

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, Sandy Johnson, Scott Koski and Wendell Dompier

Absent: Anthony Mayo

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager  
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 14, 2021.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: A. Mayo

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Serene Gauthier of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Department of Natural Resources was present to discuss a Tire Collection Event they and Superior Water Shed of Marquette will be holding in 2022. They asked for a letter of support from the Village of Baraga and also a monetary donation. They also will be applying for a grant for the event.. Businesses would not be allowed to bring tires to the event as they charge their customers to take tires. Ten tires per family would be allowed and there would be no charge. Information on the event will be sent to L. LeClaire, Village Manager, to review.

Jeff Mayo, Baraga Fire Department chief, was present to discuss the purchase of a new fire truck. The cost is estimated to be about \$395,000.00 and will be split between the Village of Baraga, Township of Baraga and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Motion by S. Johnson seconded by S. Koski to approve the purchase of a new fire truck and also pay 10% of the Village's share for the down payment.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: A. Mayo

Motion carried.

The Police Report was reviewed. Thirty complaints were received in the month of December. Two arrests were made. Three hundred eighty property checks were completed. I. Smith, Chief of Police, and Officer M. Shalfoe were busy attending instructional training in the month of December. They attended a sex trafficking training on December 1, 2021, at the Baraga County Courthouse. They also attended a taser training, which was a one-day recertification training, on December 8, 2021.

L. LeClaire discussed that the council members have not received a raise in eighteen years and suggested that a raise be given.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by A. Cerroni to approve an additional \$50.00 per monthly meetings and an additional \$25.00 per special meetings for council members.

Ayes: None

Nays: None

Absent: A. Mayo

Motion carried.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager's Report. All projects were basically put on hold for the holiday season.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the DPW Report. Maintenance on equipment and snow plowing was done. Christmas decorations were taken down. Information needed for the DWAM Grant was completed.

One of the eligible expenditures for CARES (Coronavirus State American Rescue Plan) is to provide a sum for hazardous pay for essential employees that worked through the pandemic. The Village is receiving \$203,000.00 in funding to be used for infrastructure, broadband and hazardous pay. L. LeClaire, Village Manager, requested that each full-time employee receive \$1,000.00 and the part time employee receive \$500.00 for their dedication. This would not include the police department which already received their hazardous pay previously.

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to approve an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) payment of \$1,000.00 for all full time Village employees excluding the police department and \$500.00 for the part time Village employee.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: A. Mayo

Motion carried.

The Keweenaw Bay Hockey Association has found some new/used boards for the Baraga Ice Rink. The current boards are rotting and would need to be replaced in the near future. The cost of \$40,000.00 for the boards would be shared between the Village of Baraga and Township of Baraga. Both parties have been setting aside funds for improvements to the rink and they would have the funds to purchase the boards. Dustin Lindemann, president of the Keweenaw Bay Hockey Association, stated he would inspect the boards before purchasing them. P. Stark and a Village employee will also go with him.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by a. Cerroni to approve \$20,000.00 for the purchase of boards for the recreation center.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: A. Mayo

Motion carried.

The Village has run out of room to plow snow. Northern Painting has a parcel for sale next to Homestead Graphics for the amount of \$8,000.00 which would be an ideal place to put the snow.

However, the council felt the price for the parcel is too high. It was also discussed to approach the KBIC about putting the snow in the vacant area near their library. It was decided to approach Northern Painting about lowering the parcel amount and also checking with the KBIC if the snow could be put on their lot.

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

Check	Vendor Name	Amount
42584	U P POWER COMPANY	141.75
42593	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
42594	DANIELSON CONTRACTING	380,288.68
42595	ASSOCIATED BANK	2,735.15
42596	MARQUETTE MENARDS	198.98
42601	JASON MANTILA	47.68
42602	MITCH S TRADING POST	34.99
42603	QUILL CORPORATION	49.96
42604	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	286.80
42605	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	843.36
42606	LACOURT BOTTLED GAS CO	24.00
42611	CHERIE KOSKI	50.00
42612	CINDY LATENDRESSE	60.00
42613	DAVID APGER	50.00
42614	GERARD LINDEMANN	50.00
42615	IRVIN SMITH	100.00
42616	JASON MANTILA	50.00
42617	JOSH TAISTO	50.00
42618	LEANN LECLAIRE	375.00
42619	MANNINEN, JOHN	262.35
42620	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
42621	ROBERT JOHNSON	50.00
42622	SEMCO ENERGY	3,499.22
42623	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	3,192.00
42624	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	9,129.00
42625	TIM WADAGA	50.00
42626	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	24,558.00
42627	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
42628	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,190.00
42629	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
42630	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
42631	WILLIAM OLSEN	50.00

42632	SEATON APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES	437.00
42633	STATE OF MICHIGAN	684.50
42637	DAVID APGER	148.39
42641	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	101.65
42642	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
42643	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	38.00
42644	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	35.02
42645	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	850.12
42646	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	552.18
42647	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	488.47
42648	ELCOM SYSTEMS	100.00
42649	HACH COMPANY	859.86
42650	HAWKINS, INC	470.41
42651	HOUGHTON COUNTY TREASURER	200.00
42652	IRBY	19,357.09
42653	L ANSE SENTINEL	239.80
42654	LACOURT BOTTLED GAS CO	24.00
	MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF	
42655	MAYORS	85.00
42656	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	42.00
42657	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	1,839.26
42658	PRINTING SYSTEMS	536.46
42659	QUILL CORPORATION	181.42
42660	RC MECHANICAL	935.54
42661	STATE OF MICHIGAN	7,775.50
42662	U P POWER COMPANY	170.36
42663	USA BLUEBOOK	458.94
42664	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.04
42665	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,702.08
42666	VILLAGE OF L ANSE	1,105.00
42667	WASTE MANAGEMENT	586.65
42668	WILKINSON S STORE	716.37
42634	STATE OF MICHIGAN	6,032.23
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	TOTAL	487,084.26

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Absent: A. Mayo  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to adjourn.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Absent: A. Mayo  
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk