

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M.

Pro-tem P. Stark opened the meeting.

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

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

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by T. Olson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 10, 2024.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Scott Koski

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

John Westman was sworn in as trustee for the Village of Baraga for a two year term expiring November 2026.

Derek Vanepern, General Manager/Vice President of Ottawa Forest Products, previously owned by Besse Forest Products, was present at the meeting. He gave an update on re-opening the business as a saw mill. The operation plans to employ between fifteen to twenty five workers. He currently has eight previous employees from Besse Forest Products working at his mill in Amasa. When they do open their sawmill in Baraga, the workers will be able to transfer to the Baraga location. Before reopening the business in Baraga, they plan to gut it and rebuild with newer equipment. A new lease agreement will need to be prepared between Ottawa Forest Products and the Village of Baraga. Deerk Vanepern requested a twenty year lease with a five year renegotiation clause. A new lease will be drawn up and signed at a later date.

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by J. Westman to approve Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors for the issuance of the 2025 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Bond Issue.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Scott Koski

Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Westman to approve Resolution 2025-01-14-01 authorizing publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Revocable Bonds and Declaring Intent to Reimburse (Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project).

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Scott Koski  
Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Fourteen complaints were received in the month of December. No arrests were made. One hundred ninety property checks were completed. Chief of Police Smith, and Officer Matthew Shalifoe attended Active Shooter Training on December 30<sup>th</sup> at the Baraga High School.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. Baraga County Landbank approved KCO Site Development for the demolishing of Da Shack in the amount of \$72,375.00. Dave Apger has been out on workman's compensation for the last five weeks due to pulling something in his right leg when adding chemicals at work. He will be off from work for eight to ten weeks starting January 20, 2025 due to open heart surgery. Josh Taisto is studying for his F2 and will take the test in May. WPPI & MP Systems had to replace a major pole that was hit by Massie Manufacturing. The pole caused a power outage in the industrial park for a day.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Plowing and brushing was done. Work was performed on equipment. Decorations were put up and taken down. Training was given for the installation of AMI meters. Ten AMI meters for electricity will be installed by the end of the month. If they function correctly, the meters will be installed in the rest of the Village in approximately two months.

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

Check	Vendor Name	Amount
47810	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
47831	ASSOCIATED BANK	1,071.93
47832	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	85.67
47833	PAYMENTUS CORP	753.57
47834	UPPER PENINSULA ECONOMIC	125.00
47835	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
47843	JASON MANTILA	80.00
47849	CHERIE KOSKI	50.00
47850	DAVID APGER	50.00
47851	GERARD LINDEMANN	50.00
47852	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
47853	JASON MANTILA	50.00
47854	JOSH TAISTO	50.00
47855	KENT THOMAS	60.00
47856	LEANN LECLAIRE	375.00
47857	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
47858	ROBERT JOHNSON	50.00
47859	SEMCO ENERGY	2,605.01

47860	STATE OF MICHIGAN	180.00
47861	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	1,453.11
47862	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	3,192.00
47863	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	9,129.00
47864	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	10,900.00
47865	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	4,900.00
47866	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	2,452.12
47867	TIM WADAGA	50.00
47868	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
47869	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
47870	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,190.00
47871	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
47872	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
47873	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	24,558.00
47874	VILLAGE OF L ANSE	1,404.00
47875	WILLIAM OLSEN	50.00
47876	STATE OF MICHIGAN	689.19
47877	PENINSULA BOOM & EQUIPMENT	3,612.52
47878	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
47902	ALBUS CONVEYORS INC	952.00
47903	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	82.78
47904	ANDERSON, TACKMAN & CO, PLC	500.00
47905	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	929.68
47906	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	878.60
47907	CORE & MAIN	440.70
47908	HAWKINS, INC	988.97
47909	HOMESTEAD GRAPHICS & DESIGN	90.00
47910	HOUGHTON COUNTY TREASURER	112.50
47911	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION CORP	4,050.62
47912	INFOSEND, INC	3.53
47913	L ANSE SENTINEL	263.20
47914	LACOURT BOTTLED GAS CO	27.00
47915	LARRY S MARKET INC	801.44
47916	MARQUETTE POWER EQUIPMENT	92.60
47917	MISS DIG SYSTEM INC	1,094.63
	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	
47918	INC	244.01
47919	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	19.50
	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	
47920	UNIVERSITY	300.00
47921	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	2,716.47
47922	PINES CONVIENCE CENTER	29.03
47923	POWER SYSTEM ENGINEERING	753.75

47924	PRIMUS MARKETING GROUP INC	151,944.00
47925	PRINTING SYSTEMS	95.68
47926	QUILL CORPORATION	38.99
47927	RC MECHANICAL	415.89
47928	SKYTТА'S COUNTRY FEED	10.51
47929	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	38.00
47930	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	1,964.00
47931	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	2,297.50
47932	U P POWER COMPANY	235.31
47933	U P POWER COMPANY	223.71
47934	USA BLUEBOOK	1,549.60
47935	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	7,964.60
47936	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,176.42
47937	WASTE MANAGEMENT	581.37
47938	WILKINSON S STORE	22.45
47939	ANDERSON, TACKMAN & CO, PLC	<u>2,004.00</u>
	TOTAL	269,163.18

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Absent: Scott Koski  
Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 P.M. on January 14, 2025.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk