

BARODA TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
February 20th, 2023

The Baroda Township Board met on Wednesday, February 20th, 2023 at 9091 First St in the Municipal Buildings meeting room, Baroda. Present were Board Members Dennis Krotzer, Christina Price, William Hurst, Larry Klug by VIA Phone(non-voting) and David Wolf. There were 10 audience members. The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Library Report

The library report for January 2023 was reported by, Director Joelle Wake. Baroda Check out Counts for January, 2023 was reported at 628 based on the population 2,835. Upcoming services: Friends of the Library bag sale is Feb 25 from 10am-12pm. Rocket Languages is now being offered to members, each program is 90-120 hours of interactive instruction, grammar and culture lessons.

Police Report- Dennis Krotzer read the Police Report from Chief Shawn Martin with a total of 185 calls for January 2023. Lake Twp. had 118, Baroda Twp. 40, Baroda Village 20 and 7 outside our jurisdiction. Lieutenant Wesley Koza was present to answer any audience or Board questions.

Fire Department Report

- Fire Chief Jeff Gaul gave the Fire Department report. He reported total incidents for the month of January 2023 were 2 and year to date was 2. He reported the total hours of training for January were 82 hours, in House 66.5 and Outside 16. Burn Permits requested 1, year to date total is 1. On February 4, 2023 a White Elephant Auction was held at the Fire Departments Appreciation Dinner which raised \$1,475.00, which was divided between the Department and Baroda Lions.

Fire Hydrant Rental with the Village- Postponed

Medic One – Dennis Krotzer mentioned that there will be a 5% increase for the annual contribution to Medic One.

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

Treasurers Report

William Hurst presented the Treasurers report as of January 2023, Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund = \$550,698.56, Library Fund = \$4,119.77, Road Fund = \$26,624.03, Baroda Police Fund = \$14,500.34, Fire Maintenance Fund = \$139,081.31, Fire Equipment Fund = \$6,609.56 Rubbish Fund = \$76,664.26, Ambulance Fund = \$16,811.53, Building Fund = \$74,189.96 Water Fund = \$143,941.82, and Tax Fund = 143,941.82 – David Wolf made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented, supported by Christina Price . 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 William Hurst. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

* **Christina Price presented the Budget Amendments for February 20th, 2023.** Dennis Krotzer moved, seconded by David Wolf 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. The Planning Commission did not meet in January. Christina Price presented the Annual Planning Commission report for 2022.

*Letter from the Seniors was presented in regards to community promotions since they are meeting again. After further discussion Christina Price made a motion to give the Seniors \$600.00 starting in April 2023, seconded by David Wolf. Vote. All yes. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report

Dennis Krotzer reported that he received a quote from Ausra Kubota for a new Kubota diesel mower for \$17,800.00 that is needed for the Park and Cemetery since the x-mark is no longer working and the Grasshopper is having maintenance issues as well and stays at Hinman Cemetery.

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. Currently MEC and Comcast are submitting bids by March 14th with multiple meetings to take place before with each of them. William Hurst wants to learn more about the equipment at the Cemetery and Park and will go look at everything before the next meeting. It was also discussed to decide on the mower deck size as Christina Price mentioned that there are tight spots between headstones at the cemetery.

Look into additional funds for Medic One – Postponed

Lake Township Sewer Contract – Dennis Krotzer reported that there is a different contract being worked on since lake Township did not agree with the previous one. The current one is from Buchanan City.

Copy Machine – Presented the quote again from Parrett for a new copy machine that was previously budgeted for, for the new fiscal budget year. The Supervisor wants to vote to approve at the March Meeting.

New Business –

Township Office Hours and Meeting Dates – Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Township Office Hours and Meeting dates as presented, seconded by William Hurst. Vote All-Yes. Motion Carried.

Holiday Schedule – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Holiday Schedule as amended with correcting July 4th, Monday to Tuesday, seconded by David Wolf. Vote All – Yes. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission Meeting Dates – Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Dates, seconded by David Wolf. Vote All-Yes. Motion Carried.

Fire Board Meeting Dates – Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Fire Board Meeting Dates as amended by correcting the dates to 2023-2024, seconded by David Wolf. Vote All-Yes. Motion Carried.

Police Board Meeting dates presented and discussed from Baroda Lake Police Department.

Hungerford Nichols Service Contract for year ending March 2023 – After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to approve the annual Audit Service Contract from Hungerford Nichols for \$19,900.00 which is a 6.5% increase from last year, supported by Dennis Krotzer. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

Michiana Recycling Changes – Dennis Krotzer and Christina Price reported that they met with Larry Stallings the new District Manager of Michiana Recycling that was recently bought out by LRS. With the new ownership LRS plans to get rid of the Yellow Recycling Bags and deliver Recycling Cans to all residents the week of March 13th, 2023. There was discussion to have them send out notifications to all residents. The new changes will be posted on the website and Facebook.

Minutes-

After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to accept the minutes as amended 1/11/2023, 1/12/2023, 1/23/23 and 2/15/2023, supported by Dennis Krotzer. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

Supervisors Comments – None

Audience Comments –There was discussion about the property the Township is looking into to purchase possibly for the Fire Department and Township. There also was discussion about the Township being at its 100-year anniversary. The question was what date was the Township Established and if the Board plans on celebrating?

Dennis Krotzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8.22pm, supported by David Wolf, Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Christina Price,
Baroda Township Clerk