

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – April 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order, in the Village Council Chambers, by President Julie Epperson at 7:00 PM.

Present: Loraine Garcia, Brandy Gunsell, Aaron Kuhl, Dennis Kundinger, Rob Snider, Marcus Sting, Julie Epperson

Absent: None

Others: Matthew Bumhoffer, Linda Engelhardt, Dena Kish, Jo Jubar, Gayle Genow, Charlene Hudson, Drew Gokey, Steven Repkie, and various members of the community

IV. Agenda – April 17, 2023

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kundinger to approve the agenda for the April 17, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023, Regular Council Meeting and April 3, 2023 DPW, Administration, Police, and Light & Water Committee meetings, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

VI. Public Comment

Numerous people spoke in support of Police Chief Repkie, hiring a full-time police officer, maintaining Village of Sebewaing Police Department Facebook page, and questioned the sod displaced from winter sidewalk cleaning due to the ground not being frozen.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee

Trustee Kuhl's updates included sod dislodged from winter plowing is being cleaned up along street edge and sidewalks. Salt for winter 2023-2024 has been ordered. DPW repaired Sewer Pump Two and Vactor truck air duct weldment. Larger diameter trees cut by DPW. USA Pride in discussion on how to pay for ½ of the new dugouts. New salt barn door will be installed by the DPW. A Road Right of Way Permit was given to 816 Beach Street resident for a concrete driveway. Fishing off the docks in the marina is not permitted per DNR. Parcels #39-008-233-00 (724 N. Beck Street) and #39-017-002-10 (592 S Unionville Road) have been deemed inhabitable by Huron County.

1. Seasonal DPW Employee Raise

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kundinger to approve a \$1.00/hour raise for Seasonal DPW Employee Joshua Eurich to \$12.00 an hour effective 4/3/2023.

Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

2. DPW Summer Hours

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kundinger to approve the Full-time DPW employee work schedule of four 10-hours days per week from 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM effective Monday June 5, 2023 through Friday, September 1, 2023; scheduled weekly day off at the superintendent's discretion; 10-hour

paid Holidays during this timeframe; and notification to the DPW union.
Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

3. Keeping of Livestock or Fowl Variance - Chickens

Clarification, in response to resident's question, roosters are not allowed per §95.02 #4 anti-noise ordinance.

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Gunsell to approve the request to raise no more than ten (10) chickens at 447 N Beck Street parcel #39-008-141-00 per Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §91.04 Keeping of Livestock or Fowl and said permit shall be valid for the time period the property is owned and occupied by the current resident.

Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

4. 2004 International 4400 Dump Truck Engine Repair

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kundinger to approve the repair of the 2004 International 4400 Dump Truck engine by Osentoski Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

5. 2023 Street Paving

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Snider to approve the street paving bid from Ace-Saginaw Asphalt not to exceed \$151,000.00 for:

1. Fourth Street 1.5" overlay from Frederick to Bay Street
2. Fifth Street 1.5" overlay from Bay to Frederick Street
3. Beach Street cold mill and resurfacing from N Center to Beck Street
4. N Center Street cold mill and resurfacing from Sharpsteen to N Beck Street
5. Volz Court cold mill and resurfacing

Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

B. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Gunsell updated the council on the monthly activity, still working on the golf cart and rental properties ordinances. Reviewing a new social media and meeting policies.

1. DNR Spark Grant Agreement

Resolution by Gunsell seconded by Garcia to approve Resolution #01-2023-2024 for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Spark Grant Project Agreement.

Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Epperson: yea.
RESOLUTION RESOLVED

C. Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell provided the updates including the 2012 Chevy Tahoe (School Resource Officer) Vehicle is back in service, Chief Repkie will be attending a Wellness Program Training, and scheduling a Cops and Bobbers fishing event for children.

1. Full-time Police Officer Vacancy Posting

This is a potential union position, unlike the Police Chief position. The Union contract requires positions to be posted. It will be posted on the Village website, Facebook pages, the door and Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES).

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Snider to approve the posting of the Full-time Police Officer position with applications and resumes delivered to the Administration Office by 4:00 April 26, 2023.

Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

2. Part-Time Police Officer Hiring

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the hiring of Nathan House as a Part-time Police Officer at the part-time wages of \$22.00/hour effective April 18, 2023, subject to acceptable background check.

Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

3. Part-Time Police Officer Posting

The posting will remain open until the Police Chief determines there is enough active part-time officers for adequate coverage.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Garcia to approve the posting of the Full-time Police Officer position with applications and resumes delivered to the Administration Office.

Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

D. Light and Water Committee

Trustee Snider provided updates included bandwidth/contract renewal discussion with Thumb Electric Cooperative, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Grant Funding paper submitted by Power System Engineering, Inc. (PSE) and Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MMEA) in March, maintenance updates on all trucks, preparing for audit with Smith & Klaczkiewicz, PC, and fire hydrant flushing.

1. Financial Statement – February 28, 2023

Motion by Sting seconded by Snider to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending February 28, 2023 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

2. Operating Statistics – February 28, 2023

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kundinger to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending February 28, 2023 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Barr Engineering Co. Agreement

Motion by Sting seconded by Gunsell to approve L&W Superintendent Hudson to sign an agreement with Barr Engineering Co., to develop a Continuing Service Agreement (CSA) and support L&W with CSA negotiations, at a cost not to exceed \$30,470.

Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

- E. Budget Committee. No meeting
- F. Ordinance Committee. No meeting

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 249 North Center Street. No updates
- B. 244 North Center Street. No updates
- C. Food Truck. No updates

X. New Business

A. Firework Permit – Michigan Sugar Festival

Motion by Kunding seconded by Kuhl to approve the fireworks permit for Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. to display fireworks at the Sebawaing Township Airport for the 2023 Michigan Sugar Festival per Village of Sebawaing Ordinance §103:01 Sale, Possession, or Use of Fireworks.

Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

B. Grounds Use Applications

1. Western Thumb Women's Softball League

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the Western Thumb Women's Softball League Grounds Use Application for the use of the South Park Diamond (Henry Street) on Tuesday nights for game times at 7:00 and 8:30 PM from May 30, 2023 to July 18, 2023 except for July 11, 2023. The league will set up and tear down each night of play. MOTION CARRIED

2. USA Pride - Summer Recreation Softball

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the USA Pride's Grounds Use Application for the use of the North Diamond (S. Third Street), Small Diamond (Henry Street), and South Diamond (Henry Street) for the USA Summer Recreation Softball on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 2:00 – 10:00 PM plus Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:00 – 9:00 PM from May 22, 2023 to July 1, 2023, including the concession stand. MOTION CARRIED

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of 178,422.25.

Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

VXII. Correspondence

Written communication comments submitted to the Village Office concerning (1) discontinuing the use of Facebook for Village purposes and (2) support of Chief Repkie.

VXII. Public Comment

Attendees questioned when the public bathrooms will be opened and water fountains turned on (May 1, 2023). The L&W Power Cost Adjustment calculation was explained.

VIX. Council Comment

Trustee comments included your voice has been heard; there is some healing that needs to be done; in a sign of good faith, we can change the police committee appointments; there are seven of us on the council; we can make this community work; and thank you all for attending and voicing your opinions.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kundingger to adjourn the regular council meeting at 9:37 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing