

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 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 T. Cerroni seconded by J. Westman to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 20, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

The regular council meeting on June 10, 2025 closed at 5:02 P.M. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

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

Absent: Paul Stark

The Public Hearing for the Millage Rate for 2025 opened at 5:03 P.M. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

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

Absent: Paul Stark

L. LeClaire recommended no increase in millage for 2025. There was a 7.24% increase in collections in the past year. Also, there was an increase in taxable value from 15,701,387 to 16,838,239. The Village is anticipating an increase of approximately \$11,545.87 in revenue.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the Millage Rate for 2025 closed at 5:05 P.M. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

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

Absent: Paul Stark

The council went back into their regular council meeting at 5:05 P.M. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

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

Absent: Paul Stark

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by T. Olson for a proposed increase of 0 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Andrew Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc, was present to discuss the Water Systems Improvements, Phase 3 Project. Due to increase in material costs from last year's costs, the three bids received exceeded the original project funding amount. A change order needed to be done to reduce the project cost. That change order will be subject to the approval of USDA Rural Development including Rural Developments additional funding needed. The low bidder for the project was Danielson Contracting, Inc.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by T. Cerroni to pass Resolution 2025-06-10-01 for the Award of the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements Phase 3 Project to Danielson Contracting, Inc in the amount of \$2,080,120.00 less Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$237,950.00 to reflect a contract price of \$1,842,170.00, prior to commencement of construction and subject to approval and funding by Rural Development. The Village of Baraga shall provide Local Match funds in the amount of \$220,425.20 to pay for the entire selected project scope of work as well as road restoration work on one half of road for full width paving on select streets with open cut watermain replacement work.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

CWSRF Project loan terms were discussed. Although the Village cash flow is in a good position at this time, inflationary sewer rates will still be needed to sustain the fund and be able to afford the upcoming bond payments for the CWSRF project. Council members will discuss the subject more at the July council meeting.

A request was received for a street closure for the 2025 Baraga Drive-In Car Show.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Westman to close Superior Avenue on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, from 12 P.M to 5 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.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

The Police Report was given by S. Koski, Village President. Twenty-six complaints were received in the month of May. No arrests were made. Three hundred five property checks were completed.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. Auditors were at the Village office for two weeks. Crack sealing is taking place. The lines on Superior Ave will be painted before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations. The pickleball court has been painted at the Capul Recreational Park and a ping pong table has also been installed. MD Contracting will be fixing the failed culvert on the Walking Trail which was caused by storm damage earlier in the spring.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Brush was hauled and mowing was done. The DPW workers also did some storm cleanup. Discharging was completed and Dwam Grant investigations were performed. D. Apger will be retiring from his Water Plant Supervisor position at the end of August. G. Lindemann is resigning from the DPW Supervisor position to accept the Lineman Apprentice position at WPPI. M. Robinson is resigning from his position as lineman at WPPI. A position for another DPW worker and a WPPI lineman will be posted. Another summer worker is also needed.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M. on June 10, 2025.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk