

BARODA TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
March 3rd, 2026

The Baroda Township Board met on Tuesday March 3rd, 2026 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. Township Attorney Sara Senica was present. There were 38 Audience members. The meeting was opened at 6:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business –

- **Agenda-** Dennis Krotzer made a motion to amend the agenda and move audience comments before the Disincorporation Commission Discussion, seconded by Christina Price. Vote All- Yes. Motion Carried.
- **Fire Department Quotes –**
 - **Starlite Customs Truck & Auto –** After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve the quote from Starlite Customs Truck & Auto for \$1,789.99, seconded by David Wolf. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.
 - **Custom Fire Hat Shield and Stickers-** After further discussion Dennis Krotzer made a motion to approve purchasing Custom Fire Hat Shield with Stickers for \$172.50, seconded by David Wolf. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.
- **Audience Comments –** Mel Tollas- Read a letter of interest for joining the Commission, Rich Hyen- shared his concern with having a village resident on the commission, Cindy Shepherd- Share her concern about the Township Clerk and being married to the Village President, emailing the county while using township equipment, Brad Mattner - stated his concerns about the Township Clerk serving on the Commission, Victory Woodall- stated her concerns about how the Township Clerks emails were taken out of context by Brad Mattner at the Village Meeting the night before.
- **Disincorporation Commission –**
- **Dennis Krotzer, Township Supervisor** read a letter stating the Actions of Baroda Village at Last Night's meeting 3-02-2026 represents exactly why Baroda Village needs to be disincorporated. The Village Council let Brad Mattner attack Baroda Township Clerk (Christina Price) with no facts and shows that there is no way to work with their appointees to the Disincorporation Commission at this time. At this time, I have a viable candidate for the commission but will not appoint this individual in order to not subject that individual to the personnel attacks. I do not feel comfortable to appoint anyone to this commission at this time. Baroda Township will not participate in any Commission meetings based on the actions of their appointed members at this time.
- **Sara Senica, Baroda Township Attorney** discussed that it was crucial to engage in fact-finding and about the potential for Village disincorporation. She emphasized that no one knows yet what the outcome will be, and that is why gathering information and talking to experts is necessary.

The Township Attorney discussed the personal attacks against the two currently appointed members of the Commission for the Township, and said while it might make good theatre, the personal attacks are below the dignity of the role for which you were all appointed to serve. The Township heard rumblings of disincorporation in 2025 and the Township Clerk had the right to ask questions and figure out what this could mean for the Township. The Clerk and Supervisor would've been negligent in their duties not to inquire. The Township Clerk properly reached out to all of the resources available to her about this topic: she reached out to legal counsel, Michigan Township Association, the County Clerk, and the Michigan Bureau of Elections. The emails make it clear that the Clerk wanted to understand the legal process and her own duties as an elected official.

The Attorney cautioned everyone to be careful not to take statements out of context to malign others, or state things about others that are potentially defamatory or an attempt at character assassination when a public official is simply doing their due diligence. Michigan has a legally actionable claim for intentionally painting someone in a false light, meaning telling part of the story and manipulating the facts to insinuate that there was wrongdoing when in fact there was none.

The Township Attorney also mentioned that there were continued and repeated accusations about the Clerk having a conflict of interest, and yet the issue has been reviewed by both the

Village attorney and the Township attorney, and both have publicly stated that this issue does not raise a conflict of interest for the Township Clerk.

The Township Attorney said that the Township Commission members want to engage in good-faith discussions with the Village Commission members, but good faith may be lacking because of the personal attacks. The Attorney stated that there needs to be an acknowledgement that these continued personal attacks will not continue before the Township is willing to fully participate in the Commission's activities.

- **William Hurst, Township Treasurer** stated that there were some close lines with the way the petition was done, but the main focus should be on working together as a commission. The Commission should be focused on the fact findings, whoever the Commissioners are.

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