

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – May 15, 2023

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

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

Absent: Brandy Gunsell

Others: Linda Engelhardt, Dena Kish, Gayle Genow, Charlene Hudson, Steven Repkie, Garrett Temple, and various members of the community

IV. Agenda – May 15, 2023

Motion by Snider seconded by Sting to approve the agenda for the May 15, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kunding seconded by Sting to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023, Regular Council Meeting and May 1, 2023 DPW, Administration, Police, and Light & Water Committee meetings, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

VII. Public Comment

A resident reported racoons in vacant buildings near his Maple Street residence. The property in questions has recently been sold. The issues may be addressed by the new owner.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee

Trustee Kuhl's updates included alley between W. Main and W. Sebewaing Streets was pulverized and stoned, sidewalks removed for tree stump removal and sidewalk replacement, Pump #1 at the Main Lift Station has been rebuilt, excess rag removal from Pump #1, 26 Miss Dig Tickets, new bleachers installed at the Main Park, five loads of diamond dirt donated by Wallace Stone extended the infield of the Small Ball Diamond, the fence at Pitcher Park was replaced, Army Corp of Engineers is planning the Sebewaing River dredging, the hoist is installed, blight letters have been mailed, and new overhead door installed in the Salt Barn.

1a. DPW/Police Employee Change of Status

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve Matthew Kuhl to change his employment status for the Village of Sebewaing from DPW/Police Dual Employee Laborer to Full-time DPW Laborer effective immediately.

Garcia: yea; Gunsell: absent; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

1b. Discontinue the Dual Employee Position

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the discontinuation of the DPW/Police Dual Employee position.

Gunsell: absent; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

2. 683 E Sebewaing Street - Wood Pile

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kundingler to approve the resident request for a 90-day extension per the Ordinance § 92.20 REGULATIONS REGARDING STORAGE Open Storage of Firewood at 683 E Sebewaing Street effective May 16, 2023 to August 13, 2023.

Kuhl: yea; Kundingler: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: absent; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

B. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Garcia stated the golf cart and rental properties ordinances are still in process. Reviewing a new social media and meeting policies.

1a. Trustee Vacancy - Resignation of Trustee Brandy Gunsell

Motion by Garcia seconded by Snider to accept the letter of resignation from Trustee Brandy Gunsell with regret.

Kundingler: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: absent; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

1b. Trustee Vacancy - Advertisement

Motion by Garcia seconded by Sting to approve the advertisement of the open Trustee position on the Village of Sebewaing website, Facebook page, and door postings, with a closing of 4:00 PM on Friday, June 15, 2023.

Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundingler: yea; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

C. Police Committee

Trustee Sting provided the updates including the purchase of a gun safe from the Assistant Police Chief Eisengruber memorial, estimates will be received for a vestibule added to the Police Department, and possibly constructing a shooting range at the Brush Pile on Liken Road.

1. Full-time Police Officer Hiring

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the hiring of Garrett Temple as a Full-time Police Officer at an hourly of \$24.34, subject to fit for duty physical, with benefits as described in the Village of Sebewaing Employee Handbook with additions and as recapped on the Full-Time Union Benefits Document, including residency within 20-miles of the Village of Sebewaing within one year after the 180-day probation period is met.

Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundingler: yea; Snider: yea; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

2. Traffic Control Order #371

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the Traffic Control Order #371 for the Village of Sebewaing to post the sign "Slow Children Playing" on Union Street near North Miller Street.

MOTION CARRIED

D. Light and Water Committee

Trustee Snider provided updates including Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Grant received five bids; repaired electric outages on Auch, Third, and Fredrick Streets; Miss Dig activity increasing; researching the cost of providing phone service versus the income L&W is receiving; and the roof was replaced at 110 W. Main Street.

1. Financial Statement – March 31, 2023

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending March 31, 2023 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Operating Statistics – March 31, 2023

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending March 31, 2023 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Electric and Internet Installation Policy

Motion by Sting seconded by Snider to approve the Electric and Internet Installation Policy for Sebewaing Light & Water, to charge customers the cost of materials with a 50% deposit paid prior to materials being ordered, effective June 1, 2023.

Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Shut Off Policy

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Shut Off Policy including the handling of residential past due/delinquent accounts, effective June 1, 2023.

Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

E. Budget Committee. No meeting

F. Ordinance Committee. No meeting

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 249 North Center Street. No updates

B. 244 North Center Street. No updates

C. Food Truck. No updates

XI. New Business

A. Grounds Use Application

1. American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Drive

Motion by Snider seconded by Sting to approve the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Drive on May 19, 2023 and May 20, 2023 on Village Streets.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Western Thumb Women's Softball League

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Garcia to approve the Western Thumb Women's Softball League Grounds Use Application for the use of the South Park Diamond (Henry Street) on Tuesday July 11, 2023 and July 14-15, 2023 use of the North and South Diamonds for Western Women's Softball League Tournament.

MOTION CARRIED

B. DNR Land Acquisition Grant

Resolution by Snider seconded by Sting to approve Resolution #02-2023-2024 to withdraw the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Land Acquisition Grant for 27 Union Street.

Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kundinger seconded by Snider to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$189,334.91.

Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

VXIII. Public Comment. None

XIV. Council Comment. The 3rd Annual Clean Up and Scrap Tire Collection will be held June 3, 2023 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Williams Street (former LMS property). Wet paint is not accepted, it must be dried with sand or cat litter.

The Police Committee will consist of Marcus Sting, President Pro-Tem; Rob Snider, Chairman; and Aaron Kuhl. The Police Committee Meeting will be changed to 4:00 PM and the Office Administration Committee Meeting will be 5:15 PM to accommodate the committee members' schedules.

Motion by Garcia seconded by Sting to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:41 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing