

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
Michael Grentz, Anderson & Tackman
Marty Drieschmeier, WPPI
Brett Niemi, WPPI
Andrew Keranen, U.P. Engineers and Architects
James Koskiniemi, U.P. Engineers and Architects

Motion made by A. Cerroni seconded by S. Koski to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 7, 2021.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment: The subject of whether the Village of Baraga should opt in or out on a marihuana facility was discussed. A guest questioned why we are donating to Upset if we are contemplating allowing a marihuana facility to be opened in the Village of Baraga. He believed it would be bad for our youth. Another guest stated she would love to have a facility in the Village as she has to travel out of the county to get her medicine.

Motion made by A. Mayo seconded by S. Koski to hold a Special Council Meeting on October 19, 2021 at 5:45 P.M. in the Council Chambers to discuss whether the Village of Baraga should opt in or out of allowing a marihuana facility in the Village.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing on the Village of Baraga Recreation Plan opened at 5:57 P.M. on October 12, 2021. The recreation plan was made available to the public earlier this year for comments. Some public input was received. The new recreation plan will be beneficial in obtaining grants for the Village of Baraga. The plan will be submitted early in 2022 and will be in effect from 2022 through 2027.

The Public Hearing for the Village of Baraga Recreation Plan closed at 5:59 P.M. October 12, 2021.

Motion made by A. Cerroni seconded by A. Mayo to approve Resolution #2021-10-12-01 approving the Village of Baraga Parks and Recreation Plan.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by A. Mayo seconded by S. Koski to approve Change Order #3 for the Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project and to approve Resolution #2021-10-12-02 for Payment No. 4 in the amount of \$380,288.68 to Danielson Contracting, Inc for the Village of Baraga Wastewater Systems Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

A presentation was given by Marty Dreischmeier regarding the background and accomplishments of WPPI. Brett Niemi, WPPI, discussed a rate study done on the Village's electric rates. He suggested raising the rates for small commercial businesses and residents while decreasing the rates for the large size commercial customer. He said this would reduce the risk to the Village if one of the major businesses happened to close down. B. Niemi discussed increasing the residential monthly service charge to \$10.00 and also charge more for peak distribution hours. The increase could be staggered over a few years. The council decided to look into the matter at a later date.

Michael Greutz, CPA for Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC, discussed the recent audit of the Village of Baraga by their company. Net position of the Village as a whole increased by \$64,318 as a result of this year's operations. Net position of the governmental activities increased by \$172,744 and net position of the business-type activities decreased by \$108,426. During the year, the Village had expenses for governmental activities that were \$1,784,108 and revenues and transfers totaling \$1,956,852. The Village also had expenses for business-type activities that were \$3,395,206 and revenues and transfers totaling \$3,286,780. The General Fund is gradually increasing due to shifting allocated expenses. Local and Major Streets are still struggling with the increase in property tax exemptions and the Village won't be able to afford any road improvements for another two years or so. Mr. Greutz did suggest raising rates in the sewer fund which will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. Forty-two complaints were received in the month of September. One arrest was made. Three hundred ninety property checks were completed. I. Smith, Chief of Police, and Officer M. Shalifoe were busy attending instructional training in the month of September. They attended a fall firearm qualifications training on September 21 at the Ottawa Sportsmen Club. A defensive tactic training was also held there on September 21. On September 27-29, they attended street crime training in Marquette at Northern Michigan University.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager's Report. LeClaire attend the WPPI meeting in Pewaukee. The Village of Baraga received an award for 130 Years of Public Power.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the DPW Report. Lagoon work and mowing was done. A sewer line was replaced on Lyons Street. Winter sand was hauled to the shop. Vehicles are being prepared for winter.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, had a meeting with the Fire Committee and the Township of Baraga on the need for a new fire truck. Jeff Mayo and Taylor Mayo were also there representing the Baraga Fire Department. Plans are being made to also meet with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on a contribution towards the truck which would roughly cost \$450,000.00.

Trick or Treat hours were set for 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on October 31, 2021.

C. Swartz, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, was present to discuss the proposed second phase of the walking trail. He discussed the fast traffic in the crossing area. MDOT has been approached by the Village of Baraga and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community several times to lower the speed limit to 45 miles per hour, but has continued to refuse citing there has not been enough accidents to warrant it. C. Swartz said the KBIC council could not approve the proposed walking trail due to safety hazards. W. Dompier explained that a crosswalk with lights would be put up along with signage. He also stated that over a million dollars in grants would be lost if they did not get approval for the crosswalk from the KBIC council by October 15, 2021. S. Koski stated the trail actually will make the walk to the Baraga State Park safer than walking along the side of the road and the it is an excellent opportunity that shouldn't be passed up. C. Swartz said due to a funeral in the tribal community he would not be able to have another council meeting by that date. However, he would try to discuss the matter individually with each council member before October 15.

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

Check	Vendor Name	Amount
42153	OJIBWA CASINO MAINT. BUILDING	2,933.69
42154	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	7,726.50
42155	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
42156	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
42160	BACCO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	635.50
42161	BARAGA CNTY EQUALIZATION DEPT	420.00
42162	BARAGA COUNTY CONCRETE CO	780.00
42163	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	1,030.47
42164	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	320.67
42165	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	76.60
42166	ETNA SUPPLY	792.00
42167	HAATAJA TRUCKING	674.31

42168	HANNULA AGENCY	38,300.00
42169	HAWKINS, INC	413.22
42170	HOUGHTON COUNTY TREASURER	200.00
42171	IRBY	417.49
42172	L ANSE SENTINEL	119.25
42173	LARRY S MARKET INC	31.81
42174	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	28.50
42175	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	4,040.43
42176	OSHKOSH FIRE AND POLICE EQUIP	900.00
42177	QUILL CORPORATION	136.84
42178	SEMCO ENERGY	791.83
42179	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	38,305.23
42180	U P POWER COMPANY	101.41
42181	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
42182	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	2,701.80
42183	VILLAGE OF L ANSE	489.00
42184	WASTE MANAGEMENT	570.09
42185	WHITE WATER ASSOCIATES INC	220.00
42186	BACCO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	1,302.00
42187	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
42188	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
42189	BARAGA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	496.00
42190	BERGER CHEVROLET	43,489.00
42191	DAVID APGER	48.16
42192	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	2,952.00
42193	USA BLUEBOOK	115.07
42194	GERARD LINDEMANN	180.19
42203	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	70.54
42204	ANDERSON, TACKMAN & CO, PLC	9,200.00
42206	IRVIN SMITH	17.67
42207	IRVIN SMITH	37.00
42208	LEANN LECLAIRE	384.72
42218	ASSOCIATED BANK	977.53
42219	JOSH TAISTO	52.97
42220	WILKINSON'S STORE	364.70
42221	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
42223	906 TRUCK & EQUIP SERVICE, INC	54.43
42224	MID-CONTINENT CASUALTY CO	500.00
42225	IRVIN SMITH	84.00
42229	ROBERT JOHNSON	57.91
42230	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	361.07
42231	QUILL CORPORATION	180.49
42232	DANIELSON CONTRACTING	314,046.25

42233	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	289.60
42234	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION CORP	3,851.17
42235	IRVIN SMITH	75.62
42236	MATT SHALIFOE	195.05
42241	CHERIE KOSKI	50.00
42242	CINDY LATENDRESSE	60.00
42243	DAVID APGER	50.00
42244	GERARD LINDEMANN	50.00
42245	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
42246	JASON MANTILA	50.00
42247	JOSH TAISTO	50.00
42248	LEANN LECLAIRE	375.00
42249	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
42250	ROBERT JOHNSON	50.00
42251	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	3,192.00
42252	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	9,129.00
42253	TIM WADAGA	50.00
42254	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	24,558.00
42255	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
42256	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,190.00
42257	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
42258	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
42259	WILLIAM OLSEN	50.00
42260	STATE OF MICHIGAN	684.93
42261	MCAAA ENERGY PROGRAM	4,223.33
42262	SEMCO ENERGY	769.86
42264	DANIELSON CONTRACTING	1,031,878.60
42288	AHOLA, LOIS	51.89
42289	ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES	810.00
42290	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	70.54
42291	BARAGA COUNTY CONCRETE CO	2,785.00
42292	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	852.10
42293	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	1,250.81
42294	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	1,048.36
42295	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	309.45
42296	CORE & MAIN	543.86
42297	DYNAMITE TOWING & TIRE	709.00
42298	ELCOM SYSTEMS	113.36
42299	ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH	650.00
42300	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC	194.32
42301	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	487.13
42302	GLRC FOUNDATION	1,367.70
42303	HACH COMPANY	161.04

42304	HAWKINS, INC	2,134.40
42305	HOMESTEAD GRAPHICS & DESIGN	340.00
42306	HOUGHTON COUNTY TREASURER	700.00
42307	KEWEENAW OVERHEAD DOOR	1,289.00
42308	L ANSE SENTINEL	107.34
42309	LARRY S MARKET INC	8.99
42310	MARQUETTE MENARDS	130.37
42311	MITCH S TRADING POST	354.93
42312	MR TIRE STORE #5	718.27
42313	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	17.50
42314	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	1,713.81
42315	POWER SYSTEM ENGINEERING	4,651.25
42316	POWER SYSTEM ENGINEERING	9,466.25
42317	QUILL CORPORATION	241.57
42318	QUILL CORPORATION	26.59
42319	ROAT, CAROL	113.57
42320	SUPERIORLAND SERVICES INC	96.59
42321	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO	539.96
42322	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	1,250.00
42323	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	26,997.24
42324	U P POWER COMPANY	122.37
42325	UP INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, INC	412.56
42326	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
42327	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	2,676.33
42328	WASTE MANAGEMENT	572.40
	WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA HEALTH	
42329	DEPT	75.00
42330	WHITE WATER ASSOCIATES INC	350.00
42331	WILKINSON S STORE	341.07
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	TOTAL	1,635,996.46

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Motion made by A. Mayo seconded by A. Cerroni to adjourn.
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk