

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2026

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

Council Member Sandy Johnson opened the meeting.

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

Absent: Scott Koski

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk
William Olsen, DPW Supervisor
Andrew Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 14, 2026.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the Village of Baraga 2026-2027 Budget opened at 5:01 P.M. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

L. LeClaire discussed the 2026-2027 Budget and some of the planned projects.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, discussed several of the budgeted projects completed over this past year.

Tree trimming was done on Osterman Ave, Selkey Rd., Industrial Park, Westland Dr., Wadaga Rd and N. Superior Ave. A \$3,000.00 contribution was made to UPSET and a \$500.00 contribution was made to the Baraga Economic Development Corporation. A Taser and two guns were purchased for the police department. A lawn mower and truck were purchased. A brush mower attachment and rake attachment were purchased. 3rd Street Substation was completed. The Ojibwa Campground was converted from 4KV to 12KV. Pettibone was also converted from 4KV to 12KV. The AMI electric conversion project was completed and the start of the water AMI conversion has been started. Pole replacement was done. The Capul Recreational Park received a new pickleball court and ping pong table. Benches and four new picnic tables were purchased. Crack sealing and line painting was done. Patching was done on E. Spruce St, N. Superior Ave. and at Laser North. Dwan investigations were done completed.

The General Fund budgeted for Upset West and for the Baraga Economic Development Authority.

Tree Trimming for the Cemetery was also put in the budget.

Tires and the yearly Report Program Fee were put in the police department budget.

Public Works will have money budgeted for a gas tank and a pressure tank.

Money is being budgeted in the Recreation Fund for ice rink improvements.

The Street Fund budget will include crack sealing, a catch basin and a culvert. Paving for the Water Project was included in the budget. Patching will be done on Osterman Ave and also on Railroad St from Superior National Bank to the American Legion building (alley).

The Electric Fund is budgeting to convert Spruce St and Lyon St from 4KV to 12KV. The budget also included converting Railroad St to 12.47KV. Pole replacement and tree trimming is also in the budget.

The Sewer Fund has the Phase 3 Sewer Project and MEDC Lagoon 2 Project in its budget. Donner maintenance on all lift lifts stations will be done.

The Water Fund has budgeted for PRV Pits for the prison and the top of Lyons St. Replacement of the loading dock at the water plant is budgeted. Money is in the budget for the Phase 3 Water Project, the AMI Water Project and roof replacement..

The Marina Fund has electric pedestals, dock repairs and maintenance to the docks budgeted. A new water line, boat ramp and concrete sidewalk is also in the budget.

The Equipment Fund has tires along with a snow bucket for the loader in its budget. A dump truck, trailer, Ventrack mower deck and plow blades are also in the budget.

The DDA budget has budgeted for the yearly Ice Rink Transfer amount. Sidewalks and transfer street repairs are in the budget. Flowers, tree planting and landscaping are in the budget. Budgeting also includes boat parking, culverts and a water line for Capul Recreational Park. Money will also be budgeted for the Baraga County Historical Museum. However, The DDA has not yet finalized their budget.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the Village of Baraga 2026-2027 Budget closed at 5:11 P.M. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo to adopt the 2026-2027 Budget.

Village of Baraga

Budget 2026-2027

General Fund 2026-2027

Revenues

Property Taxes and Fees	179000
State Revenues	972434
Interest and Rental	41000
Misc.	50100
Transfers and Reimbursements	130000
Gain Sale Assets	98000
Total Revenues	1470534

Expenditures

Village President	5400
Village Council	32500
Village Manager	75900
Attorney	10000
Clerk	4000
Administration	76600
Treasurer	3000
Cemetery	19800
Police	317400
Fire	101608
Public Works	187500
Community Promotion	500
Parks & Recreation	46900
Employee Benefits	177200
Insurance & Overhead	73400
Public Housing	700
Village Building	27900
Sol Conservation	5000

Total Expenditures **1165308**

Excess or Revenues **305226**

Major Street Fund 2026-2027

Revenues

State Revenues	250000
Misc.	4000
Transfers	0
Interest Income	7000

Total Revenues **261000**

Expenditures

Ditches & Drains	31500
Construction	4400
Surface Maintenance	30500
Traffic Signals	3300
Snow and Ice Removal	68000
Administration	110300
Mers Unfunded	5000

Total Expenditures **253000**

Excess of Revenues **8000**

Local Street Fund 2026-2027**Revenues**

State Revenues	80000
Misc.	60000
Transfers	190000
Interest Income	1200

Total Revenues **331200**

Expenditures

Ditches & Drains	29700
Construction	5200
Surface Maintenance	134300
Traffic Signals	3400
Snow & Ice Removal	63500
Administration	9000
Mers Unfunded	2500

Total Expenditures **247600**

Excess of Revenues **83600**

Municipal Street Fund 2026-2027

Revenues

County Tax	17000
Village Tax	50000
Transfers	32000
Misc Income	10000
Interest Income	3000

Total Revenues **112000**

Expenditures

Transfer to DDA	8400
Transfer to Major Street	0
Transfer to Local Street	40000
Misc.	0

Total Expenditures **48400**

Excess of Revenues **63600**

Wastewater Fund 2026-2027

Revenues

Reimb. Joint WW	160000
Interest	23000
Bonds	389000
Grant/Loan	5860000
Transfer In	200000

Total Revenues **6632000**

Expenditures

Utility Activities	6109033
Collection & System Operation	81000
MERS Unfunded	37000

Total Expenditures **6227033**

Excess of Revenues **404967**

Electric Fund 2026-2027

Revenues

Sales	2900000
Services	10000
Penalties & Interest	18000
Investment in ATC	25000
WPPI	13400
Low Income	9000
EO Charge	57808
Misc Income	25000
Surplus Prior Year	300000
Interest	50000
Riemursements	50000
Total Revenues	3458208

Expenditures

Utility Activities	3198308
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Total Expenditures	3198308
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Excess of Revenues	259900
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Water Fund 2026-2027**Revenues**

Sales	700000
Services Penalties & Interest	7000
KBIC Industrial	19500
Transfer	250000
Interest Income	13000
Phase 3 Water Project Loan	1272880
Phase 3 Water Project Grant	727120
Misc. Income	13000
Total Revenues	3002500

Expenditures

Water Plant	2099573
Water Distribution	136800
Mers Unfuded	35000
Total Expenditures	2271373

Excess of Revenues	731127
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Joint Wastewater Fund 2026-2027

Revenues

Sales	670000
Services Penalties & Interest	8000
Misc Income	25000

Total Revenues 703000

Expenditures

Utility Activities 577900

Excess of Revenues 125100

Waterfront Fund 2026-2027

Revenues

Launch Fees	4000
Dock Rentals	20000
Transfers	25000
Fuel Income	5000
Interest Income	1000
Misc Income	100
Total Revenues	55100

Expenditures 45300

Excess of Revenues 9800

Motor Vehicle Fund 2026-2027

Revenues

Gain on the Sale Assets	20000
Rentals	150000
Interst Income	300
Transfers	30000
Misc. Income	500

Total Revenues	200801
Expenditures	200000
Excess of Revenues	801

DDA Fund 2026-2027

Revenues	
Village Tax	140000
Township & County Tax	50000
Surplus Prior Years	200000
Interest Income	4500
Misc Income	50000
Total Revenues	444500
Expenditures	354300
Excess of Revenues	90200

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: S. Koski
Motion carried

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni for the approval of Resolution 2026-02-10-01 for payment of funds in the amount of \$5,205.80 for the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Westman to approve Resolution 2026-02-10-02 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$8,799.49 for the Village of Baraga CWSRF Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried.

Motion made by J. Westman seconded by T. Olson to approve Resolution 2026-02-10-03 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$30,927.92 for the Village of Baraga CDBG WRI Grant Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried

The Police Report was reviewed. Thirty complaints were received in the month of January. No arrests were made. Three hundred ten property checks were completed. Officer Shalifoe attended training on January 28, 2026 with the Michigan State Police Traffic Department.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. The Village violated a drinking water standard related to operator certification. Their licensed distribution system operator left Village employment on July 31, 2025. EGLE was not notified that the Village's water supply no longer had the services of the operator within the required seven day window. An agreement with a new distribution system operator was reached on December 12, 2025. During that time, no licensed water operator oversaw the distribution system. However, the Village did not identify any problems related to water quality or operation of the plant during this period of time.. Employees are scheduled to take the proper certification tests in May, so the Village will not run into that problem in the future. A 2018 Chevy Silverado pickup was purchased for the Village from Yooper Auto Sales for \$15,000.00. A 2014 Vactor Truck was purchased by the Joint Waste Water Authority from the City of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, for the amount of \$139,000.00

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Plowing, cross connection reporting , shop reorganization and list stations repairs were done. EGLE completed the Sanitary Survey at the water plant, but no word on the report has been received yet.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni to pay the bills when the monies become available.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Mayo to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M. on February 10, 2026.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk

