

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, D. LeClaire, S. Johnson, N. Lozier and W. Dompier

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

Motion was made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 12, 2016.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The agenda was amended to postpone the Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 Budget until February 16, 2016 at 5:30 in the council chambers.

Public Comment: None

Brian Wadaga, Village of Baraga Water Plant Operator, was present to discuss the Village's water testing methods. The Village tests for lead and copper. At one point they were required to perform 20 tests in a 6 month period. Because of the good test results report, they now are required to perform only 10 samples every 3 years. The samples are done at random residential homes in the Village and will be performed again next year.

Dale Cook, Northern Initiatives was present to discuss the Revolving Loan Fund. He is presently working on a loan in the area. Mr. Cook also works with the local banks to promote the use of the funds by local businesses. The amount of the loan funds is based on job creation qualified by low or moderate incomes. He requested that the Village of Baraga extend their agreement with Northern Initiatives giving them the authority to handle the revolving loan funds for the Village of Baraga. Motion made by N. Lozier seconded by P. Mayo to approve the Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between Northern Economic Initiatives, Inc. and the Village of Baraga per the MSF Resolution 2012-142 and Section II of the Agreement extending the end date to October 31, 2018.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Sarah Maki and Bruce LaPointe, representatives of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, were present to discuss the development of a pathway from Sand Point to the Baraga Marina. At this point, they have an anticipated \$197,000.00 grant for the project. They are also looking into

other possible grants. The estimated cost of the project is \$550,000.00. They were wondering if the Village of Baraga would be interested in investing in the project. W. Dompier said the council would know more after their budget meeting on January 16, 2016 but were hoping to invest \$50,000.00. He said the DDA might also be able to invest \$50,000.00. However, both figures are dependent on their respective budgets. If enough money is not raised for the total project, the distribution of the trail placement would need to be discussed. A trail committee would have to be created for the project. Two people to represent the Village of Baraga could be chosen by the Village of Baraga Council.

The DPW workers completed half of their CPR certification. Due to needed plowing in the Village because of winter weather conditions, they were unable to complete the other half of the course. They will complete it in the near future. They have also been updating their OSHA training. A water leak was fixed on Pennock St. Maintenance on summer machinery has been done in anticipation of a busy summer. They will be busy with several projects during the summer months.

There is a possibility that the Baraga Armory might become vacant and the Village of Baraga would possibly be interested in acquiring the building.

M. Gagnier, Chief of Police, was present to give his police report. He discussed the need for an interview room in Baraga County. It is mandated by the State of Michigan that each county has one place with an interview room for major crimes. The Sherriff's Department in L'Anse has room to accommodate the sound proof interview room. They already have the majority of the room completed and are requesting \$600.00 from the Village of Baraga to help complete it. Motion made by P. Mayo seconded by N. Lozier to donate \$600.00 to the Baraga County Sherriff Department for the new interview room for services rendered.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Mayo to donate \$500.00 to Baraga B.A.S.H. for services rendered.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by P. Mayo seconded by N. Lozier to write a letter of support to WPPI in support of tax-exempt financing for local governments.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo to adopt Resolution No. 2016-03 which supports the Opposition to the new language in Section 57, subsection (3) of Public Act 269.

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
31401	Ameraplan	Insurance	\$1,982.39
31402	Ameraplan	Insurance	\$169.50
31403	David Apgar	Clothing Allowance	\$83.50
31404	Hannula Agency	Insurance	\$992.00
31405	Ojibwa Building	Operating Supplies	\$89.75
31406	Void		\$0.00
31407	Void		\$0.00
31408	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 1/17/16	\$11,046.38
31409	WPPI	Electric Purchase	\$151,980.30
31410	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$288.92
31411	USPS	Postage	\$261.64
31412	Associated Bank	Operating Supplies	\$16.60
31413	GRA Benefits	Insurance	\$340.40
31414	Void		\$0.00
31415	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 1/24/16	\$9,601.51
31416	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$1,998.81
31417	USPS	Postage	\$257.80
31418	Matt Gagnier	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31419	Jaren Forcia	Deposit Refund	\$17.31
31420	KEDA	Membership/Dues	\$250.00
31421	Cindy Latendresse	Travel/Workshop	\$60.00
31422	LeAnn LeClaire	Vehicle Expense	\$325.00
31423	LeAnn LeClaire	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31424	Gerard Lindemann	Phone Expense	\$17.50
31425	Jason Mantilla	Clothing Allowance	\$115.16
31426	Steve Murray	Retirement	\$269.32
31427	William Olsen	Phone Expense	\$17.50
31428	Void		\$0.00
31429	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 1/31/16	\$10,539.78
31430	Irvin Smith	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31431	Superior National Bank	JWWA Replacement	\$1,666.67
31432	Superior National Bank	WPPI Debt Reserve	\$4,166.67
31433	Village of Baraga	Electric Transfer	\$80,000.00
31434	Village of Baraga	DDA Transfer	\$4,200.00
31435	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$155.68
31436	Village of Baraga	Equipment Rental	\$14,556.57
31437	Village of Baraga	Deposit Refund	\$250.00
31438	Village of Baraga	Deposit Refund	\$250.00
31439	Village of Baraga	Deposit Refund	\$25.00

31440	Village of Baraga	Deposit Refund	\$150.00
31441	Village of Baraga	Deposit Refund	\$132.69
31442	Brian Wadaga	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31443	Country Mile Document	Misc. Expense	\$53.00
31444	Amerplan	Insurance	\$806.71
31445	Void		\$0.00
31446	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 2/7/16	\$9,226.17
31447	Payroll Account	Sales Tax	\$5,100.43
31448	MI DEQ	Dues/Membership	\$90.00
31449	American Welding	Operating Supplies	\$215.01
31450	Apple Office Products	Operating Supplies	\$123.87
31451	Aramark	Operating Supplies	\$153.36
31452	BCMH	Misc. Expense	\$15.00
31453	Baraga Bash	Misc. Expense	\$500.00
31454	Baraga Telephone Co	Phone Expense	\$775.38
31455	Bay Auto Parts	Operating Supplies	\$749.47
31456	Border States	Operating Supplies	\$256.40
31457	Energenecs	Repairs & Maintenance	\$528.34
31458	Erickson Lumber	Operating Supplies	\$396.34
31459	Galls	Misc. Expense	\$323.89
31460	Grainger	Operating Supplies	\$16.55
31461	HD Supply	Operating Supplies	\$1,211.26
31462	Hiawatha Chef	Operating Supplies	\$65.75
31463	Homestead Graphics	Operating Supplies	\$154.50
31464	Houghton County Treas.	Operating Supplies	\$800.00
31465	LaCourt Bottled Gas	Operating Supplies	\$14.00
31466	Massie Mfg.	Operating Supplies	\$96.10
31467	MRWA	Travel/Workshop	\$280.00
31468	Northern Oil	Fuel Expense	\$1,607.84
31469	Ojibwa Building	Operating Supplies	\$336.97
31470	REA	Contracted Services	\$6,892.95
31471	Opus Web	Contracted Services	\$25.00
31472	Pines Convenience	Fuel Expense	\$43.37
31473	Pomasl Fire Equip	Misc. Expense	\$279.89
31474	Printing Systems	Operating Supplies	\$263.41
31475	RC Mechanical	Contracted Services	\$516.69
31476	Selkey Fabricators	Operating Supplies	\$10.56
31477	Void		\$0.00
31478	Semco Energy	Utilities	\$2,826.58
31479	Sensus Metering System	Operating Supplies	\$1,617.45
31480	UPPCO	Utilities	\$193.21
31481	USA Bluebook	Operating Supplies	\$614.93
31482	Village of Baraga	Utilities	\$4,303.56
31483	Waste Management	Operating Supplies	\$391.70
31400	Wilkinson's Store	Operating Supplies	\$93.08
	Total		\$338,383.07

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Motion made by N. Lozier seconded by P. Mayo to adjourn.  
Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Submitted by D. Mayo, Village Clerk.