BARODA TOWNSHIP

Special Meeting Minutes March 26th, 2025 Draft Minutes

The Baroda Township Board met on Tuesday March 26th, 2025 at 9091 First St in the Municipal Buildings meeting room, Baroda. The Township Board requested the Council Members from the Village of Baroda to attend to introduce the idea of a new Fire Station/Municipal Building. Village of Baroda Kept their own Minutes. Present were Board Members Dennis Krotzer (By Phone & non-voting), Christina Price, William Hurst, Larry Klug and David Wolf (Chair). There were 19 audience members. The meeting was opened at 6:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business –

Resignation Letter from Baroda Townships Ordinance Officer- David Wolf read the letter of resignation from Wesley Koza. After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to accept the resignation letter affective immediately, supported by William Hurst. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

Appointment of new Township Ordinance Officer- After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to appoint Cooper J Christner as the Townships new Ordinance Officer at the same pay rate, seconded by Larry Klug. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried.

Village and Township discussion on new Fire Station and Municipal Building — Acting as Chair, Trustee David Wolf introduced the plans to the Village and Audience of potentially building a new Fire Station and Municipal Building, since the Township purchased 6 acres on the corner of Cleveland and Church Street. The plans were deliberated on, the cost of the project was discussed. The developed plans from 2018 are being used for the Fire Station only the estimated cost is around 4.6Million as of 2023. It was explained that the consideration of the consolidation for the Municipal Building and Fire Station would be, to be more efficient and could save money on maintaining one building, instead of two buildings and to hold elections at this building. It would also put both buildings back on the tax roll for the Village. It was made known that the Municipal Building would be separated from the Fire Station through a joint Meeting room and no access from the public would be allowed. Parking would be separated as well. The Fire Station would face Cleveland and the Municipal Building would face Church Street.

The Village owns 1/3 of the Municipal Building and the Township Owns the rest. The joint meeting was to introduce to Village Council and to see if they had any input on this development. Many questions and concerns were directed to both the Village Council and Township Board from the Audience. The Village Council needs more information to make informed decisions. The Township Board Plans to get an appraisal done on both the Fire Station and Municipal Building.

Some of the Concerns from the Audience are as followed:

Cost of the project whether new Municipal Building is necessary, Structural Design, Joining the Municipal Building and Fire Station, risk of one millage for both Municipal Building and Fire Station, resulting in rejection of Fire Station, People Blocking the Fire Station Entrance and Township not being able to sell the Buildings in the Village and Would there be additional costs.

Farm Land Cleveland and Church – After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to approve renting the 6 acres to Scott Schmaltz for \$100 an acre of tillable land, seconded by Larry Klug. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Hess Lake Park Old Pavilion Doors – After Further Discussion William Hurst made a motion to approve the quote from Newman Doors for \$15,820.00 to enclose the Old Pavilion, seconded by David Wolf. Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes, William Hurst, David Wolf, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried.

Estimate for Certified Appraiser – After further discussion Larry Klug made a motion to spend \$3,000 on the appraisal of both the Municipal Building and Fire Station, seconded by William Hurst. Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes, William Hurst, David Wolf, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried.

Larry Klug made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm, supported by David Wolf, Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Christina Price, Baroda Township Clerk