

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

President W. Dompier opened the meeting.

Present at Roll Call: Paul Stark, Jeannine Mayo, Tony Cerroni, Tim Olson, Sandy Johnson, Scott Koski and Wendell Dompier

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk
Irvin Smith, Chief of Police
Brett Niemi, WPPI Energy
Andrew Keranen, UPEA Engineers & Architects
Gordette Lutz, Baraga County Community Foundation
Harry Miron, Baraga County Trails Authority Board Member

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 10, 2023.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Gordette Lutz, Baraga County Community Foundation, was present to thank the Village of Baraga for their support of the foundation. The foundation has accessed grant dollars, in-state and out-of-state, to sponsor local programs. It has distributed over \$130,000.00 in scholarships to the students of Baraga County Schools. They have been able to provide maps and brochures for the Baraga County Cultural Sites kiosks. The Baraga County Community Foundation has also become a leader in youth development initiatives through youth program funding. The foundation has worked hard to improve the quality of life in our community.

Harry Miron, Baraga County Trails Authority, was present to discuss the trail system in Baraga county. He stated the community would benefit with the continued development of the trail system. The county needs to take advantage of the seven month period that ORV users would also utilize the trail. Tourism would definitely increase due to those users. Trail marking will begin in April for the current trail. \$6,000.00 in signage has been purchased and they still need to purchase \$8,000.00 more. Mr. Miron is working with CN Railroad on the issue of the railroad tracks. Continued progress on the trail is anticipated. Village Trustee, Tim Olson, has agreed to serve on the Baraga County Trails Authority.

Brett Niemi, WPPI Energy, was present to discuss the North Star billing system and AMI meters. BSA is our current billing system. He explained that there are several program and services that we can't take advantage of under our current billing system. Forty-five of WPPI's fifty-one members are using the North Star system. WPPI bought the rights to use the software and it has been very successful. The new program would give the customer online access to several

tools, such as paperless billing and real time ACHs. They would have access to outage management which would reduce the number of phone calls to the office. Bills would be automatically reviewed for discrepancies by WPPI. There will also be built in back up support for billing. With AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) smart meters would be standard. Mapping information would be available. Data from the meters would be almost real time. Office workers could perform customer disconnections from the office. The cost of the North Star billing system would be approximately \$211,000 which includes the implementation cost, Electric AMI and Water AMI. Conversion to the system would begin in the fall. Next year the electric conversion would be implemented followed by the water module in the following year. Motion by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni to purchase the North Star Billing System.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Mayo to approve Resolution 2023-02-14-01 for a \$130,034.00 installment purchase loan through Superior National Bank for the purchase of a 2500 Pumper Fire Truck.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Andrew Keranen, UPEA Engineers & Architects, was present to discuss the MDARD Project for the Baraga Wastewater System Improvements. The low bid exceeded the original budgeted funds for the project and he recommended reducing the project scope to reduce the contract price. It was decided to revise the concrete pad to a simpler pad and the eye washing station was taken out of the project. Also, DPW Workers would install the ferric chloride tanks and the Village would purchase the materials to complete the tank installation.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo to approve Resolution 2023-02-14-02 to award the Baraga Wastewater System Improvements-MDARD to Danielson Contracting, Inc contingent on a Change Order #1 accompanying the contract, to reduce the project price to a contract price of \$70,500.00 and also awarding the direct purchase of two Ferric Chloride tanks by the Village of Baraga from the Augusta Fiberglass in the purchase price of \$47,895.00, all subject to approval by MDARD. The combined contract price will be \$70,500.00 to Danielson Contracting, Inc and \$47,895.00 to August Fiberglass and \$5,000.00 in costs to the Village of Baraga for a new total project construction cost of \$123,395.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Wastewater System Improvements-MDARD reducing the contract price to Danielson, Inc. from \$228,000.00 to a new revised amount of \$70,500.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to approve the purchase of a 2023 Case Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$78,900.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. Thirty complaints were received in the month of January. One arrest was made. Three hundred eight-five property checks were completed. I. Smith was involved in a rescue of two fisherman on Lake Superior last week. The Village of Baraga will order a plaque for the men involved in the rescue and present it at a later meeting.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni to approve the re-opening of a new contract for the Chief of Police contract for Irvin Smith which will supersede all of his previous contracts. The term of the new contract will be for a term of three years beginning March 1, 2023. At that time his wages will be increased by \$2.25 per hour, in the second year his wages will be increased by \$1.65 per hour and his wages will also increase by \$1.65 per hour in the third year of his contract.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. The All-Wood property will be reappraised at the owners' expense. They are now in the process of finding a different state certified appraiser. The application for the Spark Grant for the ice rink was submitted but the Village of Baraga was not chosen as a recipient in the first grant round. Only one U.P. community received a grant. The Village of Baraga will resubmit for the Spark Grant for the second round in March. Phase 2 of the Walking Trail was sent out for rebidding. Bacco Construction received the award for \$20,000.00 more than their previous bid. MDOT's approval of the bid was received and work on the trail will begin in the spring. The Baraga County Landbank has received a \$200,000.00 state grant for blight. They are planning to purchase the Sidetrack Bar for demolition. The agreed purchase price will be \$25,000.00 with the deduction of delinquent utilities to be taken off of the sale price. L. LeClaire, Village Manager, is on the board of the Baraga County Landbank.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. The crew has been plowing snow and repairing equipment. Two employees did the meter reading during the month. Kent Thomas was hired as the new meter reader. He will also be mowing during the summer.

A Special Meeting on the 2023-2024 Budget will be held on February 21, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the council chambers.

The Michigan Municipal League meeting is scheduled for April 18 and April 19, 2023 at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by T. Olson to donate \$500.00 to the Baraga BASH for services rendered.

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
44083	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	29.96
44084	MI MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOC	3,031.00
44085	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	2,306.48
44086	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	472.50
44087	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	78.64
44097	BARAGA TOWNSHIP	2,500.00
44098	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	704.12
44099	MIDWEST FIRE	98,044.00
44100	MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS	95.00
44107	BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL	180.00
44108	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
44109	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	269.36
44113	ASSOCIATED BANK	95.00
44115	CHERIE KOSKI	50.00
44116	DAVID APGER	50.00
44117	GERARD LINDEMANN	50.00
44118	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
44119	JASON MANTILA	50.00
44120	JOSH TAISTO	50.00
44121	LEANN LECLAIRE	375.00
44122	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
44123	QUILL CORPORATION	150.98
44124	ROBERT JOHNSON	50.00
44125	SCOTT, MICHAEL	112.23
44126	SEMCO ENERGY	5,367.47
44127	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	1,453.11
44128	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	3,192.00
44129	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	9,129.00
44130	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	4,900.00
44131	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	4,900.00
44132	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	1,667.00
44133	TIM WADAGA	50.00

44134	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	24,558.00
44135	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
44136	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,190.00
44137	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
44138	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
44139	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	32,000.00
44140	WILLIAM OLSEN	50.00
44141	STATE OF MICHIGAN	694.01
44146	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	283.92
44147	CRIBBS, KAYLAH	118.90
44148	U P POWER COMPANY	158.58
44149	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
44150	WILKINSON S STORE	2,500.00
44151	U P POWER COMPANY	161.47
44152	COUNTRY MILE DOCUMENT	411.00
44155	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	113.66
44156	BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL	180.00
44157	BARAGA COUNTY TREASURER	1,940.07
44158	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	853.25
44159	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	3,334.64
44160	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	832.00
44161	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	2,519.82
44162	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	138.43
44163	HAWKINS, INC	462.90
44164	HOMESTEAD GRAPHICS & DESIGN	452.75
44165	HOUGHTON COUNTY TREASURER	400.00
44166	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION CORP	3,915.40
44167	JW2 FIRE CONSALTANTS	975.00
44168	L ANSE SENTINEL	104.40
44169	LARRY S MARKET INC	604.64
44170	MARSHFIELD MEDICAL CENTER	46.00
44171	MASSIE MANUFACTURING INC	164.00
44172	MIDWAY RENTALS INC	36.99
44173	NORTH CENTRAL ENGINE	45.00
44174	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	42.50
44175	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	2,437.74
44176	PELKIE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	20.49
44177	QUILL CORPORATION	323.99
44178	RC MECHANICAL	2,165.20
44179	SENSUS USA INC	1,715.95
44180	STACHED LLC	1,000.00
44181	SUPERIOR TRUCK & TIRE	539.52
44182	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	888.72

44183	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	6,099.00
44184	USA BLUEBOOK	1,009.49
44185	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	10,340.12
44186	VILLAGE OF LANSE	2,864.08
44187	WASTE MANAGEMENT	657.56
44188	WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	62,513.00
44189	WILKINSON S STORE	113.52

TOTAL	328,806.54
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Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk