

BARODA TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
May 7th, 2026

The Baroda Township Board met on Thursday May 7th, 2026 at 9091 First St., in the Municipal Buildings meeting room, Baroda. Present were Board Members William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug and Christina Price. There were 20 Audience members. The meeting was opened at 6:00pm with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business –

- **Audit Agreement** – After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to approve the Audit Contract for \$23,250.00, seconded by Dennis Krotzer. By Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes; William Hurst, David Wolf, Dennis Krotzer, Larry Klug and Christina Price. Voting No, None. Motion Carried.
- **Maintenance Department Trailer**- It was reported that the Maintenance department is in need of a new trailer. A quote was presented for a new one and Trustee Wolf brought up a few questions. This will be discussed at the May 18th, 2026 meeting.
- **Pool Fillings**- A copy of Weesaw Townships Fire Department pool fill application packet was presented to be used for Baroda Townships Fire Department. After further discussion David Wolf made a motion to approve the amended forms of Weesaw Townships pool fill for Baroda Townships Fire Department. The forms consist of a policy, application, waiver and a fee of \$250 per truck load of water. Supported by Dennis Krotzer. Vote. All Yes. Motion Carried.
- **Police Millage Increase Discussion**- The Township Board discussed the option of reviewing the contract and putting the Police Millage Increase on Novembers Ballot, inviting the residents to the Police Board Meeting to ask questions.
- Supervisor Dennis Krotzer read:
 - In order to address a concern raised on Facebook by a resident To give the residents an explanation on the Fire Equipment Fund that had an excess of \$108,199 at the end of the fiscal year of March 31, 2026. The ending balance in the fund was \$416,169 which includes taxes that were just collected for 2026-27 budget year that started April 1, 2026. Baroda Township has purchased two trucks in the last 10 years. The last truck Commercial Loan was paid off in 2022. We will be needing another new truck in a few years which will require Baroda Township to possibly take out another commercial loan at high interest rates. Baroda Township is just planning ahead for the next purchase and hopefully can avoid another commercial loan. The Police Millage Fund closed out the year with \$39,183 with an ending balance of \$416,162. The balance of \$416,162 are the taxes collected to pay for fiscal year starting on April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027. The reality of this issue is the Baroda Lake Police Department 2026 Budget is projected to be \$1,816,291.17 at this time of which Baroda Township will provide about \$440,000. The contract with Baroda Lake Police Department indicates that Baroda's Contribution needs to cover the percent of Police calls tied to Baroda Township & Baroda Village which varies from 29% to 35%. At the present contribution rate Baroda Township will contribute with our primary millage at 24.3% which necessitates the need for a second millage to try to approach about \$635,000 to fulfill our contract obligations with Baroda Lake Police Department. Baroda Lake Police Department provides 24/7 coverage for Baroda Township and Baroda Village.
- **Proposed Fire Station Design and Estimate:** Treasurer William Hurst gave a recap about the Fire Department Committee that was formed to help design a new Fire Station. William Hurst mentioned they received the quote back from Wightman for \$7.2 million and that it was more than what was expected by Township. The purpose of this meeting with Wightman is to see how we can scale back the cost for the new fire station. Multiple items were discussed such as the parking lot, concrete aprons, existing siren being relocated, electronic marquee sign, meeting room that will hold trainings and elections etc. Wightman plans to meet with the fire board committee to confirm the details of scaling the department needs down before submitting a new cost estimate for the project. There was also discussion to seek other quotes for the project. This will be followed up at the next Township board meeting.

Audience Comments –

- Many audience comments about the concern of the Fire Station cost.

Supervisors Comments – None

David Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm, supported by William Hurst. Vote - All Yes. Motion Carried.

Christina Price,
Baroda Township Clerk