

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – July 18, 2022

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

Present: Matthew Chisholm, Brandy Gunsell, Dennis Kunding, Marcus Sting, Julie Epperson

Absent: Bill Glaab, Aaron Kuhl

Others: Gayle Genow, Pete Smith, Justin Fritz, Linda Engelhardt, Dena Kish, Charlene Hudson, Steven Repkie, Norm Lyman Jr., Joe Eisengruber, and Jeff Parsell.

III. Agenda – July 18, 2022

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Sting to approve the agenda of the July 18, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes – June 20, 2022

Motion by Sting seconded by Gunsell to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022, Regular Council Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED

V. Public Comment

A resident addressed the council concerning the water under his house and concerns for winter weather. The DPW maintained a drain approximately five years ago. Former DPW Superintendent and a former Trustee went to the house and determined the water issues are not due to the drain maintenance. He acknowledged his house is located in a flood zone.

VI. Community Recognition

None

VII. Committee Reports

A. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Chisholm reviewed the committee minutes including 249 N Center St and the dog park, caboose paperwork is at the attorney, Use of Village of Sebewaing Grounds Use Application updates, and Zoning Permits. Golf Cart ordinance is in align with the State of Michigan ordinance the committee is working on public relations and registration.

B. DPW Committee

Trustee Kunding updated the Council on DPW activity including streets swept five times, centerlines painted, potholes patched, 52 loads of brush picked up, street signs removed or replaced, and tree trimming done. Sewers included lagoon cleaning, treatment for algae and weeds, and mowing. Parks included South Park bathroom painted, tree trimming, second pickleball court is operational, and the Main Park Men's bathroom door hinge and frame needs replacement. The JCB loader repaired.

C. Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell provided updates including the School Resource Officer and part-time officer positions were posted, Amazon Prime membership opened and working well, third police car

picked up, there was one arrest over Sugar Festival, Officer Kuhl and part-time officer covered vacation time, National Night Out on 8/2/2022 to help with relations between the Police Department and community members, Cops & Bobbers will be in Mid-August, tracking fuel on all police vehicles, and reviewed monthly activity.

Police Chief Repkie discussed the replacement of flashlights and recent activity. Training Evaluation forms were distributed to Council for review.

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Sting for a road closure from Main Street to Muellerweiss Park on Center Street 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 for the National Night Out event.

MOTION CARRIED

D. Light and Water Committee

Trustee Chisholm reported on the financial activity for the month. Had a review on the cost of power and waiting on the new rate structure. Discussed the operating statistics. Fire hydrant repaired. Superintendent Hudson discussed the scheduled power outage that occurred on 7/12/2022. Did testing and unsuccessful to get a black start. Did a second test on 7/13/2022. NEO Energy (manufacturer of the engine) did a simulation test. A third testing night will be scheduled with NEO and Clark Energy (maintenance and long-term service). Software update should be done 7/19/2022.

1. Financial Statement – May 31 30, 2022

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kunding to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending May 31, 2022 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson. Chisholm: yea; Glaab: absent; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: absent; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Operating Statistics Report – May 31, 2022

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Gunsell to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending May 31, 2022 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 249 North Center Street

No updates.

B. 244 North Center Street

No updates.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grounds Use Application

1. Sebewaing Lion and Rotary Charity Softball Tournament

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding to approve the Grounds Use Application for the Sebewaing Lions and Rotary Charity Softball Tournament to be held on August 19, 2022 - August 21, 2022 at the Main Park and South Park Ball Diamonds on 123 Third Street.

MOTION CARRIED

2. New Salem Outdoor Service & Church Picnic - 2022

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the Grounds Use Application for the New Salem

Outdoor Service & Church Picnic - 2022 to be held on August 14, 2022 at the Main Park Ball Diamond and All-Purpose Building on 123 Third Street.

MOTION CARRIED

3. New Salem Outdoor Service & Church Picnic - 2023

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kundinger to deny the Grounds Use Application for the New Salem Outdoor Service & Church Picnic - 2023 to be held on July 16, 2023 at the Main Park Ball Diamond on 123 Third Street.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Brush Pile

Discussion concerning the dumping of multiple loads of brush and large pieces of tree trunks in the brush pile by contractors and non-residents. Tabled until the next meeting.

C. JCB Loader Repair

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Sting to approve \$12,145.82 for the repair of the JCB Loader. Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: absent; Kundinger: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Glaab: absent; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission – June 21, 2022

No meeting.

B. Monthly Bills

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kundinger to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$208,382.00.

Kuhl: absent; Kundinger: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Glaab: absent; Gunsell: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

XI. Public Comment

Treasurer Engelhardt stated accepting taxes every day.

XII. Correspondence

None

XIII. Council Comment

Light & Water had a lot of support from the community for the power outage. Planning a clean-up day in August. Will have a meeting for anyone that wants to help. The Sebewaing Township is donating towards the clean-up. Kudos to Police Department for taking care of the larceny. Cruise night was a success including the burn out area.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:28 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing