

BARODA TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
April 19th, 2021

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday April 19th, 2021 at Baroda Municipal Building at 9091 First St., Baroda and by VIA Zoom. Present were Board Members Dennis Krotzer, James Zobl, David Wolf, Christina Price and Larry Klug, 11 in person audience members and 30 Via Zoom audience members. The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Report- Supervisor Dennis Krotzer read the Police Report from Chief Shawn Martin.

Fire Chief Doug deBest gave the Fire Departments report. He reported that there is a new Firefighter Trainee, Samer Badreddine. He reported total incidents for the month of March 2021 was 8. He reported the total hours of training for March was 300.50 hours, monthly sessions 67 hours, and fire fighter courses 88.50 hours and Webinar Courses 46 hours. Burn Permits requested 17, year to date total is 24. The Fire Departments Donated time in March was 273 hours. Clerk Price mentioned a motion to approve the report since there was a new hire on the Fire Department and David Wolf mentioned that was not necessary.

Firemen Association Fund – Larry Klug mentioned that he was upset that Clerk Price opened the letter to the Firemen’s Association. Clerk Price explained that it was addressed to the Township and Stated it was from the IRS and that anything related to the Township she opens the mail accordingly.

Fire Works Resolution 2021-08 – Larry Klug made a motion to approve the Fire Works Resolution, Dennis Krotzer Seconded. Vote- All yes. Motion carried.

Fire Departments Policy and Procedures – Postponed

Fire Departments Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief Description, Position Descriptions – Postponed

Resident Complaint – Postponed

Quotes for Approval – Larry Klug made a motion to approve quotes to be paid on behalf of the Fire Department that consisted of 3 sets of Turn out Gear, Hose & Ladder Testing, SCBA Flow Testing, Trainee Uniforms, Apparatus Maintenance, Extrication Tool Maintenance, SCBA Bottles Hydro Static Testing, and Annual Fire Firefighter Recognition Awards for a total of \$20,226.14. David Wolf Seconded. Vote-All yes. Motion carried.

Medic One – Supervisor Dennis Krotzer mentioned there was nothing to report

Jessica Ishmael- Reported on behalf of the Lincoln Township Library that January total circulation was 16,491, with Baroda Townships at 991. Jessica also mentioned the Programming that was being offered and that effective April 1st, they closed down quarantine and materials are now checked in same day as their return and processed per their usual procedures.

James Zobl presented the Treasurers report as of March 31st, 2021, Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund = \$335,665.02, Library Fund = \$48,818.74, Road Fund = \$5,152.89, Baroda Police Fund = \$240,072.20, Fire Maintenance Fund = \$165,403.47 Fire Equipment Fund = \$29,041.46, Rubbish Fund = \$249,185.07, Building Fund = \$60,900.31, Water Fund = \$139,248.86 and Tax Fund = \$1229.58. Dennis Krotzer made a motion to accept the Treasures Report as presented, Larry Klug Seconded. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Assessors Report- Supervisor Dennis Krotzer presented the Assessors report from Angie Story.

Christina Price presented the Clerk’s report. After discussion Dennis Krotzer moved to approve the bills report, seconded by James Zobl. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; Dennis Krotzer, David Wolf, James Zobl, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

Clerk Price presented the Budget Amendments for March 2021 to end the Fiscal Year Admendments, after further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Amendments with the correction of General Fund total expense being changed to \$3,950.40, seconded James Zobl. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Price presented the Budget Amendments for April 2021, after further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Amendments, seconded by James Zobl. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried. Clerk Price that she would like to add the Hess Lake Parks Halloween Trial & Treat to the Agenda moving forward for next month.

Maintenance:

Getting rid of broken equipment - Postponed

Maintenance Garage Foundation Issues – Postponed

Grass hopper report – Dennis Krotzer reported that the Grasshopper should be finished soon and that Villwocks had a delay in ordering parts.

Maintenance Truck Damage Report – It was mentioned that damage to the passenger side truck had been reported and was able to be buffed out to look ok.

Hinman Cemetery Tree on Garage– It was reported that a tree fell on the Garage at Hinman Cemetery and that a little roof damaged happened as was repaired.

Unfinished Business –

Tape Recorder – Postponed

Keys to all Buildings – Postponed

Water Contract with Lake Twp. – Postponed

Municipal Building Lights – After further discussion Larry Klug made a motion to hire Beaudoin Electric to re-lamp all the light fixtures in the Municipal Building at time and material. Dennis Krotzer seconded. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals Committee-Postponed

Keys to all Buildings – After further discussion it was decided to get quotes.

X-Mark and quotes for mowers – Supervisor Dennis Krotzer presented multiple quotes for new mowers for the Maintenance Department and after further discussion Larry Klug made a motion to purchase a New Kubota from Ausra Kubota with a Mulch kit for \$14,625.00, with a stipulation from David Wolf that the Townships net income is more than the price of the new mower, seconded by Dennis Krotzer. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Cemetery Phone – Postponed

Maintenance T-Shirts - Postponed

Hess Park Lights –Postponed

New Business –

Interview for Fire Chief Position – Jeff Gaul –

After further discussion and interview process Dennis Krotzer made a motion to appoint Jeff Gaul as Fire Chief, seconded by Christina Price. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; Dennis Krotzer and Christina Price. Voting No, Larry Klug, David Wolf and James Zobl. Motion Did Not Pass (3:2)

After further discussion Larry Klug made a motion along with a stipulation that Jeff Gaul would have to take ICS 400 within one year depending on Covid to be Fire Chief starting May 1st, 2021, seconded by Dennis Krotzer. By Roll Call Vote- Voting Yes; Larry Klug, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, Christina Price. Voting No, James Zobl. Motion Carried (4:1)

Baroda Township Capital Improvements - Postponed

Grants for Ruggles Cemetery Expansion – Clerk Price presented a report on expanding Ruggles Cemetery with adding two more sections E & F, along with a section for Columbarium's and a pole barn for maintenance equipment. She also reported that the Road Department agreed to start adding extra piles of dirt to help fill in the valley at Ruggles Field where the two new sections will be created. Clerk Price also mentioned that she had the maintenance guys dig four feet down in three different locations to see the water line.

Grants for Hess Lake Park Expansion or Improvements – Clerk Price presented the previous 5 year plan wanting to apply for grants for Hess Lake Park. After further discussion she plans to pursue gathering all information to present to the Board over next several months as the main Grant is due April 1st, 2022.

Park Mulch, Sand Box, Bridge, Misc Updates, Park Sign for ramps, Park Swings - Postponed

Cemetery Complaint – Sue Collins – Clerk Price reported that Sue Collins wanted her to report about the mishap of her daughter being buried in her mother’s plot back in 2016 and plans to attend a Board Meeting once she is back in town in a few months.

Concrete Mixer – After Further discussion more information was requested.

Foundation Pricing – Postponed

Water Cooler for Maintenance Garage – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to purchase the water cooler for the Maintenance Garage. Larry Klug Seconded. Vote. All Yes. Motion Carried.

Tree Service Quotes – After further discussion Larry Klug made a motion to approve Hurst Tree Service at Ruggles Cemetery to remove a dead tree North and East of garage and grind tree stump down and at Hinman to trim tree that is on the North side of garage. Dennis Krotzer seconded. Vote. All Yes. Motion Carried.

EMC Statement of Values – Clerk Price presented the EMC Statement of values for review and that she will sign and submit to the insurance company.

PA116 for Daniel Nitz/Arrow Head Vineyards – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the PA116, James Zobl supported. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; Dennis Krotzer, David Wolf, James Zobl, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

Construction Board of Appeals – Supervisor Dennis Krotzer mentioned the Township is still looking for members. He also stated that members should be a licensed Contractor or have background in Building, Mechanical, Electrical or Plumbing.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of the last Township Board Meeting, Budget workshop Meetings. After further discussion Supervisor Dennis Krotzer made a motion to accept the consent agenda. David Wolf Supported. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Supervisors Comments –

None

Audience Comments- Donnie Johnson II made multiple statements and asked multiple questions about the Firemans Assocation Fund, Legals Fees Paid over the last year, Why does the Clerk oversee the Cemeteries, Assistant Fire Chief Position, Residential Complaint against a Fire Fighter. Susan Newcomer – Asked the Clerk and Supervisor how many hours they work a week, in response Clerk works 30 plus hours and Supervisor 5-6 hours a day. Also inquired about future training and had concern about the tension built up in the meetings. Doug deBest stated that he and Larry Klug just received an email from Adam Prosser that he is stepping down as lieutenant and that the Township has lost 70 years of experience with a 1/3 of the Fire Department resigning and Stepping Down in positions.

Dennis Krotzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Christina Price. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:08pm

Christina Price,
Baroda Township Clerk

