

# **BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 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  
Irvin Smith, Chief of Police

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 10, 2026.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for Capul Recreational Park opened at 5:01 P.M Michigan on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

The grant application for the Capul Recreational Park is for a \$600,000.00 grant with a match of \$200,000.00 for a total project amount of \$600,000.00. The money would be used for the construction of a pavilion, a floating dock fishing pier and site improvements at Capul Recreational Park.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for Capul Recreational Park closed at 5:03 P.M Michigan on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Westman to pass Resolution 2026-03-10-01 authorizing the Village of Baraga to submit a DNR Trust Fund Application for \$600,000.00 and

further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$200,000.00 (33%) of a total \$600,000.00 project cost, during the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried.

Change Order No. 2 was presented for the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements Phase 3. A change was needed to adjust contract time for Winter Shut-Down. The requested Winter Shut-Down will be 12/5/25 and Project Time assumed resumption will start on August 1, 2026. Substantial completion is now rescheduled for December 27, 2026 with final completion rescheduled for January 26, 2027. No contract price adjustments will be associated with this change order.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by T. Cerroni for the approval of Change Order No. 2 for the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements Phase 3.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried

Change Order No. 2 was presented for the CWSRF Wastewater System Improvements Project. A change was needed to adjust contract time for Winter Shut-Down. The requested Winter Shut-Down will be 10/18/25 and Project Time assumed resumption will start on May 1, 2026. Substantial completion is now rescheduled for November 11, 2026 with final completion rescheduled for December 11, 2026. Also, a contract price adjustment and unforeseen additional cost is required for screening equipment enclosure roof hatch in the amount of \$5,800.00. There are no other costs associated with the change order.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Village of Baraga for the CWSRF Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. Twenty-one complaints were received in the month of February. No arrests were made. Two hundred sixty-five property checks were completed.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. The bi-annual insurance audit was completed with only a few minor items needing to be addressed. The new website for the Village is completed. The Sanitary Survey was completed at the Water Plant. A few polices changes need to be done along with a few other minor items. L. LeClaire shut down the compressors at the rink on March 2 due to antifreeze and coolant leaking. Garrick Lamb has improved the look of the firehall with painting and the disposal of unneeded items.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Three water leaks were discovered at houses serviced by the Village of Baraga. Plowing, cross connection reporting and shop reorganization was done. Maintenance on summer equipment is being done and summer hours will resume shortly.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M. on March 10, 2026.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk

