

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – January 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Epperson at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Matthew Chisholm, Aaron Kuhl, Dennis Kunding (via Zoom due to quarantine), Julie Epperson, Bill Glaab, Brandy Gunsell

Absent: Marcus Sting

Others: Chris Eisengruber, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Gayle Genow, Charlene Hudson, Dena Kish.

III. Agenda – January 17, 2022

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve the agenda of the January 17, 2022, regular council meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED

IV. Minutes – December 20, 2021

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Gunsell to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021, regular council meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED

V. Public Comment

A resident addressed the council concerning the community.

VI. Community Recognition

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Kemp Tiling Company, Inc. along with a key to the Village of Sebewaing and a token of appreciation. The Village of Sebewaing acknowledged the assistance provided by Kemp Tiling Company, Inc. from routine maintenance in emergency situations.

VII. Committee Reports

Office Administration Committee

Trustee Chisholm reported on the past month department activity. Research on the golf cart ordinance is ongoing. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) report was submitted to the State of Michigan

1. ICMA 457b 12/31/2021 Annual Employer Contribution

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Gunsell to approve the December 2021 Employer ICMA 457b contribution of \$1,000 for Village of Sebewaing Police, DPW and Office Administration full-time employees who contributed at least 1% of their pay to the 457b program on a pro-rated basis based on the number of months the employee contribution was made. (i.e., 12 months would receive \$1,000, 6 months would receive \$500, 3 months would receive \$250, 2 months would receive \$167).

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

2. Budget Amendment

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to authorize a Budget Amendment to the 2021–2022 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$31,000 to the 101-301-718 Police – Retirement fund for the

2021 additional payment of \$70,000 to the Police Division 32050102 MERS Account.
Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: Absent; Chisholm: yea; Glaab: yea; Epperson:
yea. MOTION CARRIED

Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell reported on the past month department activity. Shop with a hero went well. The email has been restored. Checking into a full-time worker picking up a part-time shift; however, the details have not been finalized. The Police building's hot water heater needed to be replaced and there was active shooter training.

DPW Committee

1. Sledding Hill

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kunding to approve the DPW to build a sledding hill at 249 North Center Street property for use by area residents.

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

Light and Water Committee

Trustee Chisholm reported on regular Light & Water Department activity. There was a presentation by BitLyft for the Cybersecurity Assessment. The rate study presentation will be 1/18/2022 for all the council members to attend.

1. Cybersecurity Assessment Agreement

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Glaab to approve a Cybersecurity Assessment Agreement with BitLyft Security, LLC for a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00 to cover the Village of Sebawaing DPW, L&W, Village Office and Police Departments.

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

2. Financial Statement – November 30, 2021

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kuhl to approve the Financial Statement for Sebawaing Light & Water Department ending November 30, 2021 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

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

3. Operating Statistics Report – November 30, 2021

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebawaing Light & Water Department ending November 30, 2021 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson. MOTION CARRIED

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

249 North Center Street

President Epperson stated there were no updates.

244 North Center Street

President Epperson stated there will be an inspection next week to try for funding from Environment, Great Lake, and Energy (EGLE) for clean-up.

Millage Rate

President Epperson stated there were no updates.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase of Street Sweeper

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding to authorize DPW Superintendent Bumhoffer to purchase a street sweeper at a cost not to exceed \$205,000.

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

2. Loan for Street Sweeper

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to approve a loan from the Sewer Fund to the Equipment Rental Fund not to exceed \$155,000 for the purchase of a street sweeper for 5 years at 1.0% interest with annual payments due by the end of the 1st quarter of the fiscal year (June 30th) starting with fiscal year 2022-2023.

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

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Monthly Bills

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$111,534.21.

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

XI. Public Comment

Committee appointments were requested. The following additions were made.

- DPW Committee – Trustee Kuhl
- Office Administration Committee – Trustee Glaab
- Budget Committee – Trustee Gunsell and Trustee Chisholm
- Planning Commission – Trustee Kuhl

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to appoint Aaron Kuhl as the council liaison to the Planning Commission effective immediately.
MOTION CARRIED

A resident requested additional information concerning the street sweeper. It is used on streets that have gutters. Michigan Sugar Company has a street sweeper to clean a portion of M-25 within the Village of Sebewaing. The current street sweeper is 15 years old.

A resident discussed helping the DPW pick up brush. A discussion concerning possible liability, union grievance for overtime, limitations for youths, etc. ensued.

XII. Correspondence

Discussed the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Dinner.

XIII. Council Comment

None

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:16 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing