

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

President W. Dompier opened the meeting.

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

Absent: P. Mayo

Also Present: L. LeClaire, Village Manager

D. Mayo, Village Clerk

M. Gagnier, Chief of Police

C. Holmes, U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc.

Motion was made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 8, 2015

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Mayo

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing for the Village of Baraga Renewable Energy Plan opened at 5:31 P.M. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, explained the public hearing was a procedure required by WPPI every year. It would cause a 97 cent increase on electric bills.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the Village of Baraga Renewable Energy Plan at 5:33 P.M. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

Public Comment: None

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo to approve the Village of Baraga Renewable Energy Plan.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Mayo

Motion carried.

James Sullivan has agreed to be the sexton for the Village of Baraga cemetery. Formerly, he had helped his brother, David Sullivan, with the position. David Sullivan passed away last year and James Sullivan accepted the official position of sexton in January, 2016.

C. Holmes, U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. was present to discuss the 5th Street Project. He presented the council with two different estimates for the project. One bid opinion was based on using plastic pipe under the road for the project and had a project budget of \$215,500.00. The other bid opinion was based on the use of concrete pipe and had a project budget of \$236,800.00. He stated he gave the two options because plastic has not been holding up well in other projects

in nearby areas. However, the final choice of concrete or plastic could be decided after the bids are received. Motion made by P. Stark seconded by N. Lozier to accept U.P. Engineers and Architects, Inc. design for the Fifth St. Project in the amount of \$236,800.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Mayo

Motion carried.

L. LeClaire discussed the Installment Purchase Agreement for the Baraga Post Office Lift Station. The Joint Waste Water Authority will be responsible for the loan payments. However, The Village of Baraga needs to apply for the loan because the Joint Waste Water Authority is jointly owned and can't apply for loans. The loan would be for \$60,672.04 at a rate of 2.90% for a period not to exceed 7 years with semi-annual principal and interest payments beginning no later than six months from the date of delivery/funding. The Installment Purchase Agreement may be prepaid, in whole or in part at any time, with funds withdrawn from the Authority.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by N. Lozier to approve Resolution No. 2016-01 for the Installment Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$60, 672.04 with the stipulation that the Joint Waste Water Authority is responsible for making all of the payments.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Mayo

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by N. Lozier to approve Resolution No. 2016-02 for the Resolution for Designation of Street Administrator designating LeAnn LeClaire, formerly known as LeAnn Froberg, as Street Administrator.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Mayo

Motion carried.

M. Gagnier, Chief of Police, was present to give the Police Report. The new police car has been working well. Four cameras will be installed at the marina in the spring to deter theft and vandalism. The department will attend legal update training next month for laws that will go into effect in April, 2016.

The Master Plan was discussed. Some Michigan Technological University students have volunteered to conduct the survey for the Village free of charge. However, they will need to start on the project within the next week. L. LeClaire would like two people from the DDA Committee and two from the KBIC to be on the committee. She has also agreed to be on the committee along with W. Dompier, J. Mayo and N. Lozier.

The Village of Baraga purchased the All-Wood property on December 18, 2015.

Five members of the Village of Baraga Fire Department were terminated from their positions because they did not complete their required training during the two year required time limit.

A Speed Study Meeting will MDOT will be conducted in the Village Chambers on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 10:30 A.M.

The Marina Rates were discussed and it was agreed that the rates should be raised. Motion made by P. Stark seconded by N. Lozier to raise the 2016 boat dock seasonal rates by 13%, the individual launch fees to \$5.00 and the seasonal launch fee to \$40.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Mayo

Motion carried.

Motion made by N. Lozier seconded by J. Mayo to appoint Judy Mayo to the Downtown Development Authority committee.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Mayo

Motion carried.

L. LeClaire said the DPW crew has been doing a great job this winter. A water main break on Michelle Lane was repaired. The culvert on Hemlock St. and N. Superior Ave will need to be replaced in the spring. Sewer repairs were performed at two different locations. Training is being completed for OSHA. The Village of Baraga water loss percent went down by 4% in the last month. A large contributing factor in the decrease is credited to the recent repair and replacement of broken meters.

L. LeClaire is checking into several options for funding for blight problems in the area.

L. LeClaire and W. Dompier attended the Baraga Area School board meeting regarding the tax issue. The school board apologized to the Village of Baraga and the tax payers for not informing them of the tax increase in a more timely matter. In the future, if such an increase is needed, an advance warning will be given.

Due to a request from the Village of Baraga, the post office drop box was moved from Larry's Market to the Bay Auto Parts entrance. The area at Larry's Market was a bad spot with so much traffic, so the new location is a safer location for people.

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

Check#	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
31306	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 12/13/15	\$11,301.24
31307	WPPI	Purchased Power	\$139,935.65
31308	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$14,145.64
31309	Village of Baraga	Vac/Sick Reimbursement	\$4,724.09
31310	Void		\$0.00
31311	Village of Baraga	Petty Cash	\$91.29
31312	Kendricks, Bourdea ET	Land Acquisition	\$250,630.04

31313	Dave Apper	Clothing Allowance	\$259.37
31314	Associated Bank	Operating Supplies	\$1,010.72
31315	Wendell Dompier	Travel/Workshop	\$115.00
31316	GRA Benefits	Insurance	\$340.40
31317	Void		\$0.00
31318	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 12/20/15	\$9,367.79
31319	Ameraplan	Insurance	\$169.50
31320	MCTWF	Insurance	\$12,553.80
31321	Void		\$0.00
31322	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 12/27/15	\$11,785.59
31323	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$2,619.83
31325	USPS	Postage	\$257.72
31326	Baraga Co Credit Union	Retirement	\$6,950.23
31327	Matt Gagnier	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31328	Cindy LaTendresse	Travel/Workshop	\$60.00
31329	LeAnn LeClaire	Vehicle Expense	\$325.00
31330	LeAnn LeClaire	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31331	Gerard Lindemann	Phone Expense	\$17.50
31332	Steve Murray	Retirement	\$269.32
31333	William Olsen	Phone Expense	\$17.50
31334	Void		\$0.00
31335	Void		\$0.00
31336	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 1/3/16	\$11,020.55
31337	Sewer Equip Company	Operating Supplies	\$4,648.00
31338	Irvin Smith	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31339	Superior National Bank	JWWA Replacement	\$1,666.67
31340	Superior National Bank	WPPI Debt Reserve	\$4,166.67
31341	UPPPA	ATC Contribution	\$2,775.56
31342	Village of Baraga	Electric Transfer	\$20,000.00
31343	Village of Baraga	DDA Transfer	\$4,200.00
31344	Brian Wadaga	Phone Expense	\$35.00
31345	Ameraplan	Insurance	\$2,968.77
31346	Mich Municipal League	Unemployment	\$7.46
31347	Mich Municipal League	Unemployment	\$20.20
31348	Void		\$0.00
31349	Payroll Account	Payroll Ending 1/1/16	\$10,452.90
31350	Payroll Account	Sales Tax	\$5,099.69
31351	Specialty Sales	Misc. Expense	\$34.50
31352	MI DMB	Operating Supplies	\$250.00
31353	US Treasury	Taxes	\$46.23
31354	Village of Baraga	EFT	\$15,110.36
31355	Village of Baraga	Vac./Sick Reimbursement	\$3,581.60
31356	Village of Baraga	Equipment Rental	\$4,707.14
31357	Brian Wadaga	Travel/Workshop	\$18.36
31358	White Bear Rescue	Misc Expense	\$250.00
31359	American Welding	Operating Supplies	\$23.05

31360	Apple Office Products	Operating Supplies	\$136.79
31361	Aramark	Operating Supplies	\$230.04
31362	BCMh	Misc Expense	\$85.75
31363	Void		\$0.00
31364	Baraga Telephone	Phone Expense	\$774.51
31365	Bay Auto	Operating Supplies	\$413.48
31366	Border States	Operating Supplies	\$419.25
31367	Bugle Contracting	Contracted Services	\$3,880.00
31368	Crane Engineering	Operating Supplies	\$150.00
31369	Del Rajala	Contracted Services	\$900.00
31370	Erickson Lumber	Operating Supplies	\$154.98
31371	Etna Supply	Operating Supplies	\$171.01
31372	Hach Supply	Operating Supplies	\$463.96
31373	HD Supply	Operating Supplies	\$560.45
31374	Hiawatha Chef	Operating Supplies	\$31.00
31375	Houghton Co Treasurer	Contracted Services	\$500.00
31376	Hydrite Chemical	Plant Chemicals	\$1,626.10
31377	Idexx Corp	Operating Supplies	\$140.35
31378	L'Anse Sentinel	Advertising Expense	\$96.30
31379	Laser North	Repairs & Maintenance	\$158.67
31380	Mark Wilk	Contracted Services	\$150.00
31381	MMEA	Dues/Membership	\$4,422.00
31382	MML	Travel/Workshop	\$180.00
31383	Monroe Truck Equip	Operating Supplies	\$1,104.38
31384	North Central Lab	Operating Supplies	\$189.34
31385	Northern Oil	Fuel Expense	\$631.37
31386	Joseph O'Leary	Contracted Services	\$375.00
31387	Ojibwa Building	Operating Supplies	\$89.75
31388	REA	Contracted Services	\$6,894.41
31389	Opus Web	Contracted Services	\$25.00
31390	Pines Convenience	Fuel Expense	\$39.81
31391	Selkey Fabricating	Repairs & Maintenance	\$141.80
31392	Semco Energy	Utilities	\$1,875.23
31393	Superior National Bank	Misc Expense	\$38.00
31394	UP Engineers	Contracted Services	\$206.00
31395	UP Engineers	Contracted Services	\$1,545.00
31396	UPPCO	Utilities	\$83.77
31397	Village of Baraga	Utilities	\$4,614.70
31398	Waste Management	Operating Supplies	\$396.97
31399	WCUP Radio	Advertising Expense	\$25.00
31400	Wilkinson's Store	Operating Supplies	\$303.36
	Total		\$592,358.46

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Mayo

Motion carried.

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by D. LeClaire to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Mayo

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Submitted by D. Mayo, Village Clerk.