

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:01 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, UP Engineers & Architects

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by T. Cerroni to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 11, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for the Capul Recreation Park opened at 5:02 P.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025

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

Absent:

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, discussed applying for a grant for improvements to the Capul Recreation Park. The grant application would be for a \$400,000.00 grant with a match of \$135,000.00. The total project amount would be \$535,000.00. It would be for the construction of a pavilion, floating dock fishing pier and site improvements.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for the Capul Recreation Park closed at 5:05 P.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

The council went back into their regular council meeting at 5:05 PM on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

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

Public Comment: None

Jeff Mayo, Baraga Fire Department chief along with other members of the department, were present to discuss the purchase of a new water rescue tritoon boat for the fire department. The boat he suggested for purchase would cost approximately \$45,462.00. The fire department had received a \$50,000.00 grant from the county to be used for equipment or a rescue boat. S. Koski stated that he didn't think a rescue boat was necessary since there were two other rescue boats in Baraga county that are available for use. The fire department does have an older retired Coast Guard boat which they have been repairing. However, the radio and sonar is not working on it and they said it would be difficult to get real close to the boat in distress. J. Westman said that special licensing is needed to operate a rescue boat. He stated he would like to see a break down of costs for the purchase, storage, maintenance of the boat along with the cost of training for the use of it. S. Koski stated that he would like to see the department pursue different options for the grant.

Motion by J. Mayo seconded by T. Cerroni to approve the purchase of a new water rescue tritoon boat for the Baraga Fire Department in the amount of \$45,462.00.

Ayes: None

Nays: All

Motion denied.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni to approve Resolution 2025-03-11-01 for the submission of the application titled "Capul Recreation Park Improvements" to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$400,000.00 with a financial obligation in the amount of \$135,000.00 (25.2%) of a total \$535,000.00 project cost.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

L. LeClaire stated that the water rates need to be increased. The rate increase is due to inflation since the Village applied for the grant five years ago.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by P. Stark to approve Water Ordinance #263 which hereby amends Water Ordinance No. 261 as follows: Effective May 1, 2025 and for all billings thereafter until further amended by the Village Council. Village customers will pay \$43.00 per month minimum for 4,000 gallons plus \$7.90 per 1,000 gallons of use over 4,000 per month. Township customers will pay \$45.50 per month minimum for 4,000 gallons plus \$7.90 per 1,000 gallons of use over 4,000 per month. The Prison will pay \$7.90 per 1,000 gallons of use.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by Irvin Smith, Chief of Police. Twenty-one complaints were received in the month of February. No arrests were made. Two hundred eighty-five property checks were completed.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. The Phase 3 Water Project is waiting for a permit for a culvert on Lyons Street. The Village should have the approval within two weeks from EGLE and are hoping for approval from Rural Development a week after EGLE's

approval, Bid opening should be in the beginning of May. The Phase 3 Sewer design is about 90% complete and plans are due to EGLE for review by April 11. Final plans are due by May 8. Training on AMI electric meters program was done. It is anticipated that the Village will receive the new water meters in six months to one year. Installation will take longer than the electric meters since the DPW workers will need to go into the customers' house. The Baraga Fire Department, along with other fire departments, will be doing a day of rescue training at Da Shack before it gets demolished. The building should be torn down by the end of May.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Three hundred fifty-three electric meters are currently in place. The crew also did some plowing and hauling of snow and some Miss Digs.

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

Check	Vendor Name	Amount
48040	KENT THOMAS	200.00
48041	SUPERIORLAND SERVICES INC	174.77
48042	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	681.00
48043	ASSOCIATED BANK	2,493.96
48044	H&L MESABI	409.00
48045	JCS INC	8,425.00
48046	PAYMENTUS CORP	456.32
48047	IRVIN SMITH	25.00
48051	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	2,400.00
48052	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
48059	CHERIE KOSKI	50.00
48060	DAVID APGER	50.00
48061	GERARD LINDEMANN	50.00
48062	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
48063	JASON MANTILA	50.00
48064	JOSH TAISTO	50.00
48065	KENT THOMAS	60.00
48066	LEANN LECLAIRE	375.00
48067	MATT SHALIFOE	50.00
48068	ROBERT JOHNSON	50.00
48069	SEMCO ENERGY	2,537.99
48070	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	1,453.11
48071	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	3,192.00
48072	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	9,129.00
48073	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	10,900.00
48074	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	4,900.00

48075	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	2,452.12
48076	TIM WADAGA	50.00
48077	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	4,700.00
48078	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,190.00
48079	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
48080	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	517.00
48081	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	24,558.00
48082	WILLIAM OLSEN	50.00
48083	U P POWER COMPANY	407.74
48084	STATE OF MICHIGAN	686.72
48085	IRVIN SMITH	50.00
48089	DAVID APGER	400.00
48090	GERARD LINDEMANN	400.00
48091	JASON MANTILA	400.00
48092	JOSH TAISTO	400.00
48093	ROBERT JOHNSON	400.00
48094	TIM WADAGA	400.00
48095	WILLIAM OLSEN	400.00
48096	ALLIED FIRE SALES & SERVICE	2,944.95
48097	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	82.78
	BARAGA COUNTY CHAMBER	
48098	COMMERCE	3,000.00
	BARAGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV	
48099	CORP	500.00
48100	BARAGA SENIOR BASH	500.00
48101	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	927.50
48102	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	768.54
48103	COPPER SHORES COMM. HEALTH	3,000.00
48104	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	31.42
48105	HANNULA AGENCY	992.00
48106	INFOSEND, INC	466.40
48107	MCHS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	90.00
	MIDWEST FIRE TACTICS AND	
48108	TRAINING	2,500.00
48109	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	48.00
48110	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	2,369.45
48111	PINES CONVIENCE CENTER	185.61
48112	PINES CONVIENCE CENTER	68.75
48113	QUILL CORPORATION	39.99
48114	SCOTT KOSKI	658.00
48115	SEMCO ENERGY	1,519.68
48116	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	4,708.85
48117	U P ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	1,685.00

48118	U P POWER COMPANY	236.51
48119	UP KUBOTA	110.33
48120	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
48121	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	5,354.91
48122	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	6,721.00
48123	VILLAGE OF L ANSE	653.72
48124	WASTE MANAGEMENT	594.81
48125	WILKINSON S STORE	<u>868.62</u>

131,947.57

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by S. Johnson to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M. on March 11, 2025.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk