

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M.

March 21, 2023

President W. Dompier opened the meeting.

Present at Roll Call: Jeannine Mayo, Tony Cerroni, Tim Olsen, Sandy Johnson, and Wendell Dompier

Absent: Paul Stark, Scott Koski

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

The Special Meeting was held for the discussion of the sale of a piece of land in the Village of Baraga.

The Overland Group offered the Village of Baraga \$100,000.00 to purchase a piece of land near the Baraga cemetery. They plan to construct a DG Market on the property. The store would be larger than the Dollar General store in L'Anse as it will also have more grocery items.

S. Johnson was concerned that it would be too close to the Ojibwa Campground. She was also concerned there might be needed road expansion needed which would have to be paid by the Village. Concern was expressed that the building would be too close to the cemetery. L. LeClaire assured the council that there would be an adequate buffer of trees between the store and the cemetery. She also stated that the Village has enough cemetery plots for the next five hundred years.

L. LeClaire stated that the business would create four to six jobs in the community. Utilities would bring approximately \$30,000.00 to the Village. It will also generate more property taxes paid to the Village and Township. Since so much of the land in the Village is tribal land, the property taxes would help the Village and Township immensely.

An inspection period of 180 days would have to be completed before construction can begin.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Mayo to approve the sale of 1.79 acres to Overland Group in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the construction of a DG Market.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: J. Mayo, T. Cerroni, T. Olson, S. Johnson, W. Dompier

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark, S Koski

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by T. Olson to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark, S. Koski

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk