

## Minutes of the Baroda Twp. Fire Board Meeting January 13, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board Chairman David Wolf

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

Audience: Chris Burch, Donnie Johnson, Matt Johnson

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the 10/7/25 meeting were distributed & approved as amended. Motion by Covington, second by Varo

Chief Burch presented and discussed the monthly report, attached.

Old Business

1. Dept. Physicals – Everyone on the Dept. is current with their physicals.

New Business

2. Chief Burch reported that Quality Mold has added a “knox box” to their building.
3. Chief Burch reported that the 2025 Annual Dept. Report is being put together & presented a 2025 activity summary for the Board to review. Copy is attached.
4. Assist. Chief Johnson reported that the NIFRS fire incident reporting system has been replaced with a new reporting system called NERIS. The new system went live at the end of 2025. The 2004 to 2025 data in the NIFRS system will no longer be available electronically. The Board asked Chief Burch to deliver a hard copy of the 2004 to 2025 reports to Twp. Clerk Price so they could be put in the Twp. archive.
5. Chief Burch reported that the Dept. is currently writing a decontamination procedure. Unit 222 has a decontamination shower & a procedure needs to be written.
6. Assist. Chief Johnson reported that the Dept. wants to make several equipment purchases before the end of the fiscal year. Both are for electric vehicle incidents. The first is a fire blanket large enough for an entire car. The second is a “special” key which goes into the vehicle charging port, the key de-energizes the entire car & locks the parking brake. The Board supported the purchases & asked Johnson to present the items for the Twp. Boards approval.
7. Chief Burch reported that we are on track with budgeted spending.
8. Chief Burch reported that Tom Giudice, the new training officer, to doing an exceptional job. 2 lists of scheduled 2026 Baroda Dept. & Joint Dept. trainings were distributed, copy attached. Chief Burch also reported that Tom plans to do more on-line training in 2026.
9. Assist. Chief Johnson reported that that annual Awards dinner is scheduled for 2/21/26 at the American Legion & that unit 221 had new batteries installed.

Nicki Andrews reported that she worked with Tom Giudice on the movie night in the Village that the Fire Dept. helped organize and that Tom did an exceptional job organizing & working the event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM by Covington & Varo, Next Meeting is April 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM