

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – January 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Epperson via ZOOM at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Matthew Chisholm, Melinda Driscoll, Julie Epperson, Brandy Gunsell, Scott Myers
Marcus Sting
Absent: Dennis Kunding
Others: Clerk Travis Youatt

Motion by Driscoll seconded by Myers to approve the agenda for this meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Sting to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 regular council meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment

Tom L'Heureux from Chime Master, spoke on the Bell Tower replacement options for the Village. Kristy Tomlinson spoke on the upcoming softball tournament that USA Pride would like to hold in Sebewaing.

Committee Reports

Light & Water Committee Report

Trustee Chisholm reported on regular Light & Water Department activity.

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Myers to approve the Operating Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending November 30, 2020 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Reports

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Gunsell to approve the Financial Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending November 30, 2020 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

Chisholm: yea; Driscoll: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kunding: absent; Myers: yea; Sting: absent; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

DPW

Trustee Driscoll reported on regular DPW activity.

Tractor Bids

Motion by Driscoll seconded by Myers to authorize the Clerk to secure bids for the DPW John Deere 1010 tractor on the platform GovDeals.

Driscoll: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kunding: absent; Myers: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Police Committee Report

Trustee Gunsell gave an update on departmental activity.

New Business

MERS Addendum

Motion by Sting seconded by Chisholm to approve the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendums for the Police, General, and New Full Time Employees hired after August 16, 2013 pension groups effective immediately.

Gunsell: yea; Kunding: yea; Myers: yea; Sting: absent; Chisholm: yea; Driscoll: yea Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

2021-2023 Audit Agreement

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Myers to accept the 2021-2023 Audit Engagement from the firm Smith & Klaczkiwicz, PC and to allow the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the agreement.

Kunding: yea; Myers: yea; Sting: absent; Chisholm: yea; Driscoll: yea Gunsell: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Tentative Union Agreement

Motion by Myers seconded by Sting to go into closed session to discuss the DPW Union Collective Bargaining Agreement Tentative Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Myers seconded by Driscoll to reopen the Council meeting to the public.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Myers seconded by Gunsell that the Village Council approve ratification of the tentative Agreement between the United Steelworkers of America Local 15157-07 DPW/Parks & Recreation for a three-year period, January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2023, and that the Village Clerk be authorized to make all appropriate budget amendments.

Myers: yea; Sting: absent; Chisholm: yea; Driscoll: yea; Kunding: absent; Gunsell: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Planning Firm Engagement Letter

Motion by Driscoll seconded by Myers to authorize the Village Clerk to sign the engagement letter from Spicer Group to be the Village's planning firm on an as needed basis.

Sting: absent; Chisholm: yea; Driscoll: yea; Kunding: absent; Gunsell: yea; Myers: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Old Ben Franklin Building

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Driscoll to take steps to investigate the former Ben Franklin building located at 244 Center Street as a dangerous building pursuant to Ordinance Section 152.02.

Chisholm: yea; Driscoll: yea; Kunding: absent; Gunsell: yea; Myers: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

December Monthly Bills

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Myers to approve the bills for the month of October in the amount of \$100,710.39.

Driscoll: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kunding: absent; Myers: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:21 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Travis Youatt
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing