

BARODA TOWNSHIP

Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2019

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday, September 16, 2019 in the Baroda Municipal Building at 9091 First St., Baroda. Present were Board Members Jim Brow, Brenda Troxell, David Wolf, and John Harner along with Deputy Clerk Wendie Shafer. Christina Price was absent due to maternity leave. There were 5 audience members. The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Howell of the Baroda – Lake Police Department reported that the department had attended 254 complaints in August of which 41 were within Baroda Township and Village. He reported a fatal accident had occurred at the corner of Cleveland and Linco the past Saturday. He said that school bus accidents are occurring now that school has opened.

Guy Tollas presented the Baroda Fire Dept. report saying, in August, the fire fighters had attended 8 incidences and had done 94 hours of training. He reported several firemen had received certification through the Firefighters training courses. He reported that all of the smoke alarms they had received were installed. He reported that the support vehicle #280 has been outfitted and put into service. A printed report was submitted for inclusion in the Township record.

Jessica Enget from the Lincoln Township Library reported on the activities of the Library for the month of August. She reported a circulation of 1,140 by Baroda Township residents with the Library wide total circulation being 17,942.

Brenda Troxell presented the Treasurers report. As of August 30th, 2019 Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund = \$179,039.04, Library Fund = \$56.41, Road Fund = \$10,906.08, Baroda Police Fund = \$129,044.76, Fire Maintenance Fund = \$76,405.31, Fire Equipment Fund = \$467.87, Rubbish Fund = \$135,176.89, Building Fund = \$38,436.30, Water Fund = \$133,518.28 and Tax Fund = \$651,183.61.

Brenda Troxell reported the Planning Commission has scheduled reviews for Special Land Uses Permits for Mark Schutze – Nimby Pond, Steve Salisbury-Worthenbury Tourist Home, and Barbara Antonucci – Among the Vineyards B&B. She reported the majority of the meeting had dealt with Nimby Pond violations issues. She read a letter from the Planning Commission requesting support from the Township Board for going forward with the process of rescinding the Special Use Permit for Nimby Pond. There was no Board action.

Wendie Shafer gave the Clerk's report for the Bills and Budget Report. After discussion of bills to be paid, David Wolf moved, Seconded by Brenda Troxell to Pay the Bills as presented as well as the bills needing to be paid under the post-audit policy. Vote – All Yes. Motion Carried. A bill from the County Road Dept. for applying Chloride was discussed. It was decided to table voting on the bill until next month.

Budget Amendments were presented by Wendie Shafer to increase General Fund expenses by \$37005.00, to increase Fire Maintenance Fund expenses by \$300.00 and to increase Fire Equipment Fund expenses by \$1568.00. David Wolf moved, seconded by John Harner to approve the amendments as presented. Vote – All Yes. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business –

The Board discussed Hess Park Accident Report/Maintenance repair. A quote from Arnt Asphalt was presented which had several options. Brenda Troxell reported that the Township could afford to have only the damaged area repaired this year. David Wolf moved, seconded by Brenda Troxell to have Arnt do repair #1 which is to Asphalt Saw cut and remove damaged asphalt and tree roots, Replace to 2 ½ depth, approx. 1,780 sq. ft. of damaged area with hot mix asphalt at a cost of \$8,350.00. Vote – All yes. M.C.

The Board tabled discussion on hiring additional maintenance workers.

Brenda Troxell reported that the Ordinance Committee still needs an at-large volunteer to complete the committee. Richard Herrman agreed to be on the committee.

It was noted that the Sexton was not present as requested. Jim Brow reported Dennis Schutze was unable to attend due to a prior engagement.

New Business –

Brenda Troxell read a letter from the Michigan Dept. of Treasury commending Baroda Township Assessor Angela Story for achieving a perfect score on her review.

Brenda Troxell presented a complaint including pictures regarding damage to a head stone in Hinman Cemetery. It was reported that the damage was not done by the Township lawn mower and was not likely done by weed trimmer. No action was taken.

David Wolf moved, seconded by Brenda Troxell to approve the minutes of the last meetings. Vote – All Yes. Motion carried.

David Wolf requested adding an item to the agenda. He reported that the Fire Board at their July meeting had agreed to recommend paying the new Chief elect \$400 per month salary. David Wolf moved, seconded by John Harner to approve the salary of \$400 per month for the Fire Chief Elect. After discussion, Vote – All Yes. Motion Carried.

Jim Brow mentioned that October 10th is Large Trash day in Baroda. He reported that senior citizens in Baroda Township 55 and older are eligible to join the Baroda Area Senior Citizens group at annual dues of \$5. He said they meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station Hall.

An Audience member asked if someone would see that the website gets updated.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Jim Brow 7:51 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Baroda Township Board is scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Wendie Shafer
Baroda Township Deputy Clerk,