

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, Scott Koski and Wendell Dompier

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

Motion made by A. Cerroni seconded by P. Stark to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 9, 2021 and the Special Meeting on February 16, 2021.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Sylvia Wentela, Great Lakes Recovery Program, was present at the meeting. Their work is being done online and in person. She said they have been able to still provide adequate employment for parolees. She also mentioned a MSHDA virtual event that will take place on March 17, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM for people interested in purchasing a home. A virtual event for an employment forum will also be taking place in the near future but a date has not been set yet.

The Public Hearing for the application by Pettibone Traverse Lift, LLC., for a Tax Abatement on property located at 1105 S Superior Avenue, Baraga, opened at 5:47 PM on March 9, 2021. Pettibone Traverse Lift LLC., requested a tax abatement for the maximum of twelve years for 1105 S Superior Avenue (commonly known as the Baraga Armory) for real and personal property. The real property cost is \$705,800.00 and the personal property tax is \$109,500.00 for a total of \$815,300.00. Scott Raffaelli was present to represent Pettibone Traverse LLC. He stated that the Baraga Armory building will need a new roof and internal improvements to make it functional for them so they would like a tax abatement on the property. They plan to utilize the building for after parts and new product development. Possibly some fabrication will also take place. The improvements will also help to create new jobs in the area. He stated the building's business conversion will not affect the use of the baseball field on the property which has been used in the past by local baseball leagues. The Baraga Armory was previously not taxed so an assessment will have to be made on the property.

The Public Hearing for the application by Pettibone Traverse Life, LLC., for a Tax Abatement on property located at 1105 S Superior Avenue, Baraga, closed at 5:52 PM on March 9, 2021.

The Public Hearing for the Rural Development Grant for a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Package opened at 5:53 PM on March 9, 2021.

The proposed grant would be for \$32,600.00 and the Village's match would be for \$10,800.00. As soon as the Village manager hears what the exact amount of the grant will be, L. LeClaire would like to order the car since there is an eight-to-nine-month lead time. The Public Hearing for the Rural Development Grant for a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Package closed at 5:55 PM on March 9, 2021.

The council went back into the Regular Council Meeting at 5:56 PM on March 9, 2021.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by A. Mayo to approve the application by Pettibone Traverse Lift, LLC., for a Tax Abatement on property located at 1105 S Superior Avenue, Baraga.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by A. Cerroni to approve the Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$32,600.00 for the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Package.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. Twenty-two complaints were received in the month of February. Two arrests were made. Three hundred eighty property checks were completed.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager's Report. Water accountability is the highest it has been. It is now up to 85.4%. The MEDC had a meeting on March 8, 2021 to discuss if the Village of Baraga could receive more funding for the Sewer Lagoons Project. However, the results of the meeting were not known yet. As soon as those results are revealed, the Village will have a special meeting to award the bid on the project.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the DPW Report. The crew did maintenance on equipment, changed out electric meters, rebuilt a motor at the lagoon, installed a water meter at the cemetery and also performed some water plant repairs. They also organized the shop and some electrical supplies were moved to a vacant area in the fire department.

Motion made by S. Johnson approved by P. Stark to donate \$500.00 to the Baraga Bash for services rendered.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

S. Johnson stated that the Baraga Lumberjack Day Committee is moving forward with plans for the Baraga Lumberjack Days Celebration in July. However, if CDC guidelines require that they not have the actual celebration, they would still live to provide fireworks for the community if possible.

A letter was received from Tom LaTendresse for permission to block Main Street for the annual Cue Cruise. Cars would be spaced out a little more in an attempt for everyone to view the cars at a safe distance.

Motion made by A, Mayo seconded by P. Stark to approve the blocking of Superior Ave from State St to Pennock St on August 7, 2021 for the annual Cue Cruise, pending approval of CDC guidelines. Also, in the event of bad weather, the event will be moved to August 8, 2021.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

Check	Vendor Name	Amount
41425	STATE OF MICHIGAN	6,242.03
41426	ASSOCIATED BANK	2,915.72
41427	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	1,587.57
41428	BARAGA COUNTY TREASURER	250.00
41429	MICHIGAN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	105.00
41430	SCOTT MARSHALL	1,100.00
41431	BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL	180.00
41436	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
41441	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	249.55
41447	CHERIE KOSKI	50.00
41448	CINDY LATENDRESSE	60.00
41449	DAVID APGER	50.00
41450	GERARD LINDEMANN	50.00
41451	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
41452	JASON MANTILA	50.00
41453	JOSH TAISTO	50.00
41454	LEANN LECLAIRE	375.00
41455	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
41456	ROBERT JOHNSON	50.00
41457	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	917.00
41458	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	9,129.00
41459	TIM WADAGA	50.00
41460	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	24,558.00
41461	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
41462	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,190.00
41463	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
41464	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00

41465	WILLIAM OLSEN	50.00
41466	STATE OF MICHIGAN	724.60
41467	MCAAA ENERGY PROGRAM	4,223.34
41471	BARAGA COUNTY CHAMBER COMMERCE	700.00
41472	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	1,336.39
41473	BARAGA COUNTY CHAMBER COMMERCE	250.00
41474	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
41475	JEFF MAYO	200.31
41476	ANDERSON, TACKMAN & CO, PLC	200.00
41477	BARAGA SENIOR BASH	500.00
41478	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	1,268.98
41479	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	472.94
41480	BIANCO PLUMBING AND HEATING	48.00
41481	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	3,287.88
41482	BRIAN JOHNSON	700.00
41483	CORE & MAIN	2,505.00
41484	DICKINSON COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM	46.00
41485	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	409.90
41486	H&L MESABI	1,626.00
41487	HACH COMPANY	157.26
41488	HAWKINS, INC	1,253.70
41489	HOUGHTON COUNTY TREASURER	400.00
41490	L ANSE SENTINEL	149.19
41491	LACOURT BOTTLED GAS CO	48.00
41492	MR TIRE STORE #5	30.00
41493	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	28.50
41494	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	1,628.80
41495	PINES CONVEINCE CENTER	38.42
41496	QUILL CORPORATION	200.48
41497	SEMCO ENERGY	2,698.69
41498	SKYTТА'S COUNTRY FEED	4.15
41499	SUPERIOR ELECTRIC, INC	582.10
41500	THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST CO	6,577.99
41501	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	11,808.00
41502	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	8,856.00
41503	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	11,982.58
41504	USA BLUEBOOK	258.70
41505	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
41506	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	1,000.00
41507	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	3,598.97
41508	WHITE WATER ASSOCIATES INC	220.00
41509	WILKINSON S STORE	190.29

TOTAL

129,434.05

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to adjourn.
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk