

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2025

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
Irvin Smith, Chief of Police
Andrew Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by T. Olson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 8, 2025 and the Special Meeting on July 29, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Old Business:

J. Westman questioned if more information was received from the Baraga County Historical Museum Society regarding the expansion of their property in their current lease. He stated that it is very important that the contingencies required by the Village be met by the Baraga County Historical Museum Society. S. Johnson stated that no work should be taking place until the contingencies are met. L. LeClaire will look into the matter.

Public Comment: None

L. LeClaire explained the need to amend the sewer rates in Ordinance 258 for the Phase 2 Water Project. On October 1, 2025 there will be an increase from \$40.00 per month to \$41.00 per month. On January 1, 2026, there will be an increase from \$41.00 per month to \$42.00 per month. The increase is due to the bond for the Phase 2 Sewer Project .

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo for the approval of Sewer Ordinance No. 265 which amends the sewer rates and charges in Ordinance No. 258. Ordinance No. 265 will go into effect on October 1, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Olson to approve the engineering agreement for U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc for the WRI MEDC Sewer Lagoon Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by T. Cerroni to purchase a Ventrac mower with cab from Eau Claire Lawn Equipment in the amount of \$49,707.60. The purchase price includes a mower, broom and cab.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. Twenty-four complaints were received in the month of July. Three arrests were made. One hundred forty-five property checks were completed. Chief Smith and Officer Shalifoe also attended firearms qualifications on July 1, 2025 at the Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. M D Contracting has completed the needed repairs on the Walking Trail which were caused by flooding earlier in the year.

Pickleball paddles were donated for the Capul Recreation Park by Treadeau's General Store.

Three candidates were interviewed for the Water Plant/DPW position. No decision has yet been made on the subject. L. LeClaire will be going to Cedarville to give a presentation for the DNR Trust Fund Grant for a pavilion, kayak launch and fishing pier for the Village of Baraga.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. DWAM investigations were done. Lagoon mowing, black top patching and ditching were done. Landscaping was also done at the Capul Recreation Park.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M. on August 11, 2025.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk