

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

December 16, 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
Andrew Keranen, P.E., U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by T. Olson for the approval of Resolution 2025-12-16-01 for payment of funds in the amount of \$2,432.00 for the Village of Baraga Water System Improvements Phase 3.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion made by J. Westman seconded by T. Cerroni to approve Resolution 2025-12-16-02 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$186,011.79 for the Village of Baraga CWSRF Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo to approve Resolution 2025-12-16-03 for reimbursement and payment of funds in the amount of \$10,093.31 for the Village of Baraga CDBG WRI Grant Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

DeAnna Hadden and Liz Julio, KBIC Promise Neighborhoods, were present to discuss the possibility of leasing the community ice rink. KBIC Promise Neighborhoods provides after school programs in the Baraga County area. However, they have been unable to obtain enough buildings to house all of the children in the programs and there is a waiting list. They were inquiring if they could lease the ice rink building for the program. They would have money available for needed renovations. The Baraga Village Recreational Committee is looking into the matter and a response will be given at a later date.

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police . Seventeen complaints were received in the month of November. One arrest was made. Two hundred sixty-five property checks were completed. Some parking tickets were issued due to enforcement of the winter street parking hours.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. She applied for a Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 for planting trees at the Capul Recreational Park and the grant was received. MRWA is doing a water/sewer rate study. The study is free of charge and the Village has not had such a study done.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Josh Taisto passed his F3 water exam and the Village now has two people certified for paperwork. Plowing was done. Work was performed on the Post Office Lift Station.

The Baraga Fire Department applied for a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The grant was approved in the amount of \$4,802.00 with a 50% match in the amount of \$4,802.00 from the Village of Baraga for a total project amount of \$9,604.00. The grant is for equipment for the fire department.

The January Council Meeting will be held on January 6, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by T. Cerroni to go into Closed Session to discuss the tentative agreement between the Village of Baraga and the Baraga Police Officer Association represented by the Police Officers Labor Council.

Council went into Closed Session at 5:46 PM on December 16, 2025.

Council went back into the Regular Council Meeting at 5:52 PM on December 16, 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 P. Stark seconded by T. Olson to approve the Police Officers Labor Council Union contract for the years 2026 through 2029.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M. on December 16, 2025.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk