

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 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

Absent: Paul Stark

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

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by S. Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on June 9, 2026.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

S. Koski, Village President, commended the DPW workers and the Baraga Lumberjack Committee for the fine work done during the 3rd and 4th of July festivities.

The KBOCC is interested in developing a KBOCC Workforce Training Center where the Baraga Recreation Building is now located. The proposal is exploratory only. The KBOCC Workforce Training Center would become a regional hub for workforce education, skilled trades, healthcare certification programs, apprenticeships, continuing education, customized employer training and industry- recognized certification testing. The center would be a great asset to the area and further discussions on the subject is anticipated.

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 T. Cerroni seconded by T. Olson to approve Resolution 2026-07-14-01 for payment of funds in the amount of \$1,622.50 for the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Motion made J. Westman by seconded by S. Johnson to approve Resolution 2026-07-14-02 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$151,908.82 for the Village of Baraga CWSRF Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Westman for the approval of Resolution 2026-07-14-03 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$388,835.39 for the Village of Baraga CDBG WRI Grant Wastewater System Improvements.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Westman for the approval of Resolution 2026-07-14-4 which is a resolution to approve Amendment No. 2 to Long Term Power Supply Contract for Participating Members made by and between WPPI Energy and the Village of Baraga.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Participating members of WPPI were asked to extend their existing Long Term Contracts in order to enable WPPI to continue servicing members reliably and at competitive rates and stable rates under the Long Term Contract over the loan term. Currently there is twenty-nine years left on The Villages' contract and it needs to be extended by an additional eighteen years.

Motion made by John Westman seconded by T. Olson at approve Contract Extension with WPPI.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Westman to approve Ordinance #268 which is an ordinance granting to SEMCO Energy Gas Company the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways and other public places, and to conduct a local gas business in the Village of Baraga, located in Baraga County, Michigan for a period of thirty years.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police . Twenty-two complaints were received in the month of June. No arrests were made. One hundred sixty-five property checks were completed. Chief of Police, I. Smith, attended Intoxilyzer 9000 Breath Test Training at the Watersmeet Health Department on June 23, 2006

A street closure for the 2026 Baraga Drive-In Car Show will take place on Sunday, July 19, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 P.M. on both sides of the road in front of the Baraga Drive-In from Jon Boever's house to the other side of the Drive-In with no impact to traffic on Wadaga Road.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. The auditors will be here beginning July 13, 2026 and should be here for approximately two weeks.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. The basketball court cement has been poured and painting and a fence will be completed in the next few weeks. Culverts were replaced on Spruce St, Second St and McGillan St. The DPW crew decorated and cleaned up before and after the 4th of July festivities. The marina electrical upgrade will commence in the next couple weeks.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Mayo to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M. on July 14. 2026.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk

