

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

November 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:00 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
Bill Olsen, DPW Supervisor
Andrew Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on October 7, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by P. Stark for the approval of Resolution 2025-11-11-01 for payment of funds in the amount of \$2,660.00 for the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements Phase 3.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Mayo to approve Resolution 2025-11-11-02 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$14,932.41 for the Village of Baraga CWSRF Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Westman to approve Resolution 2025-11-11-03 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$17,612.76 for the Village of Baraga CDBG WRI Grant Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police . Twenty-six complaints were received in the month of October. One arrest was made. Three hundred sixty property checks were completed. Chief of Police Smith and Officer Shalifoe attended Domestic Terrorism and Radicalization to Violent Extremism training held at Northern Michigan University on October 7. They also attending training for Sovereign Citizens and First Amendment Auditors training on October 8 at Northern Michigan University.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. An insurance claim for sewer backup for a customer was submitted to the Village's insurance company. No response has been received yet from the company. A pre-construction meeting will be held for the water project in two weeks. The entire staff has been training for the new AMI water meters and the new meters will begin to be installed after the training. Installation will be a long process so it will be a while before all of the meters are installed .

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Three employees went to Ishpeming for water training classes. J. Taisto took his F3 water license test and he will receive the results in two weeks. The two recently hired employees received their CDL licenses. Hockey boards were moved to a semi-trailer. The cemetery, Kids Park and marina were winterized. Snow plow equipment was made ready for the winter. AMI water meter training was done and five meters have already been installed.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Westman to donate \$1,000.00 to the Baraga Fire Department for the Kid's Christmas Party for services rendered.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The December Council Meeting will be held on December 16, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

A. Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. was present to discuss the need for an Electrical Power System Study and Arc Flash Hazard Assessment for non-residential buildings and facilities owned by the Village of Baraga. The study is required by the 2026 National Electric Code. The code still needs to be passed by the State of Michigan. The code pertains to safety for work on power panels and evaluating the risk on each site. Recommendations for safety measures and equipment will be given by the study. J. Westman highly recommended that training for the DDA workers should be given for arc flash hazard assessment. B. Olsen also suggested lockout tagout training should be given for DDA workers. Possible training could be given by U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc.

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by T. Olson to approve the Electrical Power System Study and Arc Flash Hazard Assessment by U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. engineering in the amount of \$15,000.00

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by T. Olson to go in to Closed Session to discuss the tentative agreement between the Village of Baraga and General Teamsters Local Union No. 406.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Council went into Closed Session at 5:29 PM on November 11, 2025.

Council went back into the Regular Council Meeting at 5:41 PM on November 11, 2025.

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

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by T. Cerroni to pay the bills when the monies become available.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by J. Westman to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 P.M. on November 11, 2025.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk