

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

February 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M.

Pro-tem Sandy Johnson opened the meeting.

Present at Roll Call: Jeannine Mayo, Tony Cerroni, Tim Olson, Sandy Johnson and John Westman

Absent: Scott Koski and Paul Stark

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Mayo to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 14, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski and P. Stark

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the Village of Baraga 2025-2026 Budget opened at 5:01 P.M. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, discussed the 2025-2026 Budget and some of the planned projects.

The General Fund budgeted for Upset West and for the Baraga Economic Development Authority.

Tree Trimming for the Cemetery was also put in the budget.

A taser, 2 guns and the yearly Report Program Fee were put in the police department budget. There is a possibility of getting a grant for the taser.

Public Works will have money budgeted for a lawn mower. They will also budget for a brush mower attachment and a rake attachment.

Money is being budgeted in the Recreation Fund for ice rink improvements.

The Street Fund will include paving for the Water Project, crack sealing, a catch basin and street signs. Patching will be done on Osterman Ave and patching will also be done on Railroad St from Superior National Bank to the American Legion building.

The Electric Fund is budgeting to convert the tribal campground from 4kv to 12kv. Regulators for the Besse substation were put in to the budget. An AMI upgrade, tree trimming and seventeen pole replacements are also in the Electric Fund budget.

The Sewer Fund has the Phase 3 Sewer Project in its budget. The project is tentatively scheduled to go out on bids in August and the project will begin in the spring of 2026.

The Water Fund has budgeted for the DWAM Grant, the Phase 3 Water Project, AMI Water, and replacement of the loading dock at the water plant. The Phase 3 Water Project should be able to go out on bids in the next couple weeks.

The Marina Fund has electric pedestals, dock repairs and maintenance to the docks budgeted.

The Equipment Fund has tires along with a snow bucket for the loader in its budget. Updates for the Vac truck and DDA truck are also in the budget.

The DDA budgeted the Ice Rink Transfer yearly amount and also transfers for sidewalks and street repairs. Funds were also put aside for the Baraga County Museum and the Capul Recreation Park. L. LeClaire is also applying for a Michigan Trust Fund Grant to put a pavilion in at the Capul Recreation Park.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, discussed several of the budgeted projects completed over this past year.

Twenty-five new stop signs and fifteen new street signs and poles were replaced. New cameras were installed at the Kids Park, Marina, Capul Recreation Park, and Superior Street. The fence was removed at the Kids Park and a new sidewalk was put in leading to the bathroom at the park. The acquisition of the All-Wood property and the construction of the Veterans Memorial Park was completed. The dedication of the Walking Trail and the Capul Recreation Park was done. Playground equipment and a pickleball court were put in at the recreation park. DWAM Grant investigations are still being performed. A new council chambers door and three doors in the Village office were installed. The Police Department received a new reporting system and an AD machine. Grapple attachments were purchased and Vactor truck repairs were done. The Third Street transformer is set up and ready to be fired up this spring. New water meters were put in at the cemetery and the marina. The water lines in the new section at the cemetery were completed. Sewer lines and water lines were replaced on Armory Street. A new water service was added on M-38. New electric and lighting was installed at the lagoons.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the Village of Baraga 2025-2026 Budget closed at 5:11 P.M. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

The council went back into their regular council meeting at 5:11 PM on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Mayo to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget.

**Village of Baraga
Budget 2025-2026**

General Fund 2025-2026

Revenues

Property Taxes and Fees	174000
State Revenues	754088
Interest and Rental	40000
Misc.	57200
Transfers and Reimbursements	125000
Gain Sale Assets	98140
Total Revenues	1248428

Expenditures

Village President	7800
Village Council	34300
Village Manager	71500
Attorney	10000
Clerk	4500
Administration	75200
Treasurer	3000
Cemetery	28000
Police	280400
Fire	98578
Public Works	138200
Community Promotion	500
Parks & Recreation	48700
Employee Benefits	170800
Insurance & Overhead	67400
Public Housing	650
Village Building	38200
Sol Conservation	10000
Total Expenditures	1087728

Excess or Revenues	160700
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Major Street Fund 2025-2026

Revenues

State Revenues	200000
Misc.	4000
Transfers	0
Interest Income	5000

Total Revenues	209000
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Expenditures

Ditches & Drains	20300
Construction	4600
Surface Maintenance	41600
Traffic Signals	6800
Snow and Ice Removal	51500
Administration	69100
Mers Unfunded	5000
Total Expenditures	198900

Excess of Revenues	10100
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Local Street Fund 2025-2026

Revenues

State Revenues	80000
Misc.	60000
Transfers	150000
Interest Income	1200

Total Revenues	291200
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Expenditures

Ditches & Drains	27300
Construction	10000
Surface Maintenance	94500

Traffic Signals	10000
Snow & Ice Removal	53150
Administration	8000
Mers Unfunded	2500
Total Expenditures	205450
 Excess of Revenues	 85750

Municipal Street Fund 2025-2026

Revenues	
County Tax	17000
Village Tax	50000
Transfers	32000
Misc Income	10000
Interest Income	2500
 Total Revenues	 111500
 Expenditures	
Transfer to DDA	8400
Transfer to Major Street	0
Transfer to Local Street	40000
Misc.	0
 Total Expenditures	 48400
 Excess of Revenues	 63100

Wastewater Fund 2025-2026

Revenues	
Reimb. Joint WW	140000
Interest	18000
MEDC	1560
Bonds	147600
Grant/Loan	4000000
Total Revenues	4807160
 Expenditures	
Utility Activities	4265960

Collection & System Operation	71000
MERS Unfunded	37000
Total Expenditures	4373960
Excess of Revenues	433200

Electric Fund 2025-2026

Revenues

Sales	2900000
Services	10000
Penalties & Interest	15000
Investment in ATC	25000
WPPI	13400
Low Income	9000
EO Charge	10000
Misc Income	25000
Surplus Prior Year	300000
Interest	40000
Riemursements	40000
Total Revenues	3387400

Expenditures

Utility Activities	292900
Total Expenditures	292900
Excess of Revenues	458400

Water Fund 2025-2026

Revenues

Sales	650000
Services Penalties & Interest	14000
KBIC Industrial	19500
Transfer	230000
Interest Income	10000
Dwam Grant	41510
Phase 3 Water Project Loan	1272880
Phase 3 Water Project Grant	727120
Misc. Income	16000
Total Revenues	2981010

Expenditures	
Water Plant	2853426
Water Distribution	183310
Mers Unfuded	35000
Total Expenditures	3071736
 Excess of Revenues	 -90726

Joint Wastewater Fund 2025-2026

Revenues	
Sales	650000
Services Penalties & Interest	5000
Misc Income	25000
 Total Revenues	 680000
 Expenditures	
Utility Activities	530100
 Excess of Revenues	 149900

Waterfront Fund 2025-2026

Revenues	
Launch Fees	4000
Dock Rentals	20000
Transfers	25000
Fuel Income	5000
Interest Income	1000
Misc Income	100
Total Revenues	55100
 Expenditures	 45300
 Excess of Revenues	 9800

Motor Vehicle Fund 2025-2026

Revenues

Gain on the Sale Assets	20001
Rentals	150000
Interest Income	300
Transfers	30000
Misc. Income	500
Total Revenues	200801

Expenditures	199450
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Excess of Revenues	1351
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DDA Fund 2025-2026

Revenues

Village Tax	130000
Township & County Tax	50000
Surplus Prior Years	200000
Interest Income	2000
Misc Income	50000
Total Revenues	432000

Expenditures	340800
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Excess of Revenues	91200
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Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski and P. Stark

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Thirty-five complaints were received in the month of January. One arrest was made. Three hundred fifteen property checks were completed.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. The Village received a check for \$21,000.00 from the Village's insurance agency for the pole that was hit and needed to be replaced near Massie Manufacturing. The pole caused a power outage in the industrial park for a day. Approval was received from Rural Development for the plans and specifications on the

Water Project. The EGLE construction permit approval and the MDOT construction permit were received for the project. The Village is waiting on joint permits from EGLE for the culvert crossing on Lyons Ave and S. Superior Ave. A preliminary title opinion is needed also. The Sewer Project survey is complete and soil borings are done. Responses have been provided to EGLE on their project comments. Engineering design has started and the Village hopes to submit to EGLE for permitting by April 11, 2025. Scott Koski, Village President, will be attending the MML convention in Grand Rapids on March 18-19. He also will be going to Washington on February 23-25. The Washington trip will be paid for by WPPI.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Training on the installation of the AMI meters was done and twelve meters were installed for a trial run. If the meters work as they should, workers will be installing meters for two weeks straight after February 20. It will probably take approximately three months since they can only install them for two weeks each month.

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by J. Westman to donate \$500.00 from WPPI Funds to the Baraga Bash for the Baraga Senior Class of 2025 Lock-In for services rendered.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski and P. Stark

Motion carried.

Jeff Mayo, Baraga Fire Department chief, was present to discuss the purchase of a new water rescue tritoon boat for the fire department. He stated that the department had received \$50,000.00 from Baraga County to use specifically for water rescue. The boat he suggested for purchase would cost approximately \$45,462.00. J. Westman questioned if someone has to be certified to drive the boat. J. Mayo was unsure. J. Westman also questioned if there would be a liability issue. L. LeClaire said she would check with the Village's insurance company. Jeannine Mayo stated that the Baraga County Sheriff Department already has a rescue boat and the KBIC Tribal Police Department has two available rescue boats at the marina. She felt the issue of the purchase should be tabled until the March meeting when there would be a full council present. The rest of the council agreed and the matter was tabled until the March Village Council Meeting.

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

Check	Vendor Name	Amount
47939	ANDERSON, TACKMAN & CO, PLC	2,004.00
47940	CLAIMCHOICE ADMINISTRATORS	575.02
47950	ASSOCIATED BANK	525.46
47951	JW2 FIRE CONSALTANTS	875.00
47952	MP SYSTEMS	9,063.38
47953	PAYMENTUS CORP	1,117.11
47958	IRVIN SMITH	100.00

47959	WILLIAM OLSEN	40.27
47960	DAVE ROECKER EQUIPMENT	1,500.00
47965	CHERIE KOSKI	50.00
47966	DAVID APGER	50.00
47967	GERARD LINDEMANN	50.00
47968	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
47969	JASON MANTILA	50.00
47970	JOSH TAISTO	50.00
47971	KENT THOMAS	60.00
47972	LEANN LECLAIRE	375.00
47973	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
47974	ROBERT JOHNSON	50.00
47975	SEMCO ENERGY	3,971.98
47976	STATE OF MICHIGAN	687.40
47977	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	1,453.11
47978	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	3,192.00
47979	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	9,129.00
47980	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	10,900.00
47981	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	4,900.00
47982	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	2,452.12
47983	TIM WADAGA	50.00
47984	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
47985	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
47986	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,190.00
47987	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
47988	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
47989	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	24,558.00
47990	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	90,000.00
47991	WILLIAM OLSEN	50.00
47992	BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL	360.00
47993	U P POWER COMPANY	261.49
47994	U P POWER COMPANY	233.38
47995	IRVIN SMITH	75.00
47996	JASON MANTILA	45.00
47999	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	82.78
48000	B & B TRANSFORMER	1,499.00
48001	BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL	100.00
48002	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	927.37
48003	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	241.76
48004	BEST	150.00
48005	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC	433.59
48006	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	34.56
48007	GRAINGER INC	358.91

48008	HAWKINS, INC	757.06
48009	HOMESTEAD GRAPHICS & DESIGN	35.00
48010	INFOSEND, INC	928.64
48011	IRBY	659.30
48012	JOSEPH P O LEARY	500.00
48013	L ANSE SENTINEL	320.85
48014	MCHS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	100.00
48015	MI MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOC	2,991.00
48016	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES INC	222.65
48017	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	20.00
48018	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	2,402.40
48019	PINES CONVIENCE CENTER	226.41
48020	PRIMUS MARKETING GROUP INC	560.00
48021	QUILL CORPORATION	233.96
48022	SENSUS USA INC	3,700.00
48023	UP TRUCK CENTER, INC	334.51
48024	USA BLUEBOOK	1,255.34
48025	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	7,413.65
48026	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,605.61
48027	WARD'S HUSQVARNA SALES & SERVICE	2,350.00
48028	WASTE MANAGEMENT	590.50
48029	WILKINSON S STORE	100.77
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TOTAL		215,093.36

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski and P. Stark

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Westman to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski and P. Stark

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M. on February 11, 2025.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk