

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  
Andrew Keranen, U.P. Engineers and Architects  
James Koskiniemi, U.P. Engineers and Architects

Motion made by A. Cerroni seconded by A. Mayo to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on August 8, 2021.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Aaron Robins and Tonya Solberg were present to discuss the possibility of the Village of Baraga opting in on a marihuana establishment in the Village of Baraga. They are prequalified for a microbusiness. They stated that the business would bring revenue into the Village of Baraga. The Village would be getting \$5,000.00 for the permit application. Also, the Village of Baraga would be eligible for money from the state. In the state's 2020 fiscal year, every eligible municipality received around \$28,000.00 for every licensed retail store or microbusiness. The Village could limit the number of micro businesses in the area. They could also pull the license of a microbusiness at any time if they felt it wasn't working out as they anticipated. Council member, Paul Stark, was against the opening of a facility in the Village of Baraga. He stated that there are enough drugs in the area and he is totally against the facility. Council member, Scott Koski, was in support of the facility. He stated that it is a legal drug and Aaron Robins and Tonya Solberg are top notch people. After much discussion, it was decided that the subject would be tabled until the October meeting in an attempt to have the Village's lawyers review the business venture.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo to approve Resolution #2021-9-7-01 for Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$261,786.47 to Danielson Contracting, Inc for the Village of Baraga Wastewater Systems Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

James Koskiniemi, discussed Phase 3 of the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements. Rural Development currently is offering an all-time low interest rate for water and sewer projects in rural communities. Based on the Village of Baraga and Baraga Township weighted 2010 Median Household income, the Village qualifies for the Rural Development's poverty interest rate. Rural Development's current poverty interest rate is at 1 3/8% for a 40-year term. Due to additional water sales income in recent years, the existing water system income may be sufficient to fund a water project with little or no increase in rates. Rural development has a goal to limit total grants for a given project to around \$1,500,000.00 The Village could apply for funds for a project of \$2,000,000.00 (Loan-\$500,000.00 and Grant-\$1,500,000.00).

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by A. Cerroni for an agreement between the Village of Baraga and U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. for the provision of limited professional services by U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00 for assistance with compiling and submitting of a funding application to Rural Development.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. Thirty-five complaints were received in the month of August. One arrest was made. Four hundred five property checks were completed. The new police car has not yet been received. The delay is caused by the metal cage for the car being on back order.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager's Report. The Recreation Plan is out for a thirty-day review period. A public hearing will be held in October to finalize the plan. The audit is complete and will be discussed at October's council meeting. The revised easement for the walking trail has been sent to the attorney and then will be submitted to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for approval. The tax exemption for Pettibone has been approved by the State of Michigan. Blacktopping on State Street from Wilkinson's Store to US 41 has been completed.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the DPW Report. Black top patching was done. Painting was done at the water plant. Sidewalk work was done on Bowling Avenue. Mowing and lagoon work was also done.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by P. Stark for the approval of a two-year intergovernmental agreement with the Township of Baraga for the collection of taxes.

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
42095	ANDERSON, TACKMAN & CO, PLC	12,300.00
42096	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC	334.32
42097	JOSEPH P O LEARY	375.00
42109	BACCO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	1,999.50
42110	BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL	129.00
42111	DICKINSON COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM	84.50
42112	ARENS SUPERIOR PAVING	40,000.00
42118	ASSOCIATED BANK	413.65
42119	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
42120	QUILL CORPORATION	147.97
42121	ROBERT JOHNSON	34.26
42122	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
42126	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	643.53
42127	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	290.00
42129	CHERIE KOSKI	50.00
42130	CINDY LATENDRESSE	60.00
42131	DAVID APGER	50.00
42132	GERARD LINDEMANN	50.00
42133	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
42134	JASON MANTILA	50.00
42135	JOSH TAISTO	50.00
42136	LEANN LECLAIRE	375.00
42137	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
42138	ROBERT JOHNSON	50.00
42139	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	917.00
42140	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	3,192.00
42141	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	9,129.00
42142	TIM WADAGA	50.00
42143	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
42144	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,190.00
42145	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
42146	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
42147	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	24,558.00
42148	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	32,000.00
42149	WILLIAM OLSEN	50.00
42150	MCAAA ENERGY PROGRAM	4,223.33
42151	STATE OF MICHIGAN	689.67
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
42152	STATE OF MICHIGAN	<u>6,196.83</u>

\$254,205.22

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by S. Koski to adjourn.  
Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk