

Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M.

President W. Dompier opened the meeting.

Present at Roll Call: P. Stark, J. Mayo, P. Mayo, S. Johnson, N. Lozier and W. Dompier

Also Present: L. LeClaire, Village Manager  
D. Mayo, Village Clerk  
M. Gagnier, Chief of Police  
J. Koskiniemi, UP Engineers

Motion was made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Mayo to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 1, 2016.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Jim Koskiniemi, U.P. Engineers, was present to discuss the various Village projects.

The 5<sup>th</sup> St to Bowling Ave Project designs should be done in a week. Chris Holmes will discuss the project with representatives of the Village. Bids will be advertised and reviewed. Bids will be approved at the June 14 council meeting.

The Lift Station by the Post Office Project will be starting in mid-May with weather permitting. However, rainy weather could delay the progress of the project. Hopefully, it will be completed in July.

Jim Koskiniemi also discussed a Water Phase II Project. Rural Development interest rates are at their lowest ever with a rate of 1.75% for a term of 40 years. The Village of Baraga would qualify for such a loan and Jim Koskiniemi highly recommended taking advantage of the rates for various needed improvements in the Village. He explained it would be a long process with February 2017 being the earliest possible date to borrow the money. Water rates would need to be increased and put in place before bids could be received. The rates would be increased slowly to help Village customers adjust to the increases. The Water Rate Committee would need to get together to discuss the matter. LeAnn LeClaire will schedule a meeting.

Public Comment: A. Mayo requested that the road between Wadaga Rd and Michelle Lane be paved. Although the Village would like to repave the road, the money is not in the budget this year. P. Mayo suggested fixing the pot holes for this year and looking into a better solution for next year.

Members of the Baraga Fire Department were present to discuss some issues. Their chief had earlier requested that the Village Council appoint the position of fire chief. The fire department members felt that they should be allowed to appoint their chief. It is also stated in the fire

department by-laws that the chief be elected by the members of the fire department. The council agreed with the members. The fire department members also asked if retired members could help with firefighting until more members are installed. They are currently short seven members. Insurance coverage for the retirees might be an issue and will be checked into before allowing them to help at fires.

M. Gagnier, Chief of Police, was present to discuss the police report. He did not send I. Smith to the Active Shooter Training Course because it was for administration only. He will be sending him to a drunk driving school course in May.

Rodger Hebert resigned from the Waste Water Committee. His position will need to be advertised in the L'Anse Sentinel with an end of month deadline for an application.

There is also a vacancy on the Village Council with the passing of long time council member, Doug LeClaire. The vacancy will be posted in the L'Anse Sentinel. The position will be an appointed position until the election in November, 2016.

Courtney Mayo was chosen as the recipient of the WPPI Scholarship by the Village Council.

L. LeClaire gave a report of the DPW Departments activities. Lagoon testing has started. Sewer work has been done at two homes. Although over 100 water meters have been fixed, there are still about 40 more to do. Snow plowing also kept the crew busy.

Motion made by P. Mayo seconded by S. Johnson to donate \$1,000.00 to the Baraga Lumberjack Day Committee for services rendered.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by S. Johnson to close Superior Avenue on July 3, 2016, from 5:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. starting at State Street north to M-38 for the annual Community Street Dance. Also, on July 4, 2016, Superior Avenue will be closed from 8:00 A.M. to the conclusion of the Main Parade from the Baraga Armory north to M-38. After the Main Parade, Superior Avenue will be closed from First Street (next to Homestead Graphics) north to M-38 until after the fireworks have concluded.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by N. Lozier to allow the Baraga Lumberjack Day Committee to apply for a liquor license to sell beer, wine and liquor at the annual Community Street Dance on July 3, 2016 with the approval of the Chief of Police.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The American Legion Post 444 of Baraga is planning to put brass grave markers and American flags on the graves of local Veterans for Memorial Day at the Baraga, Assinins, and Keweenaw Bay and Pelkie cemeteries. They will also put them at the Lost at Sea Memorial on US 41. Motion made by S. Johnson and seconded by P. Stark to donate \$500.00 to the American Legion Post 444 for services rendered.

L. LeClaire put an ad in the L'Anse Sentinel for the hiring of a DDA employee. The deadline for applications is April 22, 2016. She also received the approval of the council to hire an employee through the Village to work at the cemetery.

Motion made by P. Mayo seconded by P Stark to amend the Village Manager's Ordinance, Ordinance No. 167, for the Village of Baraga to increase the Village Manager's spending limit from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by N. Lozier to pay the bills when monies become available.

Check #	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
31557	Baraga County Sheriff	Miscellaneous Expense	\$600.00
31558	Bay Auto	Operating Supplies	\$185.56
31559	Border States	Operating Supplies	\$1,230.45
31560	BS & A Software	Capital Outlay	\$13,235.00
31561	Bugle Contracting	Contracted Services	\$3,027.16
31562	L'Anse Sentinel	Printing/Publishing	\$35.50
31563	Lakeside Auto	Vehicle Expense	\$65.06
31564	Larry's Market	Operating Supplies	\$102.53
31565	Marquette Menards	Operating Supplies	\$154.69
31566	Northern Oil	Fuel Expense	\$1,298.80
31567	Ojibwa Building	Operating Supplies	\$345.23
31568	William Olsen	Clothing Allowance	\$200.00
31569	William Olsen	Travel/Workshop	\$79.38
31570	Opus Web	Contracted Services	\$25.00
31571	Void		\$0.00
31572	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 3/6/16	\$10,929.62
31573	Payroll Account	Sales Tax	\$6,819.97
31574	Portage Health	Misc., Expense	\$2,000.00
31575	Bank of New York	Sewer Bond Payment	\$12,631.12
31576	Brian Wadaga	Clothing Allowance	\$253.56
31577	Waste Management	Operating Supplies	\$442.17
31578	Wilkinson's Store	Operating Supplies	\$325.16
31579	MCTWF	Insurance	\$15,553.05
31580	WPPI	Electric Purchase	\$136,070.38
31581	Village of Baraga	Equipment Rental	\$17,433.28
31582	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$13,542.93

31583	Village of Baraga	Vac, Sick, Holiday	\$1,671.20
31584	Village of Baraga	Vac, Sick, Holiday	\$1,110.44
31585	Void		\$0.00
31586	Wendell Dompier	Travel/Workshop	\$513.44
31587	Void		\$0.00
31588	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 3/13/16	\$9,256.60
31589	USPS	Postage	\$490.00
31590	Ameraplan	Insurance	\$169.50
31591	Ameraplan	Insurance	\$1,000.56
31592	Associated Bank	Misc. Expense	\$103.00
31593	Bay Ambulance	Training	\$50.00
31594	GRA Benefits	Insurance	\$340.40
31595	Harriet Heikkinen	Deposit Refund	\$100.00
31596	Northern Michigan Univ.	Membership/Dues	\$300.00
31597	Void		\$0.00
31598	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 3/20/16	\$10,186.63
31599	Rotary Multiforms	Miscellaneous Expense	\$209.80
31600	Specialty Sales	Miscellaneous Expense	\$39.25
31601	Superior National Bank	Loan Payment	\$16,528.01
31602	USPS	Postage	\$245.00
31603	Village of Baraga	Deposit Refund	\$50.00
31604	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$184.08
31605	USPS	Postage	\$132.00
31606	Wendell Dompier	Miscellaneous Expense	\$16.00
31607	Jerry Curtis	Deposit Refund	\$34.58
31608	LeAnn LeClaire	Miscellaneous Expense	\$132.44
31609	Void		\$0.00
31610	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 3/27/16	\$9,749.73
31611	Village of Baraga	Deposit Refund	\$125.00
31612	Village of Baraga	Deposit Refund	\$115.42
31613	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$1,865.99
31614	Brian Wadaga	Travel/Workshop	\$34.56
31615	Semco Energy	Utilities	\$195.11
31616	USPS	Postage	\$247.18
31617	Matt Gagnier	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31618	Cindy Latendresse	Fuel Expense	\$60.00
31619	LeAnn LeClaire	Vehicle Expense	\$325.00
31620	LeAnn LeClaire	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31621	Gerard Lindemann	Phone Expense	\$17.50
31622	MI AWWA	Dues/Memebership	\$100.00
31623	Steve Murray	Retirement	\$269.32
31624	William Olsen	Phone Expense	\$17.50
31625	Void		\$0.00
31626	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 4/3/16	\$10,452.91
31627	Russell Royal	Deposit Refund	\$108.66
31628	Irvin Smith	Phone Expense	\$35.00

31629	Superior National Bank	JWWA Replacement	\$1,666.67
31630	Superior National Bank	WPPI Debt Reserve	\$4,166.67
31631	Village of Baraga	Electric Transfer	\$24,150.00
31632	Village of Baraga	DDA Transfer	\$4,200.00
31633	Village of Baraga	Deposit Refund	\$41.34
31634	Village of Baraga	Vac, Sick, Holiday	\$2,074.56
31635	Village of Baraga	Equipment Rental	\$2,740.75
31636	Brian Wadaga	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31637	Brian Wadaga	Travel/Workshop	\$32.94
31638	Void		\$0.00
31639	Mich. Municipal League	Unemployment	\$1,835.34
31640	Void		\$0.00
31641	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 4/10/16	\$9,443.51
31642	Payroll Account	Sales Tax	\$3,868.84
31643	State Of Michigan DMB	Dues/Membership	\$180.00
31644	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$13,077.31
31645	Semco Energy	Permit Fee	\$2,598.43
31646	Amer. Legion Post #144	Misc. Expense	\$500.00
31647	American Welding	Operating Supplies	\$47.10
31648	Apple Office Products	Operating Supplies	\$465.37
31649	Aramark	Operating Supplies	\$230.04
31650	Baraga Lumberjack Days	Misc Expense	\$1,000.00
31651	Void		\$0.00
31652	Baraga Telephone	Phone Expense	\$770.48
31653	Bay Auto Parts	Operating Supplies	\$161.55
31654	Bianco Plumbing	Operating Supplies	\$30.82
31655	Border States	Operating Supplies	\$710.14
31656	Courtney Mayo	Scholarship	\$1,000.00
31657	Etna Supply	Operating Supplies	\$171.01
31658	Hach Company	Plant Chemicals	\$667.09
31659	Hawkins, Inc.	Plant Chemicals	\$1,123.20
31660	HD Supply	Operating Supplies	\$2,636.66
31661	Hiawatha Chef	Operating Supplies	\$96.25
31662	Homestead Graphics	Operating Supplies	\$448.75
31663	Houghton Co. Treas.	Contracted Services	\$1,400.00
31664	L'Anse Sentinel	Printing/Publishing	\$164.48
31665	Larry's Market	Operating Supplies	\$221.72
31666	Marquette Menards	Operating Supplies	\$28.07
31667	Massie Mfg.	Equipment Repairs	\$10.00
31668	Midway Rentals	Operating Supplies	\$433.69
31669	Northern Heavy Duty	Equipment Repairs	\$406.89
31670	Northern Oil	Fuel Expense	\$410.52
31671	Ojibwa Building	Operating Supplies	\$387.12
31672	Ontonagon County REA	Contracted Services	\$14,065.98
31673	Opus Web	Contracted Services	\$25.00
31674	Penokie Electric	Operating Supplies	\$188.36

31675	Pines Convenience	Fuel Expense	\$12.16
31676	Printing Systems	Operating Supplies	\$286.20
31677	Selkey Fabricators	Operating Supplies	\$203.17
31678	Void		\$0.00
31679	Semco Energy	Utilities	\$3,144.91
31680	Sunshine Flower Shop	Misc Expense	\$55.00
31681	Superior Video	Operating Supplies	\$14.31
31682	Superior Land Services	Operating Supplies	\$100.61
31683	Target Utility Service	Repairs/Maintenance	\$332.25
31684	UP Engineers	Contracted Services	\$10,063.84
31685	UP Power Company	Utilities	\$89.97
31686	USA Bluebook	Repairs/Maintenance	\$137.44
31687	Utility Systems	Contracted Services	\$5,817.26
31688	Village of Baraga	Utilities	\$4,061.24
31689	Waste Management	Operating Supplies	\$392.93
31690	White Bear Rescue	Training	\$1,267.46
31691	Wilkinson's Store	Operating Supplies	\$181.08
31692	IDEXX Distribution	Plant Chemicals	\$2,620.91
	Total		\$429,929.80

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Motion made by N. Lozier seconded by S. Johnson to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk