

BARODA TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
February 16th, 2026

The Baroda Township Board met on Monday February 16th, at 9091 First St., in the Municipal Buildings meeting room, Baroda. Present were Board Members William Hurst, Dennis Krotzer, David Wolf, and Christina Price. Larry Klug was joined in the meeting by Phone and not voting. There were 25 Audience members. The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest

Jamie Way from Wayfinder GIS was present to report on the progress of the cemetery GIS System that should start at the end of March, beginning of April 2026.

Library Report

Joelle Wake, Director of Lincoln Township Library was present to give the January 2026 report. Baroda had a total of 554 check outs for January 2026, Participants 17. Upcoming Programs were discussed.

Police Report- Dennis Krotzer gave the Police Department report for January 2026. Total calls for January 2026 for Baroda Township were 72, Baroda Village 19. Baroda Lake Police Chief was present.

Fire Department -

- **Fire Report** –Fire Chief, Chris Burch gave the Fire Department report. Total calls were 2 for January 2026.
- **Fire Chief Appointment** – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to re-appoint Chris Burch as Fire Chief for April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027, 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 Station Property Update-**
 - Bids for Fire Department Bond/Financial Advisor – After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to hire Bendzinski & Co for the Municipal Finance Advisor, seconded by Dennis Krotzer. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried
 - Bids for Fire Department Bond Attorney – After further discussion William Hurst made a motion to hire Dickinson Wright, PLLC as the Bond Attorney, seconded by David Wolf. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried

Medic One – Dennis Krotzer gave the Medic One Report for December 2025 – He also reported that there will be a meeting on March 16, 2026 to discuss the potential Merger of SMCAS and Medic 1.

Assessors Report-

- **Tax Mailings-** William Hurst the Township Treasurer explained that there was an error in the mailing of tax bills. He is looking into and making a list of everyone that had an issue to get it resolved. He created an Analysis of Taxpayer invoices returned back to the Township.
- **BOR** –Dennis Krotzer the Township Supervisor reported the Board of Review will be meeting the week of March 9th, 2026.

Treasurers Report

William Hurst presented the Treasurers report as of January 2026 Baroda Township Funds had cash balances as follows: All funds and CDs are with Honor Credit Union:

General Fund =	Cash Balance, \$26,384.05	CD Balance, \$246,419.21
Library Fund =	Cash Balance, \$146.34	CD Balance, \$3,971.36
Road Fund =	Cash Balance, \$13,377.47	CD Balance, \$40,513.53
Baroda Police Fund =	Cash Balance, \$5,173.89	CD Balance, \$2,282.93
Fire Maintenance Fund =	Cash Balance, \$22,945.35	CD Balance, \$185,755.26
Fire Equipment Fund =	Cash Balance, \$24,768.63	CD Balance, \$291,277.44
Rubbish Fund =	Cash Balance, \$13,849.05	CD Balance, \$93,300.86
Ambulance Fund =	Cash Balance, \$5,273.08	CD Balance, \$65,643.50
Building Fund =	Cash Balance, \$11,756.80	CD Balance, \$37,080.09
Water Fund =	Cash Balance, \$1,246.12	CD Balance, \$151,599.67
Tax Fund =	Cash Balance, \$98,081.67	CD Balance, \$740,752.39

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

- **CGA Update:** William Hurst reported that a director was found and an offer was made. He was unsure if it has been accepted at this time. At the next Township meeting he noted there will be a presentation from Katie that owns Baroda Soda.

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.
- **Bills Report** – After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the Bills Report, supported by David Wolf. Vote All-Yes. Motion Carried.
- **Planning Commission Annual Report-** Christina Price presented and went through the Planning Commissions Annual Report.
- **Early Voting Contract with Berrien County** – Christina Price presented the Contract for Early Voting through Berrien County Clerks office. After further Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve her signing the contract, seconded by William Hurst. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.
- **Public Hearing for Budget** – Christina Price reported that the Public Hearing will be published for the March meeting. All Board Members agreed.

Maintenance Report

- None

Building Department

- None

Unfinished Business –

- **Hess Lake Park Vegetation Removal** – Christina Price asked for support to submit a preapplication to Eagle to see if the Township would qualify to clear any of the frontage to Hess Lake. Dennis Krotzer made a motion to spend up to \$150 on the preapplication, seconded by William Huest. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.
- **Ruggles Cemetery Sign** – Dennis Krotzer plans to get quotes to replace signs and both cemeteries.
- **Picnic tables for Old Pavilion** – This is postponed until the March meeting.
- **Old Pavilion Doors** – Dennis Krotzer reported that half of the doors are in and the rest should be in this week.

New Business –

- **Disincorporation Commission** – Dennis Krotzer reported that he will have to pick a third Commissioner as the one appointed stepped down. He plans to do it at the next Township meeting.
- **Comcast Newsletter** – Was Reviewed.
- **Drain Commission Letter** – Was Reviewed.
- **EMC Insurance Renewal and Recommendations** – After further Discussion David Wolf made a motion to approve the EMC Insurance Renewal, supported by Dennis Krotzer. Vote All-Yes Motion Carried.
- **Third of July Advertisement** – There was a brief discussion on doing any additional advertising at it was supported.

Minutes-

After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2026 & February 3rd, 2026 as written, supported by Dennis Krotzer. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Audience Comments –

- Cindy Shepard, William Hurst, Terry Freehling and Jake David all had comments.

Supervisors Comments – None

Dennis Krotzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm, supported by David Wolf Vote - All Yes. Motion Carried.

Christina Price,
Baroda Township Clerk