

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

October 7, 2025

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

President S. Koski opened the meeting.

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

Absent: John Westman

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk
Bill Olsen, DPW Supervisor
Andrew Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc
Michael Grentz, CPA, Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Mayo to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 9, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: John Westman

Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

Michael Grentz, CPA, Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC, was present to discuss the annual audit. Net position for the Village as a whole decreased by \$109,748 as a result of this year's operations. Net position of the governmental activities increased by \$155,534, or 5 percent, and net position of the business-type activities decreased by \$265,282, or 2 percent. During the year, the Village had expenses for government activities that were \$1,116,740 and revenues and transfers totaling \$1,272,274. During the year, the Village had expenses for business-type activities that were \$3,529,766 and revenues and transfer totaling \$3,264,484. The General Fund reported a fund balance of \$346,171. The net decrease in fund balance of \$15,191 was \$93,173 less than the forecasted increase of \$77,982. Upon completion of the audit, M. Grentz stated that he felt Village was doing good.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Olson for the approval of Resolution 2025-10-07-01 for payments in the amount of \$2,004.58 for the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements Phase 3.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: J. Westman

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by P. Stark to approve Resolution 2025-10-07-2 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$17,958.14 for the Village of Baraga CWSRF Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: J. Westman

Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Mayo to approve Resolution 2025-10-07-03 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$13,415.67 for the Village of Baraga CWSRF Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: J. Westman

Motion carried.

A change order was needed for the Village of Baraga CWSRF Wastewater System Improvement Project. The contract was modified due to quantity adjustment for removing the Marina Lift station work from the project, and also sewer main installation adjustment. There will be no change to the contract time.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo to approve Change order No. 1 in the amount of \$36,500.00 which changes the Original Bid Price from \$3,694,645.00 to a new Contract Price of \$3,658,145.00. There will be no change to Contract Time.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: J. Westman

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by P. Stark to reappoint James Holm to the Baraga Housing Commission for a term of five years.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: J. Westman

Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by T. Cerroni to approve a six month lease to TAR Holdings for snow storage in 2025-2026 in the amount of \$1,680.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: J. Westman

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager . Thirty-four complaints were received in the month of September. No arrests were made. Three hundred five property checks were completed. Chief of Police Smith and Officer Shalfoe attended First Aid and CPR training on September 18 at Bay Ambulance, Inc. They also attending training on September 24 at Northern Michigan University. The training focused on mental health, job stress and child autism. Fall shooting qualifications were held at the Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility On September 25.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. L. LeClaire and Village President, S. Koski, attended the annual WPPI meeting in Green Bay. The Water Bond was closed on October 2. L. LeClaire received the survey for the Baraga County Historical Museum . A. Groundbreaking Ceremony for the expansion construction will be held on October 8th at 3:00 PM at the Baraga County Historical Museum.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Fire hydrants were flushed; mowing was done and ditching continued. Third Street substation is up and running. There was a plugged sewer moan on McGillan St. which cause a backup in a basement. Work was done on the Post Office lift station. A two day training for installing water meters will be done in November.

Trick or Treat hours were set from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on October 31st.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: J. Westman

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by T. Olson to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: J. Westman

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M. on October 7, 2025.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk