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## Minutes of the Baroda Township Board Meeting July 18, 2011

The regular meeting of the Baroda Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Jim Brow in the meeting room of the Baroda Township Municipal Building with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present: Jim Brow, Amy Hemphill, Susan Newcomer, Wendie Shafer, and David Wolf, along with seven audience members.

**LIBRARY REPORT** – Mary Hill presented a report on the activities of the Lincoln Township Library.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – Police Chief Gary Ruhl reported on the Fireworks, saying that the Legion field had been cleared out in about 1 1/2 hour. He reported that a ticket had been issued to a young man who refused to move when officers instructed him to do so. He requested the Township issue the check for \$2430.00 as was voted to be disbursed at the June meeting. He also requested the Township Board adopt a resolution for the Police Department to contract with Indiana Michigan Power to handle traffic control during the Cook Nuclear Plant Outage. After Discussion, Susan Newcomer moved, seconded by Wendie Shafer to adopt a resolution for the Baroda-Lake Police to contract with Indiana Michigan Power to handle traffic control during the D.C. Cook outage. Vote – All Yes. Resolution Adopted 11-13.

Susan Newcomer reported that the Fire Department received \$9266.00 in on site collections during the Fireworks display. She reported that the Fire Dept. had spent \$14,000 on fireworks this year. Next year's display will be paid for with the funds collected this year. She reported that the Fire Board voted to purchase defibrillators like the ones used by the Ambulance service to aid in the interchangeability of equipment between the two entities at an emergency scene. Susan also reported that QME had donated \$500 for the purchase of new CPR mannequins for fire training.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Amy Hemphill distributed and presented the Treasurers report. June 30, 2011 ending fund balances:

General Fund – \$247,376.09	Baroda Police Fund – \$107,613.15
Rubbish Fund - \$64,419.06	Fire Maintenance Fund – \$225,034.72
Trust and Agency Fund \$498.67	Fire Equipment Fund – \$377,731.09
Water Fund – \$141,921.78	Building Fund - \$2,818.36
Baroda-Lake Police Fund – \$68,045.32	Baroda-Lake Drug Forfeiture Fund – \$5,238.40
Summer Tax Fund – 264.16	Winter Tax Fund – 513.85

**CLERK'S and PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT** – Wendie Shafer reported that the Planning Commission agreed on Planning Commission By laws and plans to adopt them after the Township Board adopts the Planning Commission Ordinance. After discussion, Amy Hemphill moved, seconded by David Wolf to adopt Ordinance # 34 continuing the Baroda Township Planning Commission according to

PA 33 of 2008. By Roll Call Voting Yes – Amy Hemphill, David Wolf, Susan Newcomer, Jim Brow, and Wendie Shafer. Voting No – None.

Wendie Shafer presented a motion, seconded by Jim Brow to amend the Baroda Township Budget to increase the Township Board Worker Comp Insurance expense from \$850 to \$1150; to budget \$1100 for Assessor Capital outlay that was budgeted for the prior year but spent in the current year; to budget \$500 for Municipal Building Capital Outlay for sidewalk repair and equipment for the vacated Police Dept.; to increase the Township Hall Insurance expense from \$100 to \$160; to increase the Planning Commission Contracted Services from \$200 to \$300 to cover the cost of Planning Commission Ordinance development. After discussion, Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

Wendie presented a quote by ADP for Payroll service with a Pension Plan (401 K) attached. After discussion, it was decided not to subscribe to the service.

Jim Brow opened the floor to Norma Kirchner who asked if the Township could do something about reinstating the leaf pick up for the Strefling subdivisions behind the old Hardings. Amy Hemphill explained that when the Township had changed to a user fee to fund trash pick-up, and using the Green Yard waste bags, it was decided that it would be unfair to provide a service to only a portion of the Township which would be subsidized by the rest of the Township residents. It was suggested that a neighborhood group/association could be formed, to hire a landscaping company or possibly the Village, to provide and pay for this service.

OLD BUSINESS – David Wolf presented a motion, seconded by Susan Newcomer to refund \$244.80 of the rubbish assessment for the last two years to Bonnie and Ernest Boldt, and beginning January 1, 2012 that the assessment for their property at 8768 Gray Road should be for one cart, and requested the Township Board contact the Trash Hauling Company to receive a credit for the cans paid for, but not received. Vote – All Yes Motion Carried.

Wendie Shafer distributed Township Logo window cling samples from Lazer Graphics. She reported the price for the items is \$4 each if a quantity of 100 is purchased. Unlaminated window clings would cost \$3 each and regular bumper stickers would also cost \$3. It was noted that Rath Co would charge \$1 for bumper stickers and \$3 each for magnetic logos. An audience member suggested making our own on a computer and another person suggested checking with Vista Prints, or other online companies. No action was taken.

Jim Brow asked about adopting Township procedures. It was mentioned that with the changing of Treasurer, the procedures need to be tweaked and that Jim would like to add Supervisor's procedures as well. Action was tabled until the procedures are finalized.

NEW BUSINESS – Susan Newcomer reported that something needs to be done to deter people from parking next to the dry fire hydrant at the shore of Singer Lake. The Fire Department volunteered to paint "no parking" lines on the pavement and replace the sign near the fire hydrant and asked the Township Board to give permission to do the work. Dave Wolf moved, seconded by Amy Hemphill to give permission to the Fire Department to paint a no parking sign on the pavement next to the dry fire hydrant and replace the no parking sign. Vote – all yes. Motion Carried.

Jim Brow reported receiving a public hearing notice to find out the apportionments for the Nixon-Landon Drain and the Galien River Drain.

CONSENT AGENDA - Copies of the minutes of the last Baroda Township Board meeting, and Baroda Township Bills for the month were distributed. After discussion, Amy Hemphill moved, seconded by

David Wolf to approve the Minutes of the last Board meetings, the Treasurers' Report, and the Township Bills. Vote – All Yes. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – Jim Brow reported that he is unable to attend the next “way finding” meeting on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Round Barn Winery sponsored by the Economic Growth alliance. He recommended that one of the board members should attend.

Jim reported that he had spoken with Steve Carlisle regarding preliminary plans for the new Park pavilion. Steve and Architect Charles plan to attend the next Township meeting to present a draft plan for the pavilion.

Jim reported that Seth Timmons from Gerbel & Company plans to attend the next Township Board meeting to go over the Audit report.

Jim reported that August 5<sup>th</sup> is his turn to host the CEO meeting here in Baroda. He said John Hopkins is scheduled to appear with canine officer Elmo. He encouraged Board to attend because several State Officials will also be in attendance. He said lunch is provided by Cornerstone alliance.

Jim reported that he had met with Jail crew officer Rick Coleman at the property of Tom Lippert on Miller road concerning cleaning out a ditch along the property.

PUBLIC COMMENT- An audience member living in the Strefling subdivision suggested that the Township check into getting a grant to put sewer lines in their subdivision.

An audience member asked about cleaning out a ditch at 1795 Marlen Dr. that was supposed to have been done by D'Agostino for the Drain Commission.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. by Supervisor, Jim Brow. The next regular meeting of the Baroda Township Board is scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2011.

Submitted by Wendie Shafer  
Baroda Township Clerk