

**BARODA TOWNSHIP**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9091 First St., in the Municipal Buildings meeting room, Baroda. Present were Board Members William Hurst, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Absent was David Wolf. There were 17 audience members. The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guest – Miss Baroda Court** – Krista Wolf, Miss Baroda Scholarship Pageant Chair was present with the Court. Mrs. Wolf reported about the Activities that the Court attends all year long, the fundraising and time donated to the Community. The Court thanked the Township Board Members for their support. There is concern with being able to store the Baroda Float and Ideas were spoke about.

**Guest - Representative Brad Paquette** – Christina Price Invited Representative Brad Paquette to attend the Township Meeting to discuss House Bills 5120, 5121, 5516, 5438. There was also discussion about funding in his next term for Municipalities not having funding or grant opportunities for Cemeteries. Rep. Paquette presented and read a recognition plaque to Marissa Freehling for being Miss Baroda 2024 and Amri Kuhn for being Miss Spirit of Blossomtime 2024.

**Guest – Lora Freehling Register of Deeds Berrien County Office**- Lora Freehling was present to introduce herself and talk about her position and additional information about Registration of Deeds. She also talked about Property Alert, which is a free notification service that alerts subscribers via email each time a new document is recorded in Berrien County.

**Library Report**

Director Joelle Wake was present to give the Lincoln Township Library Report. I was reported that for May 2024 total check outs were 13,140 and 708 of them are Baroda residents. Services: LTPL now has access to Comics Plus, Summer Adventure Program for Adults, Teens, and Kids. She also talked about Operations/finance and upcoming programs.

**Police Report-** Dennis Krotzer read the Police Report from Chief Shawn Martin with a total of 287 calls for May 2024. Lake Twp. had 166, Baroda Twp. 74, Baroda Village 29 and 18 outside our jurisdiction.

**Fire Department Report**

- Fire Chief Chris Burch gave the Fire Department report. He reported total incidents for the month of May 2024 were 5 and year to date was 26. He reported the total hours of training for May were 100 hours. Total Burn Permits for the month were 15 and year to date was 60. Other items discussed: Accomplished Department, New Goals, Department needs, Smoke Alarm Install Program.
- Fire Works Fire Department – It was presented that the Fire Department would like to sell Hotdogs, Chips and Water for \$5.00. Auxiliary Member Audra Johnson presented price list for Hotdogs it was decided to go with the more expensive all beef Hotdogs. After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve spending up to \$1000.00 on food and supplies, supported by Larry Klug. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.
- Fireworks Report – It was reported that \$3,434.48 was carried over, total collected so far is \$18,992.28, cash on hand is \$22,426.76. Anticipated bills: Balance to Fireworks Supplier \$ 12,600, Golf Carts \$400, Food and Water \$500.
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**Medic One** – None

**Assessors Report-** None

### **Treasurers Report**

William Hurst presented the Treasurers report as of May 2024, Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: All funds and CDs are with Honor Credit Union:

<b>General Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$189,476.57</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$487,292.71</b>
<b>Library Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$6431.44</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$5130.14</b>
<b>Road Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$4687.86</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$81,350.29</b>
<b>Baroda Police Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$8,806.23</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$307,517.19</b>
<b>Fire Maintenance Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$25,942.98</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$258,846.30</b>
<b>Fire Equipment Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$29,200.83</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$181,200.20</b>
<b>Rubbish Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$33,090.73</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$214,836.19</b>
<b>Ambulance Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$5,333.57</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$61,162.32</b>
<b>Building Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$15,074.35</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$51,234.74</b>
<b>Water Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$8,106.58</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$138,176.83</b>
<b>Tax Fund =</b>	<b>Cash Balance, \$7,751.11</b>	<b>CD Balance, \$15,229.87</b>

– Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented, supported by Larry Klug. Vote. All Yes. Motion Carried.

- Berrien Resa, LMC, Lakeshore Public School Tax Collection Agreements. After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve these agreements as presented, supported by Larry Klug. Vote- All yes. Motion Carried.
- Cemetery Discussion – Bill Hurst presented numbers showing the Township running a deficit on Maintenance for cemetery and Potential Expansion and GIS System. After further discussion it was decided that Bill and Christina will work on the Cemetery rate increases and amending the Cemetery Ordinance.

### **Ordinance Officer Report**

No Report

### **Clerks Report**

- **Christina Price has the Credit Card packets available for review on the table** 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 Larry Klug. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried
- **Budget Amendments-** After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve Junes Budget Amendments, support by William Hurst. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.
- **Quarterly Budget Report** – The report was presented for the Boards records.
- **Planning Commission-** Christina Price reported that she would like the Board to briefly review the CIP for the Master Plan. After further discussion it was recommended to add the Fire Departments Project.
- **Election Inspector Update** - Christina Price reported that the August Election is being planned and everything is going smoothly.
- **Auditors Depreciation List** – Christina Price presented the Depreciation List from the Auditors. She mentioned she would like to support to get rid of everything that is not being used and older. The Board is in support.

### **Maintenance Report**

- None

### **Building Department**

- Solar Panel Ordinance – Postponed
- BS&A Building Department - Postponed

### **Unfinished Business –**

**Hess Lake Park Maintenance List –Postponed**

**Hess Lake Park Old Pavilion Door Quote** – It was decided to review these quotes next month and look into the concrete floor repair.

**Cemetery Project** – Christina Price presented the Preliminary Draft for the Cemetery Expansion. There was discussion on what the easement and drain tile on the South end of the field. It was mentioned that Larry Klug may need to talk to the engineers.

**Cemetery GIS System** – Christina Price presented a new quote from Jamie Way. This quote was about \$12,000 cheaper than Wightman. After further discussion it was decided to wait until next month once Christina asks what the quote would be if the Township helps with some of the Data Entry.

**Broadband Update** – William Hurst gave a brief update and mentioned the project is under way and should be finished in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

**Cleveland Road Property-** Waiting on a letter from Hophead farms to move forward.

**Stanley Steamer/Heaven Scent Quotes** – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve Heaven Scents Quotes for Cleaning the Floors, Carpets and Chairs at the Municipal Building, supported by Larry Klug. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried.

**Drain Meeting for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10am John Drains -** Additional Reminder that on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Drain Commission and Board of Determination will be holding a meeting about the consolidation of the Drains to the John Drain.

### **New Business –**

**Hess Lake Park Incident** – The incident at Hess Lake Park and a Resident shooting a gun at the Lake water was discussed. It was also discussed if the Township Board should ban this person from the park. It was discussed that they would take legal advice from the Township's Attorney.

**Hess Lake Park Dog Complaint** – There was a complaint of people having large dogs at the park. This person is concerned for the safety for people because this dog almost attacked him, even when the dog was on a leash. This will be discussed more later.

### **Minutes-**

After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/28/2024, supported by William Hurst. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

### **Audience Comments –**

- Albert Mais was present to introduce himself and ask for support as he is running for 5<sup>th</sup> District Judge.
- Teri Freehling – Mentioned that the John Drains project is at \$75, 000 for the Engineering so far. She also mentioned the Berrien County 911 Public Service Renewal that will be on the August Ballot.

### **Supervisors Comments – None**

Dennis Krotzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm, supported by Larry Klug Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Christina Price,  
Baroda Township Clerk