

BARAGA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2026

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M.

Council Member Sandy Johnson opened the meeting.

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

Absent: Scott Koski

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk
Irvin Smith, Chief of Police

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 16, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

The Police Report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police . Twenty-seven complaints were received in the month of December. One arrest was made. Two hundred eighty-five property checks were completed.

L. LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the Manager Report. MRWA completed their water/sewer rate study. They suggested the sewer rates be increased by 2.7% and the water rates be increased by 12.2%. The main reason for the increase in water rates is the cost of future repairs and maintenance in the asset management plan. However, the increase does not have to be implemented immediately.

The DPW Report was given by L. LeClaire, Village Manager. Plowing was done. EGLE reporting and inspection was done for the water plant.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by T. Olson to donate \$500.00 of WPPI funds to Baraga BASH for services rendered.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Westman to go into Closed Session to discuss the tentative Police Chief Contract with the Village of Baraga.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried.

Council went into Closed Session at 5:10 PM on January 6, 2026.

Council went back into the Regular Council Meeting at 5:14 PM on January 6, 2026

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

Absent: Scott Koski

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by P. Stark to approve the Police Chief Contract for the year 2026 through 2029 .

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion carried

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: S. Koski

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 P.M. on January 6, 2026.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk