

Meeting called to order at 5:45 P.M.

President W. Dompier opened the meeting.

Present at Roll Call: Paul Stark, Jeannine Mayo, Antonio Cerroni, Anthony Mayo, Sandy Johnson, and Wendell Dompier

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk
Irving Smith, Chief of Police

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by A. Cerroni to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on November 12, 2018.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by A. Cerroni to appoint Scott Koski to the vacant two year term of Village Trustee.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to appoint Cindy Wadaga as the Village Treasurer for a term which will expire on March 31, 2019.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following were sworn in for the following terms:

Scott Koski, Trustee, Two Year Term

Cindy Wadaga, Village Treasurer, Term Expiring March 31, 2019

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by A. Mayo to pay OHM Advisors the amount of \$30,436.35 for Disbursement No. 31 for the Saw Grant Project No. 7001-13-0730.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by P. Stark to pass Resolution #2018-12-11-01 approving the following payment for the USDA-Rural Development Grant and Loan Program for the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements Phase 2:

MJO Application for Payment No. 4 in the amount of \$61,014.61 for a total payment of \$61,014.61.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Rachel Winkler, a representative of Michigan Technological University, was present to discuss the possibility of a community solar project. A survey had been previously sent out to Village of Baraga residents to gauge the interest in developing a community solar project. A favorable response was received. Community Solar is a large system of solar panels built in one centralized location and made available to households and businesses to voluntarily purchase one or more of the panels and then earn credits on their monthly electricity bills for the energy their panel(s) produce. The power generated would feed into the grid. Nobody has to put the panels on their house or make a large upfront investment. People in the community who chose to participate share the initial costs and the benefits. Rates for customers who do not choose to participate would not be affected.

The Village of L'Anse is starting to move forward with a Community Solar project of their own. The Village of Baraga could possibly buy shares in that plan if they decide not to develop their own project. However, they would need to act on it quickly. The Village of L'Anse is currently pre-selling shares to any Village of L'Anse utility customer who is interested. There are three different program options (costs/credits are per panel):

1. No Down Payment/Long Term Payment Plan for income qualified customers. Subscribers pay \$2.50 per month for 25 years and earn approximately \$3.00 per month for 25 years.
2. Short Term Payment Plan. Subscribers pay \$250.00 upfront and then \$2.00 per month for 10 years. They earn approximately \$3.00 per month for 25 years.
3. Upfront Payment Plan. Subscribers pay \$450.00 upfront. They earn approximately \$3.00 per month for 25 years.

The Village Council will look further into the project and then make a decision on whether to move forward on it.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. Twenty-seven complaints were received in the month of November and four arrests were made.

LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager's Report. Two linemen have been hired for the Village of Baraga's and Village of L'Anse's lineman service agreement with WPPI. Dony Ison and Matt Robinson started in the positions on December 10. They will have orientation by WPPI and will be in their new offices on December 17. A new bucket truck and a new Digger Derrick with a bucket have been purchased. REA will service the Village of Baraga until the end of January, 2019, to make sure all tools and necessary training are in place. The Village building is being repaired due to damage received by a broken water pipe. \$32,000.00 worth of damage and repairs are anticipated.

The DPW Report was also given by LeAnn LeClaire. Plowing is being done. New banners and new lighted decorations have been put up for Christmas. The new loader was delivered.

A Special Meeting will be held on January 22, 2019 at 5:45 P.M. in the Village Chambers. WPPI will be present to discuss the rate structure.

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

Check	Vendor Name	Amount
38258	AMERA PLAN	1,171.24
38259	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	41.09
38260	ASSOCIATED BANK	8,009.90
38261	GERARD LINDEMANN	132.50
38262	JOSH TAISTO	190.79
38263	MJO CONTRACTING	39,013.80
38264	WITZ, STEVEN	137.16
38265	WILLIAM OLSEN	78.48
38266	KAHKONEN EXCAVATING, INC	7,700.00
38274	ANDERSON, TACKMAN & CO, PLC	1,411.00
38275	NORTHERN PAINTINGS AND	1,645.00
38276	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	1,372.10
38277	WHITE WATER ASSOCIATES INC	185.00
38278	VOB/KB RESERVATION WASTE WATER	43,232.38
38279	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	237.66
38286	CHERIE KOSKI	35.00
38287	CINDY LATENDRESSE	60.00
38288	DAVID APGER	68.90
38289	GERARD LINDEMANN	35.00
38290	IRVIN SMITH	35.00
38291	JASON MANTILA	355.52
38292	JOSH TAISTO	35.00
38293	LEANN LECLAIRE	360.00
38294	MATT SHALIFOE	35.00
38295	ROBERT JOHNSON	35.00
38296	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	1,666.67
38297	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	2,750.00
38298	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	2,393.75
38299	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	33,333.33
38300	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
38301	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	1,550.00
38302	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	15,506.50
38303	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	9,575.00
38304	WILLIAM OLSEN	35.00
38305	WITZ, STEVEN	35.00

38306	GERARD LINDEMANN	40.47
38307	SPECIALTY SALES	68.25
38308	STATE OF MICHIGAN	721.11
38309	MCAAA ENERGY PROGRAM	4,498.83
38314	AMERA PLAN	786.88
38316	VOB/KB RESERVATION WASTE WATER	26,411.33
38317	VOID	0.00
38318	KAHKONEN EXCAVATING, INC	850.00
38319	MILLER-BRADFORD &	143,700.00
38320	WILKINSON S STORE	238.66
38321	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	73.66
38322	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES INC	251.07
38323	BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL	400.00
38324	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	792.59
38325	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	726.95
38326	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	547.94
38327	DISPLAY SALES COMPANY	5,470.00
38328	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	202.78
38329	HAWKINS, INC	433.30
38330	HOMESTEAD GRAPHICS & DESIGN	2,520.00
38331	JONES & BARTLETT LEARNING	419.33
38332	KBIC SOLID WASTE FACILITY	69.35
38333	L ANSE FURNITURE MART	795.00
38334	L ANSE SENTINEL	102.95
38335	LARRY S MARKET INC	24.87
38336	MASSIE MANUFACTURING INC	45.00
38337	MD CONTRACTING, INC,	400.00
38338	MISS DIG SYSTEM INC	1,074.77
38339	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	34.00
38340	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	1,606.07
38341	ONTONAGON COUNTY	18,195.51
38342	POMASL FIRE EQUIPMENT	670.92
38343	PRINTING SYSTEMS	340.94
38344	QUILL CORPORATION	418.04
38345	QUILL CORPORATION	53.99
38346	SELKEY FABRICATORS	432.19
38347	SEMCO ENERGY	1,754.77
38348	STATE OF MICHIGAN	150.00
38349	STATE OF MICHIGAN	400.00
38350	U P POWER COMPANY	105.65
38351	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
38352	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,529.66
38353	WASTE MANAGEMENT	660.58

TOTALS

398,255.20

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by A. Mayo to adjourn.
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk