

BARODA TOWNSHIP

Board Meeting Minutes March 16th, 2020

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday March 16th, 2020 in the Baroda Municipal Building at 9091 First St., Baroda. Present were Board Members Jim Brow, Brenda Troxell, David Wolf, Christina Price and Dennis Krotzer along with 4 audience members. The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug deBest Fire Chief Elect gave the Fire Department report by Phone due to the COVID-19. He reported total incidents for the month of February was 3, 1- Structure Fire(Assist- Mutual Aid), 1- Lift Assist, 1- False Alarm. He reported that total hours of training for February was 215.25 hours, hosted in house 45 hours, monthly sessions 90 hours, outside department 46.50 hours and fire fighter courses 30 hours. The Fire Departments Donated time in February was 105 hours. New members on Fire Department are Brad Fry- Trainee and Stephanie Bronicki- Auxiliary. Apparatus Sold – Engine #222 sold to Rath Properties LLC for \$4,000.00. Large Purchase one set of Coat & Pant of Turnout Gear. He also reported Donations from Teri, Marisa and Natalie Freehling in memory of Patrick Freehling was a KC Supply Grain Rescue Tube, 8- Entrapment Rescue wall panels, Red Rescue Auger, 8-18” Poly Platforms, 2- Yellow Device Bags, approximate value \$4,055.00. Donated Items where Fireworks Experience- Donated to Lakeshore Band Auction-\$120.00 winning bid.

Appointing Fire Chief- Dave Wolf made a motion to reappoint Fire Chief Larry Klug for 2020-2021 Fire Chief. Supported by Dennis Krotzer. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Guest-

Chris Burk- Michiana Recycling announced that they plan to change the trash pick-up day from Thursday to Friday starting March 27th. The plan is for Clerk Christina Price to post on the Townships Facebook page, Website, Post Office and Municipal Building. It was also decided that Chris Burk would put tags on the residents trash cans to notify them of the change.

Hearing Officer- Jim Furkis was present to discuss what a Hearing Officer Job implies and after further discussion David Wolf made a motion to appoint Jim Furkis as the Townships Hearing Officer at a per diem rate of \$75 per case. Supported by Brenda Troxell. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Fire Works- Magic Mac’s LLC was present to ask permission to sell fireworks at the property next to Baroda Party Store from June 25th – July 5th. They mentioned that there will be a tent that will be maintained 24hrs a day and that insurance and all laws will be implied. After Further Discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve this event as mentioned. Supported by Christina Price. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Police Department was not present

Brenda Troxell gave the Library report- Due to the COVID-19 situation and Executive Orders issued by Governor Whitmer, the Lincoln Township Library has cancelled its programs and scheduled meeting room activities through Monday, March 30th. She reported a total circulation of 1,102 by Baroda Township members in February and the total number of All Borrowers is 15,337.

Brenda Troxell presented the Treasurers report. As of February 29th, 2020 Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund = \$199386.40, Library Fund = \$57.89, Road Fund = \$4,187.73, Baroda Police Fund = \$36,124.57, Fire Maintenance Fund = \$10,743.21, Fire Equipment Fund = \$442.28, Rubbish Fund = \$37,529.23, Building Fund = \$49,383.37, Water Fund = \$128,969.53, and Tax Fund = \$982,948.21. She also reported our collection rate is 96.17%.

Christina Price gave the Clerk's report and bills report. After discussion Brenda Troxell moved to approve the bills report, seconded by David Wolf. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; Dennis Krotzer, David Wolf, Jim Brow, Brenda Troxell and Christina Price. Motion Carried. Amendments and Budget Report are Postponed until the April meeting. Clerk Price also reported that the Presidential Primary went well and thank you to everyone that worked that day. She also mentioned that a PA116 was turned in today, after discussion Brenda Troxell made a motion to approve the PA116 as presented. Supported by David Wolf. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried. It was also reported that that Gary Weage called in concern with Dablon Orchard using their farm drive as a public access drive and after further discussion no action is required.

Township Board Meeting was temporally closed at 7:57pm Jim Brow to open the Public Hearing.

Jim Brow opened the Public Hearing at 7:57pm

Brenda Troxell presented the Budget for 2020-2021, no public comments. Brenda Troxell moved, seconded Dennis Krotzer to accept the New Budget for 2020-2021 as presented. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried. Brenda Troxell presented the Appropriations Act (Resolution 2020-05), no public comments. David Wolf Moved, seconded by Dennis Krotzer. Vote- All yes. Motin Carried.

The foregoing Resolution (*Resolution 2020-06*) offered by Board Member Brenda Troxell, supported by David Wolf that the Clerks salary increase to \$30,000.00, after discussion by roll call vote- Voting Yes – Dennis Krotzer, David Wolf, Jim Brow, Brenda Troxell and Christina Price. Voting No - None.

The foregoing Resolution (*Resolution 2020-07*) offered by Board Member Brenda Troxell, supported by Christina Price that the Supervisors Salary decrease to \$16,500, after discussion by roll call vote- Voting Yes – Dennis Krotzer, David Wolf, Jim Brow, Brenda Troxell and Christina Price. Voting No - None.

The foregoing Resolution (*Resolution 2020-08*) offered by Board Member David Wolf, supported by Dennis Krotzer that the Treasurer's Salary increase to \$16,500, after discussion by roll call vote- Voting Yes – Dennis Krotzer, David Wolf, Jim Brow, Brenda Troxell and Christina Price. Voting No - None.

The foregoing Resolution (*Resolution 2020-09*) offered by Board Member Brenda Troxell, supported by Christina Price that the Trustees Salary's remain at \$3,600, Plus an additional \$40.00 per meeting after discussion by roll call vote- Voting Yes – Dennis Krotzer, David Wolf, Jim Brow, Brenda Troxell and Christina Price. Voting No - None.

After no public comments Jim Brow closed the Public Hearing at 8:09pm

Jim Brow re-opened the Board Meeting at 8:10pm

Unfinished Business –

Knox Box Ordinance- Postponed

Anonymous letter about Clerk bringing the baby to work– After further discussion and investigation there is no need to further this topic and is considered resolved by the Township Board.

New Business –

Coronavirus and Municipal Building Operations –Due to the COVID-19 situation and Executive Orders issued by Governor Whitmer. After further discussion Brenda Troxell made a motion that the Municipal building closes to the public starting March 17th and will reopen April 6th. Supported by Dennis Krotzer. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Officer Inquiries – Clerk Price reported that Greg Nelson the Townships new Ordinance Officer would like to inquire on a few things such as a ticket book, some form of ID, Access to report computer/printer preferably one with BSNA, reserve PD Status with Baroda Lake Police Department. After further discussion of the Board it was decided to pursue getting a ticket book and ID for the Ordinance Officer. Clerk Price mentioned that she spoke with Chief Shawn Martin and he said that he currently has two reserves in school which will bring them to a total of 7 reservists, but if he ever needed an assist with a call they would be happy to help.

Hungerford Nichols/Audit Approval –

After further discussion Brenda Troxell made a motion to accept the contract from Hungerford Nichols. Supported by Christina Price. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Audience Comments-

Greta Hurst asked if there was any progress with the Telecom and Brenda Troxell mentioned not yet.

Supervisors Comments –

Supervisor Jim Brow mentioned that everything has been running smoothly and people have only been giving compliments as they come in to get the yellow recycling bags.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Jim Brow at 8:40p.m.

Christina Price,
Baroda Township Clerk