

**BARODA TOWNSHIP**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9091 First St in the Municipal Buildings meeting room, Baroda. Present were Board Members Dennis Krotzer, David Wolf, Christina Price, William Hurst and Larry Klug. There were 23 audience members. The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guest - Brian Snodgrass** - Maintenance Interview with Brian Snodgrass took place.

**Nimby Pond Fire Works** – Mike and Joe the Owners of the fireworks display company presented that they plan to hold a fireworks Show on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Nimby Pond. They were considering applying for the outdoor assembly permit with the Township in case they were going to go over 999 guests. They plan to speak with the Clerk at a later date. No fees will be charged at the gate it is a free show with donations accepted.

**Library Report**

Deb Christensen presented the Library Report –Deb reported the programs available in April.

**Police Report-** Supervisor Dennis Krotzer read the Police Report from Chief Shawn Martin with a total of 203 calls for March. Lake Twp. had 129, Baroda Twp. 45, Baroda Village 15 and 14 outside our jurisdiction.

**Fire Department Report**

Fire Chief Jeff Gaul gave the Fire Department report. He reported total incidents for the month of March 2022 were 6 and Year to Date is 12. He reported the total hours of training for March was 63.75 hours, monthly sessions 47.75 hours. Burn Permits requested 7, year to date total is 9.

Christina Price reported that the repair for GMC is waiting for the board to decide on whether to go with an off brand or GMC part. The Board decided to wait for the GMC part, since the truck was still drivable.

Christina Price reported that the Fire Department meeting room and kitchen floor needs to be fixed and Dennis Krotzer was to look into the repairs and get estimates.

**Fire Chief Position** – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to reappoint Fire Chief Jeff Gaul for another year as Fire Chief, Christina Price. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; , William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer and Christina Price. Voting No, Larry Klug. 4 to 1 Vote. Motion Carried

**Fire Board** – Currently the Fire Board is seeking to replace Stephanie Weimer as she is moving away for work. It was decided to post on our website, Facebook and post office.

**Fire Department Driveway Cracks** – It was reported that water was funneling down cracks in the driveway. After further discuss David Wolf said that there is not an issue and the way to check is to drag chains across and listen to the difference in sounds.

**Fire Hydrant Rental with the Village- Postponed**

**Washer - 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**

**Medic One** – Supervisor Dennis Krotzer presented Medic Ones report and a summary of 2021-2022.

### **Treasurers Report**

William Hurst presented the Treasurers report as of March, 2022, Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund = \$381,816.69 Library Fund = \$64.57, Road Fund = \$0.00, Baroda Police Fund = \$46,526.12, Fire Maintenance Fund = \$22,382.54 Fire Equipment Fund = \$35,979.53, Rubbish Fund = \$51,218.35 Building Fund = \$61,438.12, Water Fund = \$144,867.23 and Tax Fund = \$16,915.18– Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented, supported by Larry Klug. All yes. Motion Carried.

### **Assessors Report**

No Report

### **Ordinance Officer Report**

No Report

### **Clerks Report**

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

\*Christina Price presented two laptop quotes, one was a refurbished and the other was a new one. After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve buying the Lenovo Think Book from Ravitron for \$1717.40 for the Elections, Seconded by Larry Klug. Vote All Yes. Motion Carried.

\*Christina Price reported that she will be ordering checks for all the new funds at Honor Credit and that it could cost around \$5,500.00.

\*Clerk Price reported that the Planning Commission has a Public Hearing for a rezone at 9296 Cleveland Rd on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. At the Township Board June meeting the Planning Commission should have their recommendation for the Board.

### **Maintenance Report**

Dennis Krotzer reported that he would like to purchase a new weed Wacker with a sweeper attachment from Hollywood Small Engine for the maintenance department. After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve spending up to \$800.00 on a new weed Wacker and sweeper attachment, seconded by Larry Klug. Vote All Yes. Motion Carried.

Dennis Krotzer mentioned that he is receiving quotes for a new Kubota and will report on it at the next meeting.

Dennis Krotzer reported that he would to buy a new metal detector that David Wolf recommended. After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to spend up to \$1000.00 on a new medal detector, seconded by Christina Price. Vote All Yes. Motion Carried.

### **Unfinished Business –**

**Maintenance Garage Foundation Issues – Postponed**

**Welder for Maintenance Department- Postponed**

**Chip and Seal on Keehn Road-Postponed until 2022**

**Water Contract with Lake Twp- Postponed**

**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**

**Hess Lake Park Camera's and light poles-Postponed**

**Road Department Preliminary Road Plans - Postponed**

**Police Millage Renewal Resolution –** The Township Board reported what they voted on at the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Special Board Meeting to Approve the Ballot Language for the August 2, 2022 Primary. The board also mentioned they will have it up for discussion at each meeting to express the importance of passing this millage so the Township and Village can keep the Police protection. The new Millage would be set at 3.3089mills, which is an increase of 1.35mills per each \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized.

**Beaudoin Electrical Proposal for Hess Lake Park Lights** – After further discussion it was decided to get an additional quote for adding lights to both poles that the Township owns per Clerk Christina Price as she reported what AEP told her.

**Cemetery Ordinance** – Christina Price gave a copy of the Cemetery Ordinance and mentioned items that are out date. Dennis Krotzer mentioned he would work on this with Christina and present a draft copy at the next board meeting.

**ARPA-** Dennis Krotzer reported that he is working on the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 deadline for the ARPA Report.

**Broadband** – Dennis Krotzer gave a Broadband Summary report of what he has been working on.

### **New Business –**

**Baroda Fire Works** – Larry Klug presented that the Fireman’s Association will dissolve after this year’s fireworks and would like the Township and Fire Department to take over the responsibility holding this event. Details were discussed and will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**Maintenance Position** – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to hire Brian Snodgrass at \$18.00, seconded by Larry Klug. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; , William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

### **Minutes-**

After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from 3/30/2022 and 4/7/2022, supported by Larry Klug. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

**Supervisors Comments** – None

**Audience Comments** – Paul Steven Jancha was present and talked about how he is running for Berrien County District Court Judge and would appreciate the support.  
Teri Freehling was present and spoke briefly about Broadband.

Supervisor Dennis Krotzer made a motion end the meeting at 8:53pm, seconded by Christina Price. Vote-All Yes- Motion Carried.

Christina Price,  
Baroda Township Clerk