

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 2026

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, John Westman and Scott Koski

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

Motion made by J. Westman seconded by S. Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 12, 2026.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Old Business:

A special committee created by three of the Village of Baraga council members and the Village Manager met with two members of the Baraga/Keweenaw Bay Hockey Association. Due to the new hockey board, the Village discussed giving the board one year of reorganization and reevaluate the situation at the end of the year. However, the current lease would need to be revised. Also, the Village would like to know if there is enough interest from the figure skaters and hockey players in using the building to make the use of it feasible. There are some repairs that need to be done to the building and the Village is trying to get an estimate from Hydro-Flo. The council decided to table the matter until the August council meeting.

Public Comment: None

The regular council meeting on June 9, 2026 closed at 5:14 P.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Roll Call: Paul Stark, Jeannine Mayo, Tony Cerroni, Tim Olson, Sandy Johnson, John Westman and Scott Koski.

Absent: None

The Public Hearing for the Millage Rate for 2026 opened at 5:14 P.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Roll Call: Paul Stark, Jeannine Mayo, Tony Cerroni, Tim Olson, Sandy Johnson, John Westman and Scott Koski.

Absent: None

L. LeClaire recommended no increase in millage for 2026. There was a -.81% decrease in collections in the past year. Also, there was a decrease in taxable value from 16,787,684.00 in 2026 to 16,651,650.00. The Village is anticipating a decrease of approximately \$1,381.56 in revenue.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the Millage Rate for 2026 closed at 5:18 P.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Roll Call: Paul Stark, Jeannine Mayo, Tony Cerroni, Tim Olson, Sandy Johnson, John Westman and Scott Koski.

Absent: None

The council went back into their regular council meeting at 5:18 P.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Roll Call: Paul Stark, Jeannine Mayo, Tony Cerroni, Tim Olson, Sandy Johnson, John Westman and Scott Koski.

Absent: None

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by P. Stark for a proposed increase of 0 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2026.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Andrew Keranen, U.P. Engineer & Architect was present to discuss the various projects in the Village and to have some resolutions approved.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by T. Cerroni for the approval of Resolution 2026-06-09-01 for payment of funds in the amount of \$17,780.00 for the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements Phase 3.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

Motion made T. Olson by seconded by J. Westman to approve Resolution 2026-06-09-02 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$665,690.79 for the Village of Baraga CWSRF Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: None
Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by T. Olson to approve Resolution 2026-06-09-03 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$11,143.40 for the Village of Baraga CDBG WRI GRANT Wastewater System Improvements Project

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

The Village of Baraga needed to adopt a resolution for the CDBG WRI Project that requires the Village of Baraga to provide opportunities to low-and very low-income persons residing in the State of Michigan and to businesses meeting the definition of “Section 3 Business Concerned”. The Village of Baraga will be required to implement policies and procedure to ensure that Section 3, when required, is followed and develop programs and procedures necessary to implement this policy covering all procurement and contracts where labor and/or professional services are provided. The Village will also need to collect and submit required Section 3 data and complete Section 3 reporting requirement pursuant to 24 CFR Part 75.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni to approve Resolution 2026-06-09-04 for the Section 3 Policy covered contracts for the Village of Baraga.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion carried

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police . Twenty-eight complaints were received in the month of May. One arrest was made. Three hundred seventy-five property checks were completed. Chief of Pollice, I. Smith, and Officer Shalifoe attended 2026 yearly legal update training on May 5, 2026.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. The auditors are expected in July and will probably stay for approximately two weeks. Lines will be painted on Superior Ave before the 4th of July. L. LeClaire met with Hydro-Flo at the ice rink to get cost breakdowns for repairs. New cameras will be installed at the Kids Park and Capul Recreation Park.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Twenty-eight trees were planted at the Capul Recreational Park. Prepping for a basketball court is being done with the cement anticipated to be poured on Friday. Discharging and mowing was done. Docks were put in place. One hundred ten water meters were installed. Electrical planning is being done for the Marina and the Capul Recreational Park.

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

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Absent: None
Motion carried

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by J. Westman to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 P.M. on June 9, 2026.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk