

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – March 21, 2022

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

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

Absent: None

Others: Pete Smith, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Gayle Genow, Charlene Hudson, Branden Gettel, Dena Kish.

Guest: Gary Varisto

III. Agenda – March 21, 2022

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kuhl to approve the agenda of the March 21, 2022, regular council meeting with the amendment to move the New Business A. Emterra Environmental USA Corp., Trash Contract to be after the Public Comments. MOTION CARRIED

IV.A. Minutes – February 21, 2022

Motion by Glaab seconded by Kunding to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2022, regular council meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED

IV.B. Special Council Minutes – March 4, 2022

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2022, regular council meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED

V. Public Comment

None

New Business

Emterra Environmental USA Corp., Trash Contract

The Emterra renewal documentation had a discrepancy in the monthly cost presented to Council. The correct renewal documentation will be brought to a future Council meeting. Emterra signed a written statement for the rate to remain in place until an agreement is signed. An amendment to the contract was discussed for discounted or free dumpsters, depending upon the size. Recycling materials are trucked to the Emterra transfer station in Port Huron then to a Lansing recycling center.

VII. Public Hearing

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kunding to open the Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M. MOTION CARRIED

President Epperson conducted the Public Hearing for the purpose of the Tax Millage & 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget. The publicized public notice was read. Council members stated support for an increase in the General Operating Millage for the additional police officer/School Resource Officer (SRO). Because of utility cost increases and inflation, increasing both the General Operating and Streets Millage would not be needed. The street funds were adequate and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were being used for engineering reports for

finance and grant options for water and sewer infrastructure updates of North Center Street.

Motion by Sting seconded by Chisholm to close the Public Hearing at 7:22 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

VI. Community Recognition

None

VIII. Committee Reports

Office Administration Committee

Trustee Chisholm reported on the past month department activity. Discussed the golf cart and ATV ordinance, the 2022 audit will be completed by Smith & Klackiewicz, and the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget. The zoning permits were reviewed. Discussion on non-union and union employee wages were discussed. Wages for union employees hired after 1/1/2019 were tabled for further review.

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kundinger to approve the non-union employee wages of \$27.00 for Matthew Bumhoffer; a wage of \$26.00 for Branden Gettel; a wage of \$25.00 for Dena Kish; a wage of \$19.00 for Linda Engelhardt; and a wage of \$17.00 for Justin Fritz effective April 1, 2022. (Remained the same with no increase)

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

MOTION CARRIED

DPW Committee

Trustee Kundinger reported the DPW assisted L&W with tree removal and water main breaks on North and South Center Street. Sewer main blockage was cleaned from someone dumping fish tank contents down the toilet. Concrete blocks for the new dugouts will be delivered. Maintenance continues on the equipment. The ice in the river will not be blasted this year due to thawing.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the purchase of a 2022 or 2023 ¾ ton or one-ton new pickup through MiDeal Extended Purchasing Program pricing not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell reported on the past month department activity. The grant request for cameras is on hold.

School Resource Officer (SRO): A meeting was held with the Village lawyer and Unionville Sebawaing Area School Superintendent Hahn. The Memorandum of Understanding for jurisdiction was sent to Sebawaing Township for approval. The school is going to pursue a grant to assist with the cost of the SRO and will not be able to hire a SRO until the grant is determined.

Light and Water Committee

Trustee Chisholm reported on regular Light & Water Department activity. Financial statements and the Operating statistics for water, electrical, internet and equipment were discussed. Tree removal is completed. Researched power outage for which Trustee Chisholm thanked L&W for the quick response and communication. Updates for the engineering reports for the wells with Fleis & VanderBrink and for the water infrastructure with Spicer Engineering.

1. Financial Statement – January 31, 2022

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. Operating Statistics Report – January 31, 2022

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending January 31, 2022 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Power System Engineering, Inc. Agreement

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Glaab to approve a contract for the review of potential grant funding and assistance in Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) procurement with Power System Engineering, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$14,000.

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

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

249 North Center Street

No updates.

244 North Center Street

No updates.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2022 Tax Millage Rate

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kuhl to approve the Village of Sebewaing General Operating millage increase of 1.26650 Mills from the previous year millage of 10.6894 Mills to 11.91590Mills for the Village of Sebewaing General Operating for 2022.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Grounds Use Application-Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Sting to approve the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce Ground's Use application for all scheduled events listed in the grounds use application for 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

2021-2022 Budget Amendments

1. Refuse Collection & Disposal Budget

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding to approve the amendment to the 2021-2022 fiscal year Refuse Collection & Disposal Budget by \$1,716.57 effective immediately.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. Zoning Budget

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve the amendment to the 2021-2022 fiscal year Zoning Budget by \$1,500.00 effective immediately.

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Recreation and Parks Budget

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Sting to approve the amendment to the 2021-2022 fiscal year Recreation and Parks Budget by \$1,000.00 effective immediately.

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

MOTION CARRIED

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission – March 15, 2022

No updates

B. Monthly Bills

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$99,319.40.

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

MOTION CARRIED

XI. Public Comment

Police Chief Gettel thanked the Council for the support of the Police Department.

XII. Correspondence

None

XIII. Council Comment

The council packets will continue to be emailed with printed copies provided to a Council Member. Printed copies of the full packet or specific pages can be requested prior to noon the day of the council meetings.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:18 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing