

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – April 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order, in the Village Council Chambers, 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, Eric Kelly, Chris Eisengruber, Branden Gettel; Gayle Genow, Dena Kish, Norman Lyman, Chris Deming and Doug Deming.

III. Agenda – April 18, 2022

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kuhl to approve the agenda of the April 18, 2022, regular council meeting with the amendment to remove IV. A. Special Council Meeting – March 4, 2022 minutes approval and add VII D. 1. (Police) Departmental Changes. MOTION CARRIED

IV. Minutes – April 18, 2022

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

V. Public Comment

A citizen addressed the council concerning issues with surface water at his residence. A citizen voiced concerns about traffic speed in the Historical River District.

VI. Community Recognition

None

VII. Committee Reports

A. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Glaab reported on the past month department activity. Discussed the golf cart and ATV ordinance, the School Resource Officer (SRO) jurisdiction, non-union and union employee wages, permits, and interfund loan policy were discussed.

1. Non-union Employee Wages

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kunding to approve the non-union employee wages of \$28.00 for Matthew Bumhoffer effective March 5, 2022.

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

2. DPW/Police Union Employee Wages

Motion by Glaab seconded by Kuhl to approve the DPW/Police union employee wage of \$20.80 for Patrick Gregory; a wage of \$20.80 for Aaron Holdwick; and a DPW wage of \$18.75 and a Police wage of \$21.67 for Matthew Kuhl effective April 1, 2022.

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

B. DPW Committee

Trustee Kunding reported the DPW filled potholes, cleaned storm sewer main, received a new riser for catch basin on Albert Street, eight loads of brush has been picked up. Streets were salted twice and plowed once. Park bleacher frames have been painted and the treated lumber has been delivered. Two basketball posts have been removed and will be rebuilt. Summer hours schedule was discussed.

1. 2022 or 2023 New Pickup Purchase

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to rescind the motion from previous Council Meeting, Monday, March 21, 2022, for 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; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Glaab: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding 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 \$42,000.00.

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

2. Speed Limit Study Resolution

Resolved by Kunding seconded by Glaab to approve Resolution #02-2022-2023 for the Michigan State Police to conduct a Speed Study on a portion of Michigan highway M-25 starting at Myers Road and ending at Canboro Road.

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

3. Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Grant Resolution

Resolved by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to approve Resolution #01-2022-2023 to apply for the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) grant for local streets maintenance and repairs.

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

5. Seasonal Employee

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to advertise for the 2022 seasonal DPW Employee.
MOTION CARRIED

6. Basketball Court Backboards

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve the purchase of two new basketball court backboards not to exceed \$1,200.00.

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

C. Light and Water Committee

Trustee Chisholm reported on regular Light & Water Department activity. The Red Barn sale has been completed. Financial statements and the Operating statistics for water, electrical, internet and equipment were discussed. Tree removal is completed. The 844G ONT's and Fiber Tap

Equipment was ordered and some has been received. Discussed a request for fiber interconnection for Bay Port State Bank. Discussed the electric rate design, outage repair, inventory, outages due to wind, and maintenance contract.

1. Financial Statement – February 28, 2022

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Sting to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending February 28, 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 – February 28, 2022

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending February 28, 2022 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Natural Gas Purchase

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Glaab to approve the authorization of the Light and Water Superintendent to purchase bulk natural gas based on favorable market conditions with a contracted marketer.

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

MOTION CARRIED

D. Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell reported on the past month department activity. The grant request for cameras is on hold. The Sebewaing Township and Unionville Sebewaing Area School have signed the memorandum for jurisdiction for the SRO.

1. Departmental Changes

Police Chief requested to go into closed session at 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Kunding seconded by Chisholm to leave the closed session at 8:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to place Branden Gettel on terminal leave, pending his retirement, effective immediately.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to appoint Steve Repkie as Interim Sebewaing Police Chief. Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: yea; Glaab: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 249 North Center Street

No updates.

B. 244 North Center Street

No updates.

Emterra Environmental USA Corp., Trash Contract

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to approve the trash, yard waste, and recycling contract with Emterra Environmental USA Corp. with a five (5) year term effective May 1, 2022.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Residential Per Home Monthly Trash Charge

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kuhl to approve the trash, yard waste, and recycling per home monthly charge of \$15.48 effective May 1, 2022 with the cost adjusted annually to match the trash contract’s monthly per home charge increase.

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

MOTION CARRIED

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Grounds Use Application-Thumb Women’s Softball League

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to approve the Western Thumb Women’s Softball League application for the use of the South Park Diamond (Henry Street) on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM & 8:30 PM game times from May 24, 2022 to July 12, 2022 league will set up and tear down each night of play.

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

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 \$786.00 effective immediately.

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

MOTION CARRIED

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission – March 15, 2022

Minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting were provided.

B. Monthly Bills

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$161,329.66.

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

MOTION CARRIED

C. Downtown Development Authority – April 12, 2022

Village President Epperson reported the Community Informational Meeting was held on April 12, 2022 at the Sebawaing Township Hall. Attendance was lighter than hoped, but there was a good discussion.

XI. Public Comment

None

XII. Correspondence

None

XIII. Council Comment

Trustee Kunding stated interest in a radar sign for speed control. This will be discussed at the next DPW Committee Meeting.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Chisholm to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:33 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing