

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – October 17, 2022

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

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

Absent: Aaron Kuhl

Others: Gayle Genow, Pete Smith, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Dena Kish, Charlene Hudson, Steven Repkie, Matthew Bumhoffer, Steve Kretzschmer, Theresa Kain, Brian Kain, Elizabeth Shook, Lori Carter, Brenda Carter, Megan Tietz, Yetti Harris, Lacey Tietz, Thera Harder, and Andrea Heck.

III Approval of Agenda – October 17, 2022

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Sting to approve the agenda, for the October 17, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2022

Motion by Sting seconded by Glaab to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022, Regular Council Meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

V. Public Comment

1. Food Truck. Discussed possible charges for food truck owners and business owners, surrounding area towns are bigger in size are able to draw more people and charge higher fees. Business, caterers, or churches putting up tents and selling food without being charged. Food trucks are in the discussion phase. Council has not made any decisions yet. The permits let them know what is going on in town.

VI. Community Recognition - None

VII. Committee Reports

A. DPW Committee

Trustee Kunding updated the Council on DPW activity including Zimmer Street shoulders from new asphalt were filled, seeded with grass and driveways fixed, W. Sebewaing Street railroad crossing repaired with cold patch, storm sewer repaired, grading and stone at the cemetery on Bay Street, reviewed sidewalks to be repaired or replaced, sewer cleaning completed, the main park restrooms and All Purpose building have been winterized and closed, and new decals for the DPW equipment have been installed. Discussed Village owned alleys that have L&W power and fiber lines but no sewer lines and options for selling the land with a permanent easement for L&W. Blight letters have been sent out.

The main part of the Playscape in the Main Park has deteriorated. The swing set and Tot Lot are still good. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Sparks Program and Gametime, a playground equipment company, have grants. The plastic and steel playscapes are maintenance free and some have a lifetime warranty. The footprint will be bigger but the playing part will be less. Sponge ground cover would be assessable and no wood chip groundcover to maintain.

B. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Glaab noted the committee discussed Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant application, Council packet options, and a Dwelling Rental Agreement being reviewed by the committee and attorney.

1. Pay Raises

Motion by Glaab seconded by Sting to approve the wage increases of \$1.00/hour for employees Dena Kish, Clerk, effective November 8, 2022 and Justin Fritz, Administrative Assistant, effective January 3, 2023, and upon acceptable reevaluation of performance, a pro-rated \$0.39/hour for Dena Kish, and \$0.24/hour for Justin Fritz effective April 1, 2023, to coincide with the annual raises for the rest of the village employees.

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

C. Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell provided updates including equipment purchases and needs, blight letters are going out again, and field training for the part-time Officer Temple will take until the end of the year because he is working 24 hours/week. Receiving six Glock Model 23's handguns and one shotgun on the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) plan for excess Department of Defense property to be lent to local law enforcement agencies. Discussing possibility of purchasing a 4th police vehicle is on hold for now. The SRO contract will need to be amended for the SRO dog, and monthly activity.

1. Police Scheduling for Holidays

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kundinger to approve the Police Chief to schedule regular and probationary full-time officers' shifts on holidays provided it is within the budget. Regular and probationary employees working holiday shall receive time and a half for all hours worked on the holiday. A regular full-time employee who does not work on a holiday shall be paid eight hours of straight time for the holiday. A probationary full-time employee shall not receive a paid eight hours of straight time for a holiday not worked until the 180-day probationary period has expired.

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

D. Light and Water Committee

Trustee Chisholm's highlights included switching from Huntington Bank to Bay Port State Bank, Frankenmuth Credit Union future site fiber connection, rebuilt electrical poles, fire hydrant flushing completed, and Pine Street water tower has been drained, cleaned and refilled.

1. Financial Statement – August 31, 2022

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Gunsell to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending August 31, 2022 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

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

2. Operating Statistics Report – August 31, 2022

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

3. Albert Street Property Sale Resolution

Resolved by Chisholm seconded by Glaab to approve Resolution #08-2022-2023 to sell Albert Street Vacant Lot Parcel #3239-008-038-10 (1.52 acres) to Circle C. Properties LLC for future development of Countryside Transportation facilities for the purchase price of \$8,000.

Kuhl: absent; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Epperson: yea.
RESOLUTION RESOLVED

4. MPPA Authorization - 2023-2025 Clean Energy Program Resolution

Resolved by Chisholm seconded by Kunding to approve Resolution #09-2022-2023 for Sebewaing Light and Water Department to participate in Michigan Public Power Agency 2023-2025 Clean Energy Program at a commitment level no less than \$65,000 per calendar year.

Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: absent; Kunding: yea; Epperson: yea.
RESOLUTION RESOLVED

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 249 North Center Street. No updates

B. 244 North Center Street. No updates

C. Speed Study. Council members need to have more conversations with business on M-25. The Speed Study could change the speed limits and from 4 lanes to three lanes on M-25 between McDonalds and Don's Sport Shop. Had the discussion a few years ago and the community did not want any changes. Trustee Sting stated businesses want it to stay the same.

D. 132 W Sebewaing Street. No updates for the potential DPW storage building lease.

E. Food Trucks. No additional comments.

IX. New Business

A. Crushed Concrete Purchase

Motion by Glaab seconded by Kunding to approve the purchase of 500 ton of crushed concrete located at 249 N. Center Street at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

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

Grounds Use Application – USA Pride Battle of the Beets 2023 Softball Tournament

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to approve the Grounds Use Application for the USA Pride Battle of the Beets 2023 Softball Tournament to be held on July 10, 2023 to July 16, 2022 at 127 S Third Street for the three softball diamonds, concession, and bathrooms.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Monthly Bills

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$193,281.54.

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

XI. Public Comment

A. Keeping of Dogs and Cats

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kundingler to approve the variance request of Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §91.05 Keeping of Dogs and Cats for a resident to keep three dogs at 830 E Main Street.

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

XII. Correspondence

None

XIII. Council Comment

Trustee Sting discussed the Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MMEA) conference he attended. Trustee Chisholm addressed the public concerning his time on the Council serving the residents of the Village of Sebewaing.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:23 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing