

Meeting called to order at 5:00 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  
Michael Grentz, Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC  
Brett Niemi, Senior Energy Services Manager, WPPI Energy  
Andrew Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by T. Olson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on October 8, 2024.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Roy Kemppainen, former Village Manager, thanked Wendell Dompier, retiring Village Mayor, for his years of service to the Village of Baraga

Michael Grentz, Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC, was present to discuss the recent audit. Net position for the Village as a whole increased by \$1,383,54 as a result of this year's operations. Net position of the governmental activities increased by \$1,268,846, or 61 percent, and net position of the business-type activities increased by \$114,698, or 1 percent. During the year, the Village had expenses for governmental activities that were \$1,532,258 and revenues and transfers totaling \$2,801,104. During the year, the Village had expenses for business-type activities that were \$3,529,721 and revenue and transfers totaling \$3,644,419. The General Fund reported a fund balance of \$361,362. The net increase in fund balance of \$53,533 was \$594,442 more than the forecasted decrease of \$540,909.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, contacted U.P. Engineers & Architects in regards to a Phase 1 ESA for the current leased Besse Forest Products operations.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo for approval of a Phase 1 ESA for the leased property located at the Besse Forest Products operation on M-38 by U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$3,700.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

WPPI GIS Support Service has offered to map out our entire electrical services with GIS. This is a brand new program offered by WPPI. We will pay yearly and receive approximately 200 plus hours of work. WPPI GIS Services would be approximately \$16,656.00 per year for five years. Motion made by P. Stark seconded by S. Koski for approval of Supplement No. 4 to the Master Agreement for Participation in WPPI Member Services Programs to Incorporate Geographical Information System (GIS) Support Service.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. Twenty-three complaints were received in the month of November. No arrests were made. Three hundred ninety property checks were completed. Chief Smith and Officer Shalifoe attended mandatory MCOLES Training for Resolution Techniques on October 9, 2024 at Northern Michigan University. Officer Shalifoe also attended a MCOLES Refresher Course for Evidence Tech Training on October 2, 2024 at Northern Michigan University. They also will be attending active shooter training during the school's Christmas break.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, thanked Wendell Dompier for his twenty-six years of serving as the Village Mayor for the Village of Baraga. Wendell also served on the Michigan Municipal League Board for three years and was an alternate on the WPPI Board of Directors for seventeen years. He served on the Michigan Association of Mayors since 2015 holding the Vice President position in 2017 and the President's position in 2018. He accomplished many goals for the Village of Baraga. The marina boardwalk, Phase 1 and 2 of the walking trail, the Capul Recreational Park, the Veteran Memorial Park, bringing purchased power from WPPI into the Village for lower rates and improving infrastructure to the Village of Baraga were some of his accomplishments. The Village of Baraga is very grateful for his many accomplishments and he will definitely be missed.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. Sidewalks were completed in the amount of \$26,000.00. The pickle ball court fence was installed at the Capul Recreational Park and will be painted in the spring. A \$2,500.00 grant was received from the Township Par plan. The water project design has begun with the permit submittal to EGLE planned for later this month. Bidding is planned for January or February. The sewer project topographic survey and soil boring will begin this week. The design will take place through the fall and winter. The permit submittal to EGLE is due in late March and bidding should be done in June, 2025.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Hydrant flushing has been completed and equipment repairs were done. The docks were taken out at the marina and discharging was done at the lagoons. Twenty-five tons of salt was delivered for the winter.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by T. Olson to donate \$1,000.00 to the Baraga Fire Department for the Kid's Christmas Party for services rendered.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Baraga Fire Department would like to purchase a new stove for the fire department. The current stove leaks gas if the valve is not shut off. The current stove will be put out on bids when it is replaced.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by T. Ceroni for the purchase of a new stove for the Baraga Fire Department in the amount of \$1,299.99 from Kirkish Furniture.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Keweenaw Bay Hockey Association submitted a request for the purchase of two used hot water heaters by the Village of Baraga from the Baraga Area Schools for the recreational building. The school put in a new boiler system and put in different hot water heaters. The hot water heaters up for purchase are only two years old . The school is asking \$2,000.00 for them. The hockey association will take care of installing them.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni to purchase two hot water heaters from the Baraga Area Schools in the total amount of \$2,000.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Mayo to pay the bills when the monies become available.

<u>Check</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
47570	IRVIN SMITH	75.00
47576	BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL	180.00
47577	HOUGHTON COUNTY TREASURER	225.00
47578	LEANN LECLAIRE	96.48
47579	RC MECHANICAL	362.00
47580	HANNULA AGENCY	53,676.00
47599	ASSOCIATED BANK	2,946.35
47600	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	857.39
47601	MIDWAY RENTALS INC	209.93
47602	PEARL RAJALA	76.15
47603	WARD'S HUSQVARNA SALES & SERVICE	1,226.81
47604	PAYMENTUS CORP	1,015.01
47605	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
47606	WPPI ENERGY	146.00
47607	PAYMENTUS CORP	618.30
47615	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	82.78
47621	CHERIE KOSKI	50.00
47622	DAVID APGER	50.00

47623	GERARD LINDEMANN	50.00
47624	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
47625	JASON MANTILA	50.00
47626	JOSH TAISTO	50.00
47627	KENT THOMAS	60.00
47628	LEANN LECLAIRE	375.00
47629	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
47630	ROBERT JOHNSON	50.00
47631	SEMCO ENERGY	521.60
47632	STATE OF MICHIGAN	1,293.38
47633	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	1,453.11
47634	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	3,192.00
47635	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	9,129.00
47636	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	10,900.00
47637	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	4,900.00
47638	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	2,452.12
47639	TIM WADAGA	50.00
47640	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.08
47641	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
47642	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,190.00
47643	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
47644	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
47645	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	24,558.00
47646	WILLIAM OLSEN	50.00
47647	STATE OF MICHIGAN	687.36
47648	COUNTRY MILE DOCUMENT	274.00
47649	U P POWER COMPANY	198.89
47650	U P POWER COMPANY	139.45
47653	CHERIE KOSKI	83.08
47654	DAVID APGER	50.92
47655	LEANN LECLAIRE	225.00
47656	UTILITY SALES AND SERVICE	388.42
47657	BACCO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	818.40
47658	BARAGA COUNTY CONCRETE CO	1,434.25
47659	BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL	100.00
47660	BARAGA FIRE DEPT	1,000.00
47661	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	1,206.61
47662	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	650.00
47663	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	654.18
47664	BIANCO PLUMBING AND HEATING	35.03
47665	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	931.35
47666	COMPASS MINERALS	3,877.75
47667	CORE & MAIN	941.54

47668	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	97.81
47669	ETNA SUPPLY	545.00
47670	HAATAJA TRUCKING	887.54
47671	HAWKINS, INC	1,761.71
47672	HOMESTEAD GRAPHICS & DESIGN	307.00
47673	HOUGHTON COUNTY TREASURER	675.00
47674	INFOSEND, INC	476.26
47675	IRBY	11,154.00
47676	L ANSE SENTINEL	263.92
47677	MCHS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	98.00
47678	MR TIRE STORE #5	144.00
47679	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES INC	109.14
47680	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	19.50
47681	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	2,955.34
47682	PINES CONVIENCE CENTER	305.67
47683	PINES CONVIENCE CENTER	75.65
47684	POWER SYSTEM ENGINEERING	232.50
47685	QUILL CORPORATION	69.57
47686	STANDARD ELECTRIC CO	12.71
47687	UPPER GREAT LAKES FAMILY HEALTH	166.00
47688	USA BLUEBOOK	234.89
47689	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,491.67
47690	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,118.87
47691	WASTE MANAGEMENT	792.40
47692	WILKINSON S STORE	420.92
47693	WOODLAND FIREARMS & SUPPLY	39.98
	TOTAL	<hr/> 176,307.77

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 P.M . on November 12, 2024.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk