

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

July 8, 2025

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

President S. Koski opened the meeting.

Present at Roll Call: 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

Andrew Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc

Motion made by J. Westman seconded by T. Cerroni to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on June 10, 2025 and the Special Meeting on July 1, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Motion made by J. Westman seconded by T. Cerroni for the approval of Bond Ordinance No. 264 EGLE. The ordinance is to provide for the acquisition, construction, installation, furnishing and equipping of additions and improvements to the sewage disposal system of the Village of Baraga; to provide for the issuance and sale of revenue bonds to pay the cost thereof; to provide for the collection of revenues from the system sufficient for the purpose of paying the costs of operation and maintenance of the system and to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and certain outstanding bonds of the system; to provide for the segregation and distribution of system revenues; to provide for the rights of the holders of the bonds in enforcement thereof; to prescribe the form of the bonds and to provide for other matters relating to the bonds and the system.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Members of the Baraga County Historical Museum Society were present to request expansion of the property in their current lease to add on an addition to their building. Barry J. Polzin, Architect, was present to explain the need for expansion. A benefactor is looking for a community in which to build the Fred Rydholm Ancient Copper Mining Museum. The addition of the copper mining museum to the current museum would be paid for by the benefactor with no cost to the Village. The new addition would also include an apartment for an onsite manager

and a library. S. Koski questioned if the apartment would be used as a rental. It was stated that the apartment would only be occupied as an apartment for the onsite manager or for interns doing research. J. Westman questioned the possibility that the revised property lines would be encroaching on another person's property. The project cannot go forward until all property lines are determined. The Baraga Township assessor is researching the matter. He also questioned if the appropriate insurance would be obtained to protect the Village of Baraga if an accident were to occur.

Motion made by J. Westman seconded by S. Johnson for the expansion of the property described in the lease of the Baraga County Historical Museum with the following contingencies:

1. Insurance protecting the Village of Baraga from liability
2. Survey showing the property is owned by the Village of Baraga
3. Memorandum of nonrental for museum apartment

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

The Police Report was not available at the time of the meeting.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. Lines were painted and crack sealing was done downtown. Mers is now funded at 78%. The Village of Baraga received the Letter of Interest for the MEDC Sewer Grant in the amount of \$1,360,000.00 The application for the State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant in the amount of \$66,724.32 was submitted.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Dwam investigations were performed. Decorating and clean up was done for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Ditching was done. Grass was planted at the Capul Recreation Park. A new bench for the Walking Trail was purchased by a family in memory of their loved one.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M. on July 8, 2025.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk