

Minutes of the Baroda Twp. Fire Board Meeting October 7, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Chairman David Wolf

Present: David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, Dennis Varo, Chris Burch, Nikki Andrews, Amy Covington

Audience: Donnie Johnson, Matt Johnson, Tom Giudice

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the 7/8/25 meeting were distributed & approved as amended. Motion by Krotzer, second by Covington

Chief Burch presented and discussed the monthly report, attached.

Old Business

1. Tom Giudice reported that our new social media photographer was working out well.
2. Dept. Physicals - The Board discussed the 2 members which have not yet provided documentation from their personal doctor after failing the Dept. physical in 2024. Both of the members have also been uncommunicative to the Chief's repeated inquiries. The Chief provided documentation to the Board documenting his efforts. After discussing the issue there was a motion by Wolf, supported by Krotzer to direct the Chief to meet with both individuals. The Chief was directed give each individual an opportunity to retire from the Dept. by 7/15/25. If the individual chooses not to retire the Fire Boards recommendation to the Township Board will be to terminate the individual at their 7/21/25 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Fireworks- Dennis Krotzer reported that the YTD fundraising total is \$24,176.63 with \$7701.00 collected in the boots the night of the event. Chief Burch reported that the display & safety was good. However, another traffic plan will be tried next year in an effort to get people out quicker.

New Business

4. Chief Burch reported that unit 280 was involved in an accident on 7/2/25 and appears to be totaled. The accident occurred in Hinchman Road, west of Ruggles Road & is currently being investigated by the Michigan State Police. Unit 280 was parked, with its warning lights on, & was struck by another vehicle. Braedan Shannon was near unit 280 & narrowly missed being seriously hurt. Braydon was seen by a doctor and returned to service on 7/4/25. Chief Burch also brought in the County Crisis Team to speak with Dept. members. The accident was captured on a dash cam video of an individual sitting in traffic; the video was provided to the MSP. The Board then discussed the possibility of adding dash cameras to all the Dept. units. Unit 280 is owned by the Michigan DNR, Twp. Clerk Christina Price to work with the Twp. insurance carrier & the Michigan DNR to determine the next steps. Assistant Chief Donnie Johnson was asked to remove the Twp's gear from unit 280 by the end of the week.
5. Frank Schoenwitz was presented with a "knox box" for him to install at his soon to be opening business "Baroda Soda". The Board then discussed the Village & Twp ordinances which provides for the "knox Box" program. Dennis Krotzer was asked to follow up with the Village & Twp to ask about the "knox Box" ordinance use.
6. Tom Giudice presented a draft informational release for the Dept. to publish on their social media outlets regarding the unit 280 accident. After reviewing & amending the release Amy Covington moved & Nikki Andrews seconded the release approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM by Covington & Krotzer Next Meeting is January 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM