

**BARODA TOWNSHIP**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Baroda Township Board met on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9091 First St in the Municipal Buildings meeting room, Baroda. Present were Board Members Dennis Krotzer, Christina Price, William Hurst, Larry Klug and David Wolf . There were audience members. The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Library Report**

The library report for December 2022. Baroda Check out Counts for December, 2022 was reported at 604 based on the population 2,835. Services: Creativebug is now available to anyone who has a library card, it gives you unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes. Library Board Meeting is on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Friends of the Library book sale is February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Police Report-** Dennis Krotzer read the Police Report from Chief Shawn Martin with a total of 218 calls for December 2022. Lake Twp. had 117, Baroda Twp. 65, Baroda Village 25 and 11 outside our jurisdiction. Lieutenant Wesley Koza was present to answer any audience or Board questions. An annual Police Report was reported as well.

**Fire Department Report**

- Assistant Fire Chief Chris Burch gave the Fire Department report. He reported total incidents for the month of December 2022 were 7 and year to date was 58. He reported the total hours of training for December were 98 hours, in House 42 and Outside 56. Burn Permits requested 1, year to date total is 58. December Facebook Page Results were reported with a significant rise in page reaches since November. December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Fire Department hosted the Berrien County Fire Fighter Association Meeting. February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the Fire Department will hold their annual awards dinner at the Baroda American Legion, more details to come. Donnie Johnson reported that in memory of his Father-in-Law Dave Rhodes a \$100 donation is being made by ~~his mother in Law Marion Rhodes~~ Robert and Janet Hahn.

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

**Medic One** – Dennis Krotzer mentioned there will be more of a report to give next month.

**Assessors Report-** Dennis Krotzer read the Assessors report for January 2023.

**Treasurers Report**

William Hurst presented the Treasurers report as of December, 2022, Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund =Honor Credit Union \$577,960.90, Library Fund = Honor Credit Union \$4,119.25, Road Fund =Honor Credit Union \$26,624.03, Baroda Police Fund = Honor Credit Union \$102,000.34, Fire Maintenance Fund = Honor Credit Union \$148,388.78 Fire Equipment Fund = Honor Credit Union \$15,621.04 Rubbish Fund = Honor Credit Union \$96,135.26, Ambulance Fund = Honor Credit Union \$19,275.69, Building Fund = Honor Credit Union \$71,661.69, Water Fund = Honor Credit Union \$143,912.96, and Tax Fund = Honor Credit Union \$405,724.65 – David Wolf 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 an 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 David Wolf moved to approve the bills report, 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

\* **Christina Price presented the Budget Amendments for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** Dennis Krotzer moved, seconded by William Hurst to amend the Baroda Township Budget as presented. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

\***Christina Price reported that the Planning Commission** is getting quotes from Williams and works, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and Wightmans. At this point they are still not sure about where the Village stands with a joint Parks or Master Plan.

### **Maintenance Report**

Dennis Krotzer reported that they have been working on shredding all the Treasurer documents.

### **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 updated the Board on Broadband. After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve him of applying for a credit line up to \$200,000 for the Township in case there is a need of additional matching funds and to spend up to \$1,000 on the application process with the approval from the Townships Attorney saying that it is legal for the Township to take a loan out and if approved no monies shall be spent unless the Board votes to approve spending the funds, seconded by David Wolf. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

**Masterplan- Already discussed above.**

**Look into additional funds for Medic One – Postponed**

**Lake Township Sewer Contract** – The Township Attorney made changes to the contract in Section 6. (B) and after further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Sewer Contract with Lake Township as amended, seconded by David Wolf. Vote All-Yes. Motion Carried.

**Municipal Building Garage** – Dennis Krotzer reported that he will have Wightman locate the garage drain and received a quote to install a drain line for the Fire Department to install a washer that the expense will come from the Fire Maintenance Fund.

### **New Business –**

**BOR (RE) Appointment** – Dennis Krotzer made a motion to Re-appoint the current BOR Board members as follows Mark Schutze, Gary Campbell, Audra Johnson, Barb Sukys, seconded by the Larry Klug. Vote All-Yes Motion Carried.

**Drain Report** – Dennis Krotzer presented Year End Report from the Drain Commissioner on all the drains worked on.

### **Minutes-**

After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from 12/19/2022, supported by Larry Klug. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

**Supervisors Comments – None**

**Audience Comments –None**

Dennis Krotzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm, Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Christina Price,  
Baroda Township Clerk