

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 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
Irvin Smith, Chief of Police
Andrew Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by S. Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on August 11, 2025 and the Special Meeting on August 25, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Old Business:

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, contacted the engineer for the Baraga County Historical Museum expansion to find out if the property had been surveyed yet. He had not received a survey yet. Also, a survey had not been received by the Baraga Township assessor. L. LeClaire will continue to monitor the situation.

Public Comment: None

Motion made by J. Westman seconded by T. Olson for the approval of Resolution 2025-09-09-01 for EGLE CWSRF Grant and Loan Program Reimbursement & Payment Approval in the amount of \$348,020.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Westman to approve Resolution 2025-09-09-02 for payment for the USDA Water System Improvements Phase 3 in the amount of \$17,065.90.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

After reviewing the application grading system for the DNR Trust Fund Grant for the Capul Recreational Park, L. LeClaire decided it would be more beneficial to the Village to increase the matching funds to \$175,000.00. The increase in matching funds from \$135,000.00 to \$175,000.00 could improve the Village's chances of getting the grant.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Mayo to approve Resolution 2025-09-09-03 authorizing a Local Unit of Government Match without donated funds for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the Capul Recreational Park Improvements in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. Twenty-three complaints were received in the month of August. One felony arrest was made. Two hundred ninety property checks were completed.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. L. LeClaire went to Cedarville for the DNR Trust Fund Grant presentation. The Sewer Bond was closed on August 28. A pre-construction meeting was held on September 4th for the Waste Water Improvements Project with Danielson Contracting, Inc. A new Vactor truck is needed in the very near future. The current one's tank that holds the waste, along with the other tanks, are rusting out and leaking.

L. LeClaire will be attending the annual WPPI meeting in Green Bay with the Village president, S. Koski, on September 16-September 19, 2025. L. LeClaire will also be attending the Michigan Municipal Electric Association Conference from September 23-September 26, 2025 in Muskegon. Brett Niemi, WPPI, will also be attending the conference in Muskegon.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Six hundred ninety-six DWAM investigations were completed and the final payment has been submitted. Sand was hauled for salt, lift stations were vactored and fire hydrants were flushed. Ditching, mowing and plow truck maintenance was also performed.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Westman by to pay the bills when the monies become available.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 P.M. on September 9, 2025.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk