

**VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**  
**Regular Council Meeting – August 15, 2022**

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

Present: Matthew Chisholm, Bill Glaab, Brandy Gunsell, Aaron Kuhl, Dennis Kundinger, Marcus Sting, Julie Epperson

Absent: None

Others: Gayle Genow, Linda Engelhardt, Dena Kish, Charlene Hudson, Matthew Bumhoffer, Steven Repkie, Garret Temple, and Andrew Gokey.

**III. Agenda – August 15, 2022**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to approve the agenda, as amended to add VII. B. 1. Brush Pile, VII. F. Food Truck, and VII. G. Zoning Board of Appeal and remove IX. C. Part-time Police Officer, for the August 15, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Minutes – July 18, 2022**

Motion by Sting seconded by Glaab to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022, Regular Council Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED

**V. Public Comment**

Superintendent Hudson discussed the power outage on August 10, 2022. L&W found units were tripping a differential that could not be cleared. The current going through to the engines was too much to start the engines. The power outage on August 11, 2022, L&W had the power restored in an hour through the generator. No additional scheduled power outages will be needed at this time. The engines can run and support the town. Superintendent Hudson thanked the DPW Superintendent and Police Chief for their help and congratulated the L&W crew and office staff for their dedicated work.

**VI. Community Recognition**

None

**VII. Committee Reports**

**A. Office Administration Committee**

No Meeting

**B. DPW Committee**

Trustee Kundinger updated the Council on DPW activity including streets swept five times; new street posts and signs installed at Miller and Union Streets; 35 loads of brush picked up; sewer cleaning continues; lagoons mowed once; and the JCB loader is running well.

**1. Brush Pile.**

Tree removal contractors are hauling logs and multiple loads of brush to the brush pile. The logs do not burn easily, roll off the burn pile, and cause damage to the DPW equipment. The logs are moved to the back of the hill to dry out. Sparks from burning the brush pile catch the

logs on fire that need to be extinguished. Contractors can take small brush from Village residents but not the logs. Most contractors in the area have chippers to take care of the brush. Lawn mowing contractors can take branches from Village residents to the brush pile.

The DPW Superintendent will work with the Police Chief on an ordinance revision to address fines for illegal dumping on the brush pile. A sign will be posted at the gate to the brush pile with enough room to add the ordinance information at a later date.

### **Employee L2 Wastewater License**

The DPW employees are required to have a L2 Wastewater license within two years of their hire date. Due to COVID, this was extended to three years. One employee has not passed the test and the result needed to be addressed by Council. Decision by Council to send the employee a letter with his options.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the employee letter requiring the L2 Wastewater License within four months as presented.

Chisholm: yea; Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

### **C. Police Committee**

Trustee Gunsell provided updates including vacation time has been covered by Officers Matt Kuhl and Warren Kuhl. National Night Out was good and had a lot of positive feedback. Interviews for the full-time School Resource Officer position were completed by Chief Repkie, Trustees Gunsell and Sting, USA School Superintendent Hahn and another county officer. Gas and auto theft arrest was made. The larceny from vehicles have stopped after a suspect was questioned. The dog bite resulted in the seizure of the dog. Assistance was given to the Michigan State Police and Fairhaven Township Police. There were 44 complaints and 33 traffic stops in July. Discussed gas usage, work hours, posting Sebewaing Police Facebook page on the existing dog ordinance. Discussed overnight parking at the Horseshoe parking lot and along Henry Street. There should be no parking in the park after it closes at 11:00. Need a sign no parking after 11:00 when park closes. Speeding on the one-way by the playscape.

### **D. Light and Water Committee**

Trustee Chisholm reviewed the Light and Water Committee minutes. The revised operating statistics for May 31, 2022 was due to the hours reported. Discussed the financial and operating statistics. There was an internet outage that was quickly reconnected.

#### **1. Financial Statement – June 30, 2022**

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Sting to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending June 30, 2022 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

#### **2. Operating Statistics Report – May 31, 2022 - Revised**

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

MOTION CARRIED

### **3. Operating Statistics Report – June 30, 2022**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending June 30, 2022 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

### **F. Food Trucks**

Discussed food trucks from surrounding areas coming into Sebewaing. Some communities have permits unless there is an event. Businesses in the Village have brought in food trucks to boost the businesses' sales. Discussed non-profits selling food. Food trucks are under the jurisdiction of solicitation ordinance. Trustees were tasked with reviewing the Ordinance on solicitation for the next meeting.

### **G. Zoning Board of Appeals**

A request for a variance for the height of a fence will be reviewed at a Zoning Board of Appeal meeting scheduled for Monday 8/29/22 at 7:00 p.m.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. 249 North Center Street**

RiverTown Villa will not be developing the property. The property has been deeded back to the Village of Sebewaing through the non-development clause.

### **B. 244 North Center Street**

SME Environmental Consulting will be providing a list of asbestos licensed demolition companies.

### **A. School Resource Officer (SRO) Officer Agreement with USA Schools**

Motion by Sting seconded by Gunsell to approve the Agreement for Assignment and Use of School Resource Officers between the Village of Sebewaing and Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools with a two (2) year term effective August 16, 2022 as presented and authorize the Village President to sign on behalf of the Village of Sebewaing.

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

MOTION CARRIED

### **B. Full-time Police Officer Position - Offer**

1. Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to extend an offer of employment for the full-time Police Officer Position for the Village of Sebewaing to Andrew Gokey, pending background check and fit for duty physical, at an hourly wage of \$23.74 per hour and shall receive raises as stated in the United Steel Workers Local Union 15157-08 contract. He will receive the benefits described in the Village of Sebewaing Employee Handbook with additions, and as recapped on the Full-time Union Benefits Document with the exception of 3-weeks' vacation and the normal progression of vacation schedule from there and health insurance starting September 1, 2022.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**B. Full-time Police Officer Position – Health Insurance**

2. Motion by Glaab seconded by Gunsell to approve a Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) payment up to \$1,500.00 or Village of Sebewaing Health Insurance for August 22, 2022 to August 31, 2022 for Andrew Gokey.

Chisholm: yea; Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

**B. Full-time Police Officer Position – Hire**

3. Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to Hire Andrew Gokey as a Full-time Police Officer effective August 22, 2022.

Chisholm: yea; Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

**D. Keeping of Livestock or Fowl Variance - Chickens**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to approve a resident's request to raise no more than ten (10) chickens at 122 West Sharpsteen Street per Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §91.04 Keeping of Livestock or Fowl and said permit shall be valid for the time period this property is owned and occupied by the current resident.

Kundinger: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

**C. Grounds Use Application**

**1. Sebewaing Lions White Cane Drive**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the Grounds Use Application for the Sebewaing Lions White Cane Drive to be held on September 9, 2022 – September 10, 2022 in the Village of Sebewaing.  
MOTION CARRIED

**2. Christian Motorcycle Association Community Street Party**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve the Grounds Use Application for the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) Community Street Party to be held on September 3, 2022 amended to close Pine Street from Miller Street to Albert Street rather than to M-25.

MOTION CARRIED

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Planning Commission – June 21, 2022**

No meeting.

**Planning Commission Appointment**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the reappointment of Jeff Parson to the Planning Commission term expiring July 2026, effective immediately.  
MOTION CARRIED

**B. DDA – Meeting July 12, 2022**

**DDA Appointments**

1. Motion by Glaab seconded by Gunsell to approve the appointment of Matthew Chisholm to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board – Other position term expiring October 2026, effective immediately.  
MOTION CARRIED

2. Motion by Chisholm seconded by Sting to approve the reappointment of Melanie McCoy to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board – Property Owner position term expiring October 2026, effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

**B. Monthly Bills**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$148,806.56.

Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

**XI. Public Comment**

Treasurer Engelhardt stated there is one month left to collect property taxes.

Superintendent Hudson stated Public Power Week is in October. A kid's coloring contest will be included in the billing statement. Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MEEA) is providing a \$50 gift card for the winner. The Albert Street Sale Resolution will be presented at the September Regular Council Meeting.

**XII. Correspondence**

None

**XIII. Council Comment**

Andrew Gokey was welcomed and recognized as a resource for the Village and surrounding counties for the SRO program.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson  
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish  
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing