

BARODA TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
June 21st, 2021

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday June 21st, 2021 at Hess Lake Parks New Pavilion at 640 Lemon Creek, Baroda. Present were Board Members Dennis Krotzer, David Wolf, Christina Price, Larry Klug and James Zobl by Teleconference. 11 audience members The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest – 12 Members along with Baroda Blossom 2021 Court was present and discussed a little about themselves and thanked the Township for their support.

Guest – Ryan Miller with Wightman did a presentation on Cemetery GIS for the Township. The Clerk will follow up with Ryan for more details and a quote to present the Board.

Police Report- Supervisor Dennis Krotzer read the Police Report from Chief Shawn Martin. He also presented what other Townships are paying for Police services in comparison to Baroda Township, with Baroda being at the lower end. The Village had a speed survey done on Lemon Creek and the results were presented.

Fire Department Report- Fire Chief Jeff Gaul gave the Fire Departments report. He reported total incidents for the month of May 2021 was 11. He reported the total hours of training for May was 66 hours, monthly sessions 53 hours. Certifications Received for State Firefighter 1 & 2, Jessica Walker, Brad Fry & Ric Hoffman. Promotions, Donnie Johnson – Captain, Chris Burch Captain, Andy Adkins-Lieutenant, Sarah Schmaltz – Lieutenant. Burn Permits requested 8, year to date total is 50. The Fire Departments Donated time in May was 41 hours.

Washer – Postponed

Fire Department Radios – Postponed

Fire Departments Policy and Procedures – Postponed & to be presented to the Fire Board for review

Fire Departments Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief Description, Position Descriptions – Postponed & to be presented to the Fire Board for review.

Medic One – Supervisor Dennis Krotzer briefly reviewed the Medic One Minutes.

Supervisor Dennis Krotzer presented Jessica Ishmael Library Report from Lincoln Township. May 2021 total circulation was 12,553, with Baroda Townships at 615. Listed in the report was the Programming that was being offered in June 2021.

Supervisor Dennis Krotzer presented the Treasurers report as of May 31st, 2021, Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund = \$300,847.75, Library Fund = \$58.88, Road Fund = \$4,635.49, Baroda Police Fund = \$188,821.76, Fire Maintenance Fund = \$117,126.64 Fire Equipment Fund = \$28,476.14, Rubbish Fund = \$214,248.35, Building Fund = \$60,844.94, Water Fund = \$145,373.89 and Tax Fund = \$1229.83. 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.

Ordinance Officer Report- Dennis Krotzer presented the report from Officer Koza. Clerk Price reported that there have been complaints about the property next to Ruggles cemetery and if the Board wanted her to send the Ordinance Officer or to see what their plan is to clean up the property. The decision was yes.

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

Clerk Price presented the Budget Amendments for June 2021, after further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Amendments, seconded by David Wolf. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Price presented the Quarterly Budget Report. Clerk Price presented the MTA’s Membership Renewal. After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve paying \$1,944.19, supported by Larry Klug. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried. Clerk Price reported on behalf of the Planning Commission.

Maintenance:

Maintenance Garage Foundation Issues – Postponed

Supervisor Dennis Krotzer reported that someone stole the tire off of the maintenance trailer and a police report was done.

Unfinished Business –

Construction Board of Appeals- Supervisor Dennis Krotzer mentioned that we could have our three members postponed until next meeting.

Park Mulch, Sand Box – After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to hire CR Lawn Service to provide Mulch and Sand for Hess Lake Park, supported by Larry Klug. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

Concrete Mixer – Postponed

Foundation Pricing – Decided to remove from the agenda for now.

Agricultural Building Affidavit – After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to approve the Agricultural Building Affidavit as Amended if a second Notary Signature needs to be added, supported by Dennis Krotzer. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

Water Contract with Lake Twp- Postponed

Hess Park Lights – Supervisor Dennis Krotzer reported that two LED Solar Lights have been installed at the Park and one at the Cemetery.

Zoning Board of Appeals Committee-Postponed

Grants for Ruggles Cemetery expansion- Postponed

Grants for Hess Lake Park expansion or improvements-Postponed

Baroda Township Improvements Program-Postponed

New Business –

Chip and Seal on Keehn Road- Clerk Price reported that Mr. Hurst would like to pay for Chip and seal from Lemon Creek Road to the end of his property on Keehn Rd. The Township would have to pay the Road Department but Mr. Hurst would pay the Township a \$10,000 retainer fee as the project would cost around \$7,000-\$10,000 and the Township would reimburse the difference. After further discussion Mr. Hurst and Supervisor Dennis Krotzer are to work together and get in writing an agreement from the Road Department.

Hess Park Vandalism- Supervisor Dennis Krotzer reported that over a previous weekend there was chalk vandalism in the old pavilion prevented the Berrien County GOP to use the pavilion the rental fee was reimburse and the Berrien County GOP was able to setup outside the pavilion.

Community outreach meeting with Baroda Village – Postpone

American Rescue Plan Acts Proposed Projects – Postpone

Principles of Governance from MTA – Postponed

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of the last Township Board Meeting. After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to accept the consent agenda, supported by Christina Price Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Supervisors Comments – Dennis Krotzer mentioned that audience comments will be enforced until that section

Audience Comments- No Audience Comments

Dennis Krotzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Klug. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm

Christina Price,
Baroda Township Clerk