

BARODA TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
February 24th, 2025

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday February 24th, 2025 at 9091 First St., in the Municipal Buildings meeting room, Baroda. Present were Board Members William Hurst, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug (By Phone Non-Voting Member), David Wolf and Christina Price. There were 4 audience members. The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Library Report

Director Joelle Wake was present to give the Lincoln Township Library Report. It was reported that for January 2025 total check outs were 15,363 and 751 of them are Baroda residents. Upcoming Program spotlights were discussed.

Police Report- Dennis Krotzer read the Police Report from Chief Shawn Martin with a total of 263 calls for January 2025. Lake Twp. had 167, Baroda Twp. 64, Baroda Village 13 and 19 outside our jurisdiction.

Fire Department Report

- Fire Chief Chris Burch gave the Fire Department report. He reported total incidents for the month of January 2025.
- Strefling Property Purchase Agreement – After further discussion, Dennis Krotzer made a motion to have William Hurst sign on his behalf incase he is not able to attend the closing for the Strefling property, seconded by David Wolf. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried
- Fire Chief Appointment or Re-Appointment- After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to reappoint Chris Burch as Fire Chief, supported by Dennis Krotzer. Vote. All Yes. Motion Carried.

Medic One – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve Resolution 25-4 for Adopting the Restated Articles of Incorporation of Community Emergency Service as Amended, seconded by David Wolf. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried.

Assessors Report- Dennis Krotzer reported that BOR will be taking place in March 2025.

Treasurers Report

William Hurst presented the Treasurers report as of January 2025 Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: All funds and CDs are with Honor Credit Union:

General Fund =	Cash Balance, \$25,375.16	CD Balance, \$567,377.49
Library Fund =	Cash Balance, \$2,930.45	CD Balance, \$4,034.97
Road Fund =	Cash Balance, \$4,631.51	CD Balance, \$60,525.56
Baroda Police Fund =	Cash Balance, \$10,355.80	CD Balance, \$2,775.87
Fire Maintenance Fund =	Cash Balance, \$6,840.56	CD Balance, \$191,795.06
Fire Equipment Fund =	Cash Balance, \$15,488.53	CD Balance, \$181,575.89
Rubbish Fund =	Cash Balance, \$7,576.70	CD Balance, \$85,974.80
Ambulance Fund =	Cash Balance, \$4,577.28	CD Balance, \$44,617.11
Building Fund =	Cash Balance, \$10,080.27	CD Balance, \$45,454.49
Water Fund =	Cash Balance, \$2,469.43	CD Balance, \$146,269.49
Tax Fund =	Cash Balance, \$50,948.42	CD Balance, \$848,486.70

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

- School Tax Agreements: Treasurer, William Hurst will look into the option of increasing the administrative fee for the School Tax Agreements.

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.
- **Balance Sheet Reports - Postponed**
- **Christina Price presented the Bills Report.** After discussion Dennis Krotzer moved to approve the bills report, seconded by David Wolf. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried
- **Planning Commission-** Christina Price Presented the 2024 Annual Planning Commission Report.
- **Cemetery GIS Report** – Christina Price reported that she had a video conference with Jamie Way to see how the programming is coming along. Everything looks to be going well and they are working out all the details. The foot work will happen when the weather clears.

Maintenance Report

- Dennis Krotzer reported that the Maintenance Supervisor/Head Sexton may have to serve at the Border for his Military Duties. In his absence Butch Critzer and the Village Maintenance would step in to cover funerals or snow plowing.

Building Department

- **Solar Panel Ordinance** – Postponed
- **Building Department Admin Fees** – A report was submitted for the balance of Admin fees to be paid to the Clerk for the rest of 2024 from 12/17/2024 to 2/24/2025 for a total of \$3,250.00. After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve paying the Clerk the Building Department Admin Fee for the rest of 2024 to current 2/24/2025 for the amount of \$3, 250.00, seconded by William Hurst. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

Unfinished Business –

- **Hess Lake Park Old Pavilion Door– Postponed for a Grant**
- **Broadband Update** – None
- **Sage Customer Support** – Postponed
- **Hess Lake Park Vegetation Removal** – Postponed Until Budget time.
- **Park WIFI-** It was reported that once the snow is off the ground the installation will continue.
- **Broadband-** MEC Invoice – After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to approve paying MEC for the installation of Fiber Optic through the whole Township for \$197,944.00 from the ARPA Funds, seconded by Dennis Krotzer. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried
- **CGA Update** – Dennis Krotzer reported that the CGA will be meeting here at the Municipal Building on Wednesday February 26th, 2025 at 6:00pm.

New Business –

- **Road Agreement** – Dennis Krotzer presented a Construction Road Agreement for 2025 from the Berrien County Road Department. After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve signing the agreement and paying the contracted amounts of \$110,896.00, seconded by David Wolf. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried
- **New Owners for Strefling Pumps** – A letter from Strefling Oil Company was presented stating that they no longer own the Strefling Pumps and the new invoices will be coming from The Above All, LLC.
- **Lakeshore Football Fundraising Event-** Dennis Krotzer reported that the Lakeshore Football Students will be standing at the intersections of Cleveland and Shawnee and Lemon Creek and Stevensville Baroda Rd. on June 7th, 2025.
- **Hungerford Nicoles Contract for 2024-2025 Audit** – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve hiring Hungerford Nicoles for the contracted amount of \$22,250, seconded by David Wolf. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

- **Lincoln Township Master Plan Notice** – A letter from Lincoln Township was presented for their notice of Proposed Master Plan.
- **PTO-** Christina Price reported that herself and Dennis Krotzer have been working with the Townships Attorney to get clarification on the PTO law that took affect on February 21st, 2024. The Attorney will send a policy and give clarification on who this applies too.

Minutes-

After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/20/2025 supported by David Wolf. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/30/2025, supported by David Wolf. Vote All Yes- Motion Carried

Audience Comments –

- None

Supervisors Comments – None

Dennis Krotzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm, supported by David Wolf Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Christina Price,
Baroda Township Clerk