

**BARODA TOWNSHIP**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 9091 First St in the Municipal Buildings meeting room, Baroda. Present were Board Members Dennis Krotzer, Christina Price, William Hurst and Larry Klug. Absent was David Wolf . There were 12 audience members. The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guest-** Craig Pike, Pike Funeral Home – Presented an offer to the Township Board asking to let him buy 8 plots at Ruggles Cemetery so he could install a 48 Niche Columbarium. Presented was a quote of all the cost for Pike Funeral Home to install the Columbarium. There would be no cost or maintenance to the Township. After further discussion the Township Board decided to review the information and discuss it at the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Board Meeting.

**Police Report-** Dennis Krotzer read the Police Report from Chief Shawn Martin with a total of 229 calls for October 2022. Lake Twp. had 143, Baroda Twp. 63, Baroda Village 23 and 5 outside our jurisdiction.

**Fire Department Report**

\*Fire Fighter Tom Giudice gave the Fire Department report. He reported total incidents for the month of October 2022 were 11 and Year to Date is 46. He reported the total hours of training for October were 54 hours. Burn Permits requested 9, year to date total is 55. October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Tele-rad was at the Fire Department on October 18<sup>th</sup> to install 7 mobile radios in trucks and one base station radio. Baroda Fire Department participated in the Trail and Treat event on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Baroda Fire Department hosted an open house for Halloween Night. Motorola invoice was mentioned with no new information.

\*There was brief discussion from Larry Klug about the remainder of the Firemen’s Association money that will go towards the Fire Department in some manner. Tom Giudice also reported that the fire department will be hosting the County Fire Fighters Association on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He will be purchasing food and beverages for the party. Clerk Price mentioned that there is a budget for these items under the Fire Maintenance Budget and Larry Klug mentioned that for now receipts could be turned into Rich Herrman for Reimbursement from the Fireman’s Association Account.

\*Clerk Price presented two roof quotes from Mitch Sluder Construction for the Fire Department. This will be revisited at the December Meeting.

\*There was brief discussion about the washer for the fire department and replacing the fire departments meeting room floor. This will be discussed at the December meeting.

**Fireworks Donations and Update** – It was reported that half of the Fireworks donation was paid for 2023.

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

**Medic One** – No report

**Library Report**

The library report for October 2022. Baroda Check out Counts for October 2022 was reported at 632 based on the population 2,835. Upcoming program spotlight – Sports card day Saturday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> former Detroit Tigers star Willie Horton will be signing autographs. \$5 bag sale on Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Deb Christiansen who has been with the library for 26 years is retiring. New Finance Specialist will be Dana Conard.

**Assessors Report-** Dennis Krotzer read the Assessors report for November 2022.

### **Treasurers Report**

William Hurst presented the Treasurers report as of October, 2022, Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund =Honor Credit Union \$581,128.75 & Huntington Account is closed and reflects \$199.70 in checks never cashed, Library Fund = Honor Credit Union \$4,118.22, Road Fund =Honor Credit Union \$41,313.73, Baroda Police Fund = Honor Credit Union \$102,000.34, Fire Maintenance Fund = Honor Credit Union \$174,746.22 Fire Equipment Fund = Honor Credit Union \$15,621.04 Rubbish Fund = Honor Credit Union \$137,175.26, Ambulance Fund = Honor Credit Union \$24,204.02, Building Fund = Honor Credit Union \$68,253.56 Huntington is closed, Water Fund = Honor Credit Union \$143,856.17, and Tax Fund = Honor Credit Union \$44,126.47 – Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented, supported by Larry Klug . Vote. All yes. Motion Carried.

### **Ordinance Officer Report**

No Report

### **Clerks Report**

\*Christina Price presented itemized credit card report with copies of all receipts that will be stated in the bills 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, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

\* **Christina Price presented the Budget Amendments for November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.** Dennis Krotzer moved, seconded by Larry Klug to amend the Baroda Township Budget as presented. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

\* **Christina Price presented the Quarterly Budget Report**

\***Christina Price reported that the Planning Commission** is has decided to receive quote from other companies for the Master Plan update.

\***Trail and Treat update** – Christina Price reported that she has collected a total amount of \$1421.25 in donations which includes the \$300.00 from the Township. Total Expenses was \$996.13 with a carry over of \$425.12. She reported that the event was a success with about 1500 people attending, they did run out of candy and had to go get more, hotdogs ran out about 4:30pm. Parking was an issue that was corrected right away with redirecting them into the field. Lessons learned for next year is that we will need more candy, volunteers, and more parking. She mentioned that this event could not have happened without all the donations and support from all the volunteers and a round of applause was given. She was presented a pile of thank you letters to be signed by the Board Members to the people that donated to the event.

### **Maintenance Report**

Dennis Krotzer mentioned that the guys are working on leaf pickup

Dennis Krotzer presented quotes for tree removal at Hess Park and Ruggles Cemetery After further discussion Larry Klug made a motion to spend up to \$11,000 dollars based off of the tree selected on the quote, seconded by William Hurst. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

Christina Price – Mentioned the cemetery phone contract and that the Board should investigate cancelling it, Dennis Krotzer mentioned discussing it at a later date and adding it the agenda.

### **Unfinished Business –**

**Maintenance Garage Foundation Issues – Postponed**

**Welder for Maintenance Department- Postponed**

**Water Contract with Lake Twp- Postponed**

**Grants for Ruggles Cemetery expansion- Postponed**

**Grants for Hess Lake Park expansion or improvements-Postponed**

**Baroda Township Improvements Program-Postponed**

**Cemetery Ordinance Draft – Postponed**

**Broadband** – William Hurst and Dennis Krotzer presented a letter to the Board that they plan to send out to the 120 qualifying residents that can receive Broadband based off of Oronoko’s Broadband installation that borders the Township. After further discussion Larry Klug made a motion for send the letters and pay for the postage for sending them out, seconded by Dennis Krotzer. Vote All Yes-Motion Carried.

**Masterplan- Already discussed above.**

**Look into additional funds for Medic One** – Dennis Krotzer mentioned this would be something to look into in the near future.

**Look into additional funds for Police Department** – Dennis Krotzer mentioned this will be a discussion closer to the time when the Police Department does their yearly budget.

**Lake Township Sewer Contract** – Dennis Krotzer reported that currently there are eight hookups into Lake Township. After further discussion majority of the Board Members wanted to investigate the contract more with a supporting document from the Dennis Krotzer.

### **New Business –**

Baroda American Legion Christmas in the Village – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to do a community promotion for \$300 for this event, seconded by Larry Klug. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

Miss Baroda Scholarship – After further discussion it was decided not to join in this as the Township already does a community promotion of a \$1000.00.

Ruggles Cemetery Headstone – Christina Price mentioned that a request for a temporary wooden cross headstone be in place for a loved one that just passed away until the permanent headstone is in place. The Board Member would like to know a time frame.

### **Minutes-**

After further discussion William Hurst made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from 10/17/2022 and a Special Meeting on 10/26/2022, supported by Larry Klug. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

**Supervisors Comments** – None

**Audience Comments** –Cindy Shepard asked questions about the proposal for the Columbarium and Audra Johnson asked questions about her husband’s payroll check not showing a breakdown.

Dennis Krotzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm, seconded by Larry Klug. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Christina Price,  
Baroda Township Clerk