

BARODA TOWNSHIP  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2023

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 9091 First St. in the Municipal Building meeting room, Baroda. Present were Board Members Dennis Krotzer, William Hurst, Larry Klug, and David Wolf, Absent was Christina Price. Taking minutes was Deputy Clerk Wendie Shafer There were 13 audience members.

Dennis Krotzer opened the meeting at 6:58, leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He moved to postpone from the agenda the Open Public Hearing regarding Salary Resolutions, Budget Adoption, and the General Appropriations Act. The motion was seconded by Larry Klug. Vote – All Yes. Motion Carried

**Library Report**

The Library report for February 2023 was given by a substitute. Baroda residents checked out 1,032 items from the library. Services include the availability of Kitchen and Cooking Library of things, STREAM kits are available for check out. Patrons have access to over 4,000 e-magazines. The Friends of the Library book sale is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Department Reports**

Wes Koza gave the Police Department Report. He said there had been 164 calls total for the Department with 35 Calls in Baroda Township and 14 calls in Baroda Village.

Chief Jeff Gaul gave the Fire Department Report. He said there had been three calls in February. One call was a structure fire on Lincoln Ave., one was for a strange odor at 8836 Stevensville Baroda Rd. and the third was for an oven fire on Russell Rd. Three instances Auto aid were received. Training consisted of 40 in house hours and 16 outside hours totaling 56 hours. SCBA checks and battery replacements were mad on all packs and facemasks. Training for Fire Safety/Electrical Lines down was held. Three Burn Permits were approved. In February the Fire Dept. trained the Tractor safety class in the use of fire extinguishers. Support 280 was sent to the funeral of Paw Paw Fire Dept. Lt. Ethan Quinn. Engine 220 and crew reported to Van Buren County for standby for Depts. attending the funeral. The annual Fire Appreciation Dinner was held and \$1737.00 was raised by a White Elephant Auction.

**Medic One**

This item was postponed due to the bylaws will being reviewed on Thursday.

**Assessor's Report**

The Assessor's report was no available.

**Treasurer's Report**

William Hurst presented the Treasurer's report as of February 2023, Baroda Township funds had cash balances as follows: General Fund= \$544,052.80, Library Fund=,134.04, Road Fund = \$26,627.504, Baroda Police Fund = \$14,555.77, Fire Maintenance Fund =\$135,067.75, Fire Equipment Fund = \$5275.26, Rubbish Fund = \$57,193.26, Ambulance Fund =\$14,350.15, Building Fund = \$75,275.72, Water Fund = \$143,967.88. Dennis Krotzer moved, seconded by Davie Wolf to approve the Treasurer's report. Vote All yes. Motion Carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Dennis Krotzer presented the Bills Report and asked if there were any questions. No one replied. Larry Klug moved, seconded by David Wolf to approve the bills report. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Amendments were presented by Dennis Krotzer, no one offered discussion, Larry Klug moved, seconded by David Wolf to approve the proposed amendments. By roll call vote – Voting Yes were William Hurt, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer and Larry Klug. Voting No – None. Motion Carried.

Wendie Shafer gave a Planning Commission update stating that the Commissioners were given the quotes for the master plan and are to contact Christina with their input. It was the consensus of the P.C. members that they would like to Cooperate with the Village regarding Parks and Recreation grants, and do the master plan separately from the Village.

Dennis Krotzer explained the Insurance Company Reimbursement for training.

The April 1<sup>st</sup> Insurance bills were presented by Dennis Krotzer. After brief discussion Dennis Krotzer moved, seconded by Larry Klug to pay the bills as presented. By Roll call vote – Voting YES were Dennis Krotzer, William Hurst, David Wolf, and Larry Klug. Voting NO – none. Motion Carried.

Dennis Krotzer explained that the Township will pay to have 5 acres of the Zilke property assessed and that Roger Zilke will pay for the survey. Dennis Krotzer moved, seconded by David Wolf to pay for assessment of the designated portion of the Zilke property. By Roll Call Vote – Voting YES were Dennis Krotzer, William Hurst, David Wolf, and Larry Klug. Voting NO – None. Motion Carried.

Dennis Krotzer gave a broadband update.

Discussion on a request for a Copy Machine was postponed.

### **New Business**

Dennis Krotzer asked William Hurst whether there were sufficient funds in the General Fund to finish paying off the roof. He answered there are enough funds to cover the cost. Dennis Krotzer moved, seconded by Larry Klug to pay off the roof in the current year end. By Roll Call Vote – Voting YES were William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Larry Klug, Voting NO -None. Motion Carried.

Discussion on the proposal to have security cameras installed at the Park was held. Several questions were raised, needing answers. There was no vote on having them installed.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new zero-turn mower for the Park/Cemetery Maintenance. It was reported the cost would be \$17,800 plus extra parts. Dennis Krotzer moved, Seconded by Larry Klug to approve the purchase of the mower. By Roll Call Vote – Voting YES – William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Larry Klug. Voting NO – None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding an ordinance and application for renewing the contract with Michigan Gas utilities. Dennis Krotzer recommended this be moved to the upcoming special meeting to review the existing ordinance.

It was reported that the Building Department has requested the purchase of two new computers. During discussion, it was suggested that quotes be received for the cost.

The Appointment of the Fire Chief was postponed.

A bill from Election Resource for \$440 for Tabulator maintenance was presented by Wendie Shafer. Dennis Krotzer moved, seconded by Larry Klug to approve the payment of the invoice. Vote – All Yes. Motion Carried.

There was discussion about the new recycling carts. Some audience members were not in favor of the additional cart.

**Adjournment**

At 8:01 p.m. Dennis Krotzer moved, seconded by David Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Vote All Yes.  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by  
Deputy Clerk,

Wendie Shafer