

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 S. Johnson seconded by J. Mayo to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 9, 2016 and the Special Council Meeting on February 16, 2016.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

L. LeClaire, Village Manager discussed the need for the increase in water and electric rates. The last increase was in 2009 and major repairs are needed at the water plant. The new rates would be reflected on the May 1, 2016 billing.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by N. Lozier to amend Water Ordinance No. 228 for water rate to change the minimum gallons of water to 4, 000 per month and increase the rates for usage over 1000 per month by \$.50 for all customers effective as of April 15, 2016 as reflected in Ordinance No. 235.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by N. Lozier seconded by J. Mayo to amend Ordinance No. 224 for electric rates to increase the rates by half a cent per KWH for all customers effective April 15, 2016 as reflected in Ordinance No. 236.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

M. Gagnier, Chief of Police, was present to discuss the police report. Legal update training was received by him and I. Smith, Baraga Village Police Officer. He also requested that I. Smith be sent for an Active Shooter Training Course which would enable I. Smith to become an instructor in that area of expertise in Baraga County. If for some reason I. Smith was unable to attend the training, M. Gagnier would then go in his place. The course would be held in Escanaba and the

Village would only have to pay for a motel room and meals. With all the random shootings happening in other places, it would be beneficial to have someone in this county who could provide training events to keep our area better prepared for such a situation. The council decided to send I. Smith, with M. Gagnier as an alternate choice, to the training course. M. Gagnier also requested a new computer system for the police department. The current one the department has is outdated and they cannot send reports to the State. The County has the system M Gagnier is requesting and it works well for them. The program would allow the Village police department to interact with the County police department with their police reports. Updates are done every other month for the program. Motion made by P. Stark seconded by S. Johnson to approve \$3,720.00 for the purchase of new police department software from Caliber with an annual \$1,260.00 maintenance fee beginning in the 2nd year. The software also requires a 3 year contract

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

L. LeClaire gave a report of the DPW Departments activities. Snow plowing has kept them busy. Fifty new electric meters were installed. G. Lindemann and B. Olsen went to Fire Hydrant Training for water credits for their water licenses. Boring of soil samples have been done for the 5th Street Project. Sewer system maintenance was performed on the main lift station. Maintenance was also done on equipment.

L. LeClaire is looking into a mapping system that will be available when the Baraga County Equalization Department finishes it's updating in April. The mapping system would show exact property lines and would be very helpful. The whole mapping system would cost approximately \$500.00.

L. LeClaire mentioned that it would be very helpful if her spending limit was raised from the current \$500.00 maximum. The manager's spending limit has been the same for many years and an increased limit will be reviewed. She will check if an ordinance would need to be amended in order to increase her limit.

L. LeClaire mentioned the need for new carpeting in the council chambers, three offices and the hall way. Due to the roof previously leaking, there is mold under the current carpeting. Motion made by P. Stark seconded by N. Lozier to accept the bid from the L'Anse Furniture Mart in the amount of \$10,945.00 for removal of the old carpeting and installation of new carpeting in the Village of Baraga office building.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The possibility of having a Farmers Market in the kids' park was discussed. It would be held on Wednesdays from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. It was requested that the Village of Baraga purchase a tent for the market which would cost approximately \$600.00. L. LeClaire will discuss the matter with the DDA Committee later this month.

Dale Cook, Northern Initiatives, would like to meet with the EDC Group to propose a loan to be awarded from the revolving loan fund for a local business. Wendell Dompier and Douglas LeClaire, EDC Group members, will meet with D. Cook to discuss the matter.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Mayo to pay the bills when monies become available.

Check #	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
31485	Ameraplan	Insurance	\$169.50
31486	MCTWF	Insurance	\$12,553.80
31487	Void		\$0.00
31488	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 2/14/16	\$11,018.45
31489	WPPI	Electric Purchase	\$153,624.55
31490	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$12,924.12
31491	USPS	Postage	\$245.00
31492	Ameraplan	Insurance	\$591.32
31493	Associated Bank	Operating Supplies	\$1,887.87
31494	GRA Benefits	Insurance	\$340.40
31495	Gerard Lindemann	Clothing Allowance	\$111.02
31496	Jason Mantilla	Clothing Allowance	\$13.59
31497	MI Assoc. of Mayors	Dues/Membership	\$85.00
31498	Void		\$0.00
31499	Void		\$0.00
31500	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 2/21/16	\$9,927.95
31501	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$2,026.75
31502	Village of Baraga	Municipal Transfer	\$20,114.30
31503	Village of Baraga	Electric Transfer	\$35,000.00
31504	Village of Baraga	Electric Transfer	\$31,000.00
31505	WPPI	Semi Annual Payment	\$25,000.00
31506	Eric Connor	Miscellaneous Expense	\$140.00
31507	USPS	Postage	\$249.56
31508	Matt Gagnier	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31509	Cherie Koski	Travel/Workshop	\$44.28
31510	Cindy LaTendresse	Travel/Workshop	\$60.00
31511	LeAnn LeClaire	Vehicle Expense	\$325.00
31512	LeAnn LeClaire	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31513	Gerard Lindemann	Phone Expense	\$17.50
31514	Steve Murray	Retirement	\$269.32
31515	William Olsen	Travel/Workshop	\$151.20
31516	William Olsen	Phone Expense	\$17.50
31517	Void		\$0.00
31518	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 2/28/16	\$10,885.01
31519	Irvin Smith	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31520	Superior National Bank	JWWA Replacement	\$1,666.67
31521	Superior National Bank	WPPI Debt Reserve	\$4,166.67

31522	Superior National Bank	RD Water Bond Reserve	\$2,750.00
31523	Superior National Bank	Repair & Replacement	\$2,393.75
31524	Village of Baraga	Electric Transfer	\$24,150.00
31525	Village of Baraga	DDA Transfer	\$4,200.00
31526	Brian Wadaga	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31527	American Welding	Operating Supplies	\$75.79
31528	Apple Office Products	Operating Supplies	\$540.24
31529	Aramark	Operating Supplies	\$76.68
31530	Baraga Telephone	Phone Expense	\$911.97
31531	Border States	Operating Supplies	\$1,503.66
31532	Chart Pool	Operating Supplies	\$46.01
31533	Dynamite Towing	Miscellaneous Expense	\$121.00
31534	ERA	Plant Chemicals	\$265.83
31535	Erickson Lumber	Operating Supplies	\$33.38
31536	Hach Company	Operating Supplies	\$1,125.78
31537	HD Supply	Operating Supplies	\$973.32
31538	Homestead Graphics	Operating Supplies	\$210.00
31539	Lindemann Machining	Operating Supplies	\$487.60
31540	DA Macpherson, Inc.	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,562.82
31541	Menards	Operating Supplies	\$36.14
31542	Northern Heavy Duty	Repairs & Maintenance	\$714.00
31543	Joseph O'Leary	Contracted Services	\$375.00
31544	Pelkie Outdoor	Repairs & Maintenance	\$119.95
31545	Pines Convenience	Fuel Expense	\$27.11
31546	Pomasl Fire Equip	Misc. Expense	\$905.61
31547	Void		\$0.00
31548	Semco Energy	Utilities	\$2,916.04
31549	UP Engineers	Contracted Services	\$2,592.60
31550	UPPCO	Utilities	\$156.60
31551	USA Bluebook	Operating Supplies	\$967.74
31552	Village of Baraga	Utilities	\$4,474.71
	TOTAL		\$389,479.66

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by P. Stark to donate \$2,000.00 per year for a term of 3 years to UPSET for services rendered.

Ayes: P. Stark, J. Mayo, P. Mayo, S. Johnson, and N. Lozier

Nays: D. LeClaire

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by P. Mayo to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk