

## Minutes of the Baroda Township Board Meeting May 16, 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 three audience members.

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – Police Chief Gary Ruhl spoke in opposition to allowing an event to occur in Baroda Township called Support our Troops. He said that though he fully supports our troops and having such an event, the person in charge of the event has not submitted a plan, nor submitted anything in the way of a plan or insurance certificates to the Village. He said that the weekend of the proposed event, he will only have his regular officers on duty and possibly one reserve officer. The Baroda-Lake Police agreement states that the Police Department would need approval by the Boards of the Municipalities comprising the Department to provide services for a private party event. He said the event was originally proposed to be small, similar to Barodafest, but has ballooned into an all-day event with hundreds of motorcycles and classic cars. Amy Hemphill moved, seconded by David Wolf to make no agreement for the Baroda-Lake Police Department to provide additional security for the event without the event planners submitting a detailed plan. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Supervisor Jim Brow read a thank you letter from the Baroda Queens committee for the Township's support of the Queens Float and wardrobe. The Baroda float won a Blossomtime Parade award.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Susan Newcomer distributed and presented the Treasurers report.

Checking Account Totals:

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| General Fund – \$58,466            | Baroda Police Fund – \$147,826           |
| Rubbish Fund - \$97,782            | Fire Maintenance Fund – \$48,915         |
| Trust and Agency Fund \$704        | Fire Equipment Fund – \$123,222          |
| Water Fund – \$83,090              | Building Fund - \$2339                   |
| Baroda-Lake Police Fund – \$53,551 | Baroda-Lake Drug Forfeiture Fund – \$588 |

**CLERK'S and PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT** – Wendie Shafer reported that the May 3<sup>rd</sup> election had been very busy. She said that 5 test ballots had been needed in order to have enough ballots for the election.

She reported that the Planning Commission had begun discussing ways to encourage business in the Township and Village. Wendie also reported that the Planning Commission must be recreated under another ordinance to comply with the Zoning and Planning Enabling acts. She reported that Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc will create an ordinance for the Township Board to adopt for about \$300. Amy Hemphill moved, seconded by Susan Newcomer to hire

Langworthy, Strader, and LeBlanc to create an ordinance re-forming the Baroda Township Planning Commission. Vote – All Yes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS - Steve Carlisle from Wightman and Associates reported on the disposition of the Grant the Township has applied for through the DNRE. He reported that the paperwork has arrived and that the Grant has been awarded. He said he will prepare a resolution the Township Board must pass and submit to the DNRE by July 1, 2011 in order for the Park improvement process to begin. He reported that the Park improvement project must be completed by May 1 of 2013. He reiterated that the amount of the grant is \$256,000 from the DNRE with a \$90,000 township match making the grant a total of \$346,000. David Wolf moved seconded by Susan Newcomer to hire Wightman and associates to provide engineering and grant reporting services for the Park improvement Grant project. Vote – All Yes. Motion Carried.

Ronald Ellsworth attended the meeting, but Kim Fowler was not in attendance. Mr. Ellsworth reported that he had disposed of the first row of equipment and part of the second row. He said that approximately 150 tons of scrap had been hauled away. The Board requested Mr. Ellsworth to hold an auction this year. He said he wanted to get more of the equipment in working order so that he could make better money on it, and that he might be able to have an auction later in the fall. The board expressed concern that at that rate, the clean-up would take much more time than agreed upon since Mr. Ellsworth admits that he has little time to work on the clean up along with his regular job. Mr. Ellsworth was invited to attend the June Meeting along with Kim Fowler to set a time line for cleaning up the property. No further action on the matter was taken by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS – Wendie Shafer presented an application from Brian Totzke to place 44.1 acres of farmland into the P.A.116 farmland preservation act program for 30 years. Amy Hemphill moved, seconded by Susan Newcomer to approve the application for Brian Totzke to place 44.1 acres of farmland into the P.A. 116 program. Vote- All Yes. Motion Carried.

Wendie began discussion of making shelter available in the Village for persons, particularly in the mobile home park(s) to go to when severe weather warnings are issued. Jim Brow suggested contacting the local Churches to ask if they could be used for this purpose.

David Wolf reported that he had spoken with Kevin Kramp of Double K Enterprises about the need to install hard wiring for computer connections to the internet in the municipal building. He recommended that the Township accept the quote from BTS to have the wiring installed. David Wolf moved, seconded by Jim Brow to accept the proposal from BTS to install hard wiring for internet service in the Township offices. Vote – All yes. Motion Carried.

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 gave the floor to Susan Newcomer who read a letter to the Board resigning from her position as Baroda Township Treasurer citing her Son's recent

illness as a need to redefine her priorities. She recommended the Board appoint trustee Amy Hemphill to the Treasurer's position. Amy agreed to take the position. Susan Newcomer moved to accept the Treasurer's resignation seconded by David Wolf. Vote – All Yes. Motion Carried. Jim Brow moved, seconded by David Wolf, to accept Amy Hemphill's resignation as Baroda Township Trustee. Vote-All Yes. Motion Carried. Amy Hemphill moved, seconded by Jim Brow to appoint Susan Newcomer as Baroda Township Trustee effective June 1, 2011. Vote – All Yes. Motion Carried. Jim Brow moved, seconded by David Wolf to appoint Amy Hemphill as Baroda Township Treasurer effective June 1, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

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, June 20, 2011.

Prepared by Wendie Shafer  
Baroda Township Clerk