

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, Sandy Johnson, Scott Koski and Wendell Dompier

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager  
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk  
Irvin Smith, Chief of Police  
Joshua Harju, UPEA Engineers & Architects

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 13, 2022.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by S. Johnson to approve the appointment of Tim Olson to complete the remaining two year term of former council member, Anthony Mayo. Mr. Mayo resigned last month..

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Olson was sworn in as a trustee and joined the council.

Public Comment: None

J. Harju, UPEA Engineers & Architects, was present to discuss some of the Village's projects. Phase 2 of the Walking Trail was rebid with Bacco Construction Company being the low bidder. MDOT has thirty-five days to approve the contract and Mr. Harju does not anticipate any issues with the bid. He also had information concerning the railroad tracks on Spruce St. MDOT mandated that the Canadian Railroad would be responsible for rebuilding the railroad track crossing on Spruce St. The Village would only have to resurface it. He also asked that UP Engineers be approved for engineering Services for the Water Project.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Mayo to approve the use of UP Engineers & Architects for engineering services for the Water Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, informed the council that M. Shalifoe, Police Officer for the Village of Baraga, accepted the contract that was approved by the council at the December, 2022, council meeting.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo to approve the contract between the Police Union and the Village of Baraga.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. Eighteen complaints were received in the month of December. No arrests were made. Two hundred ten property checks were completed. Chief Smith and Officer Shalifoe attended taser training and defensive tactics training on December 13, 2022 in Zeba.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. There is a possibility that the All-Wood property might be appraised again. She is waiting to find out if it will be. The application for the Spark Grant for the ice rink was submitted.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. The crew has been kept busy plowing snow. The Christmas holiday weekend was consumed by snow plowing for all of the crew.

The time of the monthly council meetings will be changed to 5:00 P.M. instead of 5:30 P.M. effective in February, 2023. They will continue to be on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Chief of Police, I. Smith, requested that the remaining term (two and a half years) of his five year contract be re-opened and changed to a three year contract to stay in line with the Police Union Contract. The contract would become effective March 1, 2023 and end on February 28, 2026 if approved. He also requested a pay increase to stay competitive with the police officer's wages.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni seconded to go into Closed Session at 5:45 P.M. to for the Contract Proposal between the Village of Baraga and the Chief of Police on January 10, 2023.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Meeting went into Closed Session at 5.45 P.M. for the proposed three year contract for the Chief of Police on January 10, 2023.

Meeting went back into Open Session at 5:56 P.M. for the proposed three year contract for the Chief of Police on January 10, 2023.

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

The Council was in agreement with the Contract Proposal request between the Village of Baraga and the Chief of Police. However, they decided to table the matter until their February meeting so they can discuss the matter with their lawyer.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Mayo to pay the bills when the monies become available.

Check	Vendor Name	Amount
43938	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
43964	PRINTING SYSTEMS	185.78
43965	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	3,977.48
43966	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	945.00
43967	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
43998	CHERIE KOSKI	50.00
44000	DAVID APGER	50.00
44001	GERARD LINDEMANN	50.00
44002	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
44003	JASON MANTILA	50.00
44004	JOSH TAISTO	50.00
44005	LEANN LECLAIRE	375.00
44006	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
44007	ROBERT JOHNSON	50.00
44008	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	1,453.11
44009	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	3,192.00
44010	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	9,129.00
44011	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	4,900.00
44012	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	4,900.00
44013	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	1,667.00
44014	TIM WADAGA	50.00
44015	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	24,558.00
44016	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
44017	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,190.00
44018	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
44019	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
44020	WILLIAM OLSEN	50.00

44021	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	261.80
44022	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
44023	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	805.98
44024	SEATON APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES	5,500.00
44025	THE FLOWER CO	53.00
44026	VILLAGE OF L ANSE	990.00
44027	STATE OF MICHIGAN	695.19
44030	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
44031	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
44032	SEMCO ENERGY	4,796.40
44033	U P POWER COMPANY	328.52
44034	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
44037	906 TRUCK & EQUIP SERVICE, INC	364.87
44038	ANDERSON, TACKMAN & CO, PLC	204.00
44039	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	852.17
44040	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	2,166.10
44041	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	6,619.44
44042	EATON CORP	63,320.84
44043	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	239.00
44044	HAWKINS, INC	875.88
44045	HOMESTEAD GRAPHICS & DESIGN	20.00
44046	HOUGHTON COUNTY TREASURER	400.00
44047	JACK DOHENY SUPPLIES INC	643.08
44048	JOSEPH P O LEARY	375.00
44049	L ANSE SENTINEL	352.60
44050	MISS DIG SYSTEM INC	1,418.95
44051	MP SYSTEMS	34,964.54
44052	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	12.50
44053	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	3,879.16
44054	PINES CONVEINCE CENTER	51.57
44055	POWER SYSTEM ENGINEERING	62.50
44056	PRINTING SYSTEMS	88.70
44057	QUILL CORPORATION	347.32
44058	RC MECHANICAL	922.69
44059	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	38.00
44060	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
44061	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	10,268.52
44062	VILLAGE OF L ANSE	1,147.50
44063	WASTE MANAGEMENT	654.71
44066	WILKINSON S STORE	39.31

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TOTAL	210,746.23
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Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni to adjourn.  
Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6.00 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk