

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – March 18, 2024

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

Present: Scott Adam, Loraine Garcia, Aaron Kuhl, Dennis Kunding, Marcus Sting, Rob Snider, Julie Epperson

Absent: None

Others: Rod and Noreen Tietz, Joe Garcia, Sami Khoury, Jim and Kelli Shaw, Theresa Kain, Matt Brooks, Richard Witzke, Jake Witzke, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Matt Bumhoffer, Charlene Hudson, Gayle Genow, Steve Repkie, Dena Kish

IV. Agenda – March 18, 2024

Motion by Snider seconded by Sting to approve the agenda for this meeting, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Snider seconded by Kunding to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2024 Regular Council, February 26, 2024 Budget Committee, March 1, 2024 Special Council Meeting, and March 4, 2024 DPW, Police, and Light & Water Committee minutes, as amended.

Discussion held.

MOTION CARRIED

VII. Public Comments.

Sami Khoury, Huron County Commissioner updated the Council on county activities. Matt Brooks discussed 236 N Center Street.

Motion by Snider seconded by Adam to recess the Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

2024-2025 Budget & Tax Millage Public Hearing

Motion by Snider seconded by Kuhl to open the Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget & 2024 Tax Millage at 7:15 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

The Village president read the public notice and discussed the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget and 2024 millage.

Motion by Snider seconded by Kunding to close the Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget & 2024 Tax Millage at 7:22 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Sting seconded by Adam to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

IX. Committee and Commission Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee. Trustee Kundingger provided updates.

Resolution by Kundingger seconded by Kuhl to rescind Resolution #13-2023-2024 which was approved February 19, 2024 for the decertification/vacation of 125 feet of Henning Street.
Adam: abstain; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundingger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.
RESOLUTION RESOLVED

Resolution by Kundingger seconded by Sting to approve the Resolution #13b-2023-2024 for the decertification/vacation of Henning Street between Sharpsteen Street and Union Street of a total length of 140 feet for the Village of Sebewaing 2024 Act 51 reporting map to Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).
Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundingger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Epperson: yea.
RESOLUTION RESOLVED

Motion by Kundingger seconded by Garcia to approve the replacement of the ball diamond backstop fences from Halfway Fence Company at the South Ball Diamond and the Pigtail Diamond not to exceed \$15,000 for both fences.
Discussion was held.
Kuhl: yea; Kundingger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Kundingger seconded by Garcia to approve the purchase of three (3) SMC Flex computer control modules from DuBois-Cooper not to exceed \$19,500.
Discussion was held.
Kundingger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Kundingger seconded by Garcia to approve the purchase of a salt spreader from Snow Works not to exceed \$8,000.
Discussion held.
Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundingger: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Kundingger seconded by Garcia to approve the Sebewaing Chamber – Michigan Sugar Festival to be held June 14 – June 16, 2024, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Kundingger seconded by Kuhl to approve the Rotary Beet Feet 5k Run/Walk to be held June 15, 2024, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Kundingger seconded by Sting to approve the Sebewaing Chamber – Moonlight Madness to be held October 3, 2024, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Kundingger seconded by Garcia to approve the Sebewaing Chamber – Spirit of Christmas to be held November 23, 2024, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

B. Office Administration Department. No Meeting

C. Police Department. Trustee Snider updated the council.

D. Light & Water Department. Trustee Sting provided updates.

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending January 31, 2024 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending January 31, 2024 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Utility Financial Solutions Cost of Service Proposal for Internet to provide a 5-year financial projection and rate design at a cost of \$12,500, as presented.

Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Sting seconded by Snider to approve the issuance of a \$50.00 credit for the water portion of the utility bill, for property owners who fully complete an interior survey of water meter piping and inlet materials inside their premises with a maximum credit of \$48,550.00 for all customers.

Discussion held.

Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Sting seconded by Snider to approve the Utility Financial Solutions Cost of Service Proposal for Water to provide for a cost service analysis for proposed changes to 5-year financial projection and rate design at a cost of \$16,900, as presented.

Discussion held.

Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve the Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Interconnection Application, as presented.

Discussion held.

Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the solar credit rate structure, as presented.

Discussion held.

Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve the Alpha Omega Utility Services safety service program, consisting of three safety trainings and three crew observation with follow-up training, at a cost not to exceed \$16,800.

Discussion held.

Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

E. Budget Committee. Trustee Snider provided the highlights.

Motion by Snider seconded by Sting to approve the 2024 Tax millage rate of 15.7779 Mills; which includes 11.9159 Mills for Village General Operating and 3.8620 Mills for Village Streets.

Discussion held.

Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Snider seconded by Garcia to adopt the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget for the Village of Sebewaing and Sebewaing Light & Water as amended to remove the Senior Meal Site Fund.

Discussion held.

Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

X. Unfinished Business

A. 249 North Center Street. No updates.

B. 244 North Center Street. We are no longer pursuing this property. If some payment of property taxes is not paid by March 31, 2024, the property will go through the foreclosure process.

C. 8871 South Unionville Road. No updates.

XI. New Business.

Motion by Snider seconded by Kunding to approve the carryover of 29 hours of accrued compensation time for Garret Temple into fiscal year 2024-2025 with the time to be used by June 30, 2024.

Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Kunding seconded by Garcia to approve the purchase of a camera for the sewer system from Bell Equipment and two (2) headsets from JDC, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Discussion held.

Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Snider seconded by Kuhl to approve the writing off of bad debts for the previous fiscal years in the amount of \$9,698.96 for all utilities.

Discussion held.

Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: abstain; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Snider seconded by Kuhl to amend the 2023-2024 fiscal year Refuse Collection and Disposal Budget by \$4,000.00.

Discussion held.

Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

XII. Other Business

A. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – No Meeting

B. Harbor Commission. Trustee Snider reported on the activity.

C. Planning Commission. Trustee Snider updated the council.

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kunding seconded by Adam to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$120,196.06.

Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

XIII. Public Comments. A resident requested use of the right of way of E. Sebewaing Street near N. Center Street bridge. A property owner discussed 249 N. Center Street, 244 N. Center Street and 232 N. Center Street properties. An attendee questioned blight enforcement.

XIV. Council Comments. Trustee Snider stated he would not be in attendance for April meetings and requested a status of questions previously submitted.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion by Kunding seconded by Garcia to adjourn the regular council meeting at 9:07 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing