

Minutes of the Baroda Twp. Fire Board Meeting February 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board Chairman David Wolf

Present: David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, Amy Covington, Dennis Varo, Jeff Gaul

Audience: Chris Burch, Thomas Giudice, Kevin Burkhart, Rich Herman, Christina Price, Matt Johnson, Donnie Johnson, Audra Johnson

Minutes of the 1/10/2023 meeting were distributed & accepted as amended. Motion by Covington, second by Krotzer passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business-Fire Chief Interviews

Four current Fire Dept. Members applied for the position of Fire Chief. Jeff Gaul (current Chief), Chris Burch, Donnie Johnson & Kevin Burkhart. Copies of the letters received from the 4 candidates is attached. Prior to the meeting the Fire Board developed questions for each applicant, a copy of the questions is attached. Each candidate was asked the same questions while the other 3 candidates waited in another part of the building. The order of candidate interviews was Jeff Gaul, Donnie Johnson, Kevin Burkhart & Chris Burch. The 4 interviews took over an hour & ended at approx. 8:15.

After some discussion it was moved by Varo & seconded by Krotzer to go into a closed session for the candidates to discuss the applicants'.

Motion approved to go into closed session at 8:17

After returning to the meeting room it was moved by Wolf & seconded by Covington to return to our open session.

Motion approved to return to the open session at 8:29

Motion was made by Krotzer to appoint Jeff Gaul as the new Fire Chief, the motion died for lack of support.

Motion was made by Varo to appoint Donnie Johnson as the new Fire Chief, seconded by Wolf. Motion supported by Varo & Wolf & not supported by Krotzer & Covington.

Motion was made by Covington to appoint Chris Burch as the new Fire Chief, seconded by Krotzer. Motion supported by Covington & Krotzer & not supported by Wolf & Varo.

Because the Fire Board was one member short (the Village Representative) there was no one available to break the tie vote. It was suggested by Chairman Wolf that the Fire Board forward two names to the Township Board for them to make the final decision. (The Twp. has 5 members so a split or tie vote is impossible) The Fire Board concurred.

Audience Comments

Rich Herman thanked the Board for their service & efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM by Wolf & Krotzer

Next Meeting is April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM