

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 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
William Olsen, DPW Supervisor
Irvin Smith, Chief of Police
Andrew Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Mayo to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 14, 2026.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

Old Business:

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, received a quote of \$324,750.00 from Hydro-Flo for replacement of the chiller system and chilled water pump in the recreational building. The existing chiller is being phased out and replacement parts would be very difficult to obtain. However, one of the biggest concerns is the black mold that is everywhere on the boards and throughout the rink. Humidity control is also another problem. It has caused corrosion and mold on metal building, parts, equipment, lights, etc. Another big concern is the flooring. The current floor tubing is designed to roll up. It is recommended to try rolling a portion of it to see if the tubing is soft enough. The floor under the mats should have a permanent coat of white paint put down to reduce the powdery white coating. All the needed repairs could possibly cost close to \$1,000,000.00. A meeting will be set up with the Recreational Committee for next week.

Public Comment: None

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 2026-08-11-01 for payment of funds in the amount of \$1,726.60 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 T. Cerroni to approve Resolution 2026-08-11-02 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$103,916.56 for the Village of Baraga CWSRF Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by S. Johnson for the approval of Resolution 2026-08-11-03 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$1,042,149.65 for the Village of Baraga CDBG WRI Grant Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police . Seventeen complaints were received in the month of July. Two felony arrests were made. One hundred thirty property checks were completed.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. The fence for the basketball court will be put up soon. Several of our council members, KBIC council members, Chief Smith, B. Olsen, DPW Supervisor, and L. LeClaire, Village Manager, met with four people from MDOT to discuss lowering the speed limit On US 41 and a potential round-about at M-38 and US 41. The round-about is just in the talking stage. The State Police will have to do a speed study to determine the lowering of the speed limit. A new sign for the Industrial Park is in the beginning stage. Each owner in the park will contribute \$500.00 toward the sign to advertise their business. Baraga County Concrete will donate the concrete. Laser North will design and do all the Metal. Peninsula Powder Coating will do all painting and sandblasting.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Lift station maintenance was done. Water exchanges were done at the marina. Cutting and landscaping was done at the lagoons. Brushing was done near power lines and the sides of the roads.

Motion was made by S. Johnson and seconded by J. Westman to accept the resignation of James Holm from the Baraga Housing Commission Board.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by T. Cerroni to appoint Tim Olson for the remaining five year term on the Baraga Housing Commission Board.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

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 J. Mayo seconded by J. Westman to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 P.M. on August 11, 2026.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk