baroda Police Fund - \$79,081.94, Fire Maintenance Fund - \$34,371.18, Fire Equipment Fund - \$182,625.65, Rubbish Fund - \$51,685.69, Building Fund - \$30,494.94, Water Fund - \$127,691.04, and Tax Fund - \$551,671.76.

On behalf of Clerk, Christina Price, Wendie Shafer gave the Clerk's report suggesting the Township General Fund be amended by increasing General fund expenses by 35,316.00, and increasing the Fire

Maintenance expenses by 2,925.00. It was discussed that there should be a corresponding amendment to increase the General fund revenue showing the amount paid by the Village for the new roof expense. The action was tabled until the February meeting.

Wendie Shafer reported that the Planning Commission has requested to have 20 copies of the Township Zoning Ordinance printed by Oscar's printing at a cost of \$109.00. David Wolf moved, seconded by Brenda Troxell to approve the printing of 20 copies of the Baroda Township Zoning Ordinance as quoted by Oscar's printing for the cost of \$109.

Wendie Shafer reported there is a meeting for local officials regarding Transportation Asset Management with the Berrien County Road Dept. at the Berrien County Health Dept. Dept. Building at 2149 E. Napier Ave. at 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. She also reported that a letter was received from HFS Tractor Sales & Service that they have sold the Kubota portion of their business to Ausra Co. and that they are in the process of liquidating assets and will close the business in the near future.

Brenda Troxell read a resolution to approve the 2019 Board of Review Federal Poverty Guidelines. Brenda Troxell offered the resolution which was supported by David Wolf. After discussion by roll call vote- Voting Yes – David Wolf, Jim Brow, and Brenda Troxell. Voting No - None.

Brenda Troxell read a resolution to accept Written Protests to the 2019 Board of Review. Brenda Troxell offered the resolution which was supported by David Wolf. After discussion by roll call vote- Voting Yes – David Wolf, Jim Brow, and Brenda Troxell. Voting No - None.

Brenda Troxell read a resolution to allow for Alternate Starting Dates for the 2019 Board of Review. Brenda Troxell offered the resolution which was supported by David Wolf. After discussion by roll call vote- Voting Yes – David Wolf, Jim Brow, and Brenda Troxell. Voting No - None.

The monthly Township bills were discussed. Brenda Troxell noted that it appears two checks were printed for the same bill and will need to be corrected. David wolf moved, seconded by Brenda Troxell to approve the consent agenda (bills as corrected, the Treasurer's report and the minutes of the last meeting) Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

An audience member asked how soon the updated zoning ordinance would be available on the Township Website. It was reported the latest updates became effective on January 15<sup>th</sup> and would be available on the Website very soon.

Supervisor Jim Brow announced he will attend the Road Commission meeting and Brenda Troxell reported that a Township budget meeting is scheduled for January 30th at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Jim Brow at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Baroda Township Board is scheduled for February 18, 2019at 7:00 p.m.

Wendie Shafer,  
Baroda Township Deputy Clerk