

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – May 16, 2022

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

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

Others: Pete Smith, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Gayle Genow, Dena Kish, Matthew Bumhoffer, Steven Repkie, Sami Khoury, Bentley Bumhoffer, Ashley Bumhoffer, Tom Gilchrist.

III. Agenda – May 16, 2022

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding to approve the agenda of the May 16, 2022, Regular Council Meeting with the amendment to reverse DPW Committee items 1. Seasonal DPW Employee and 2. BMX Track Proposal and add Police Committee items 1. Insurance and 2. Capital Outlay. MOTION CARRIED

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes – April 18, 2022

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022, Regular Council Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED

2. Minutes – April 26, 2022

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022, Special Council Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED

V. Public Comment

Sami Khoury, Huron County Commissioner addressed the council concerning updates from the County.

VI. Community Recognition

None

VII. Committee Reports

A. Office Administration Committee

President Epperson stated the Village is waiting for the United Steelworkers union information for the motion concerning Discontinue 457b Employer Contribution for New Hires for Village employees only. Trustee Glaab reported on the past month department activity. Discussion included the golf cart and All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) ordinance which is nearing completion, street sweeper purchase and financing finalized, Michigan Works Young Professionals Grant which would cover 90-days of eligible DPW Seasonal Employee wages, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Grounds Use applications.

B. DPW Committee

Bentley Bumhoffer addressed the Council concerning his proposal for a BMX track at the corner of Bay Street and South Center Street. A peddle bike track would be good for town because no other towns around here have one. His drawing shows three circle tracks with varying degrees of difficulty, and a way to get across the track to get to the picnic tables and benches in the

middle of the track. The tracks would contain jumps and bumps with by-pass trails. Eventually a walking track around the BMX track could be added. The track will be inexpensive because construction would consist of bringing in dirt and no fencing is added. The property was previously leveled and is just grass.

1. BMX Track Proposal

Motion by Kunding reported on the DPW meeting. Activity for April included trash cans set out, Atkins and East Sebewaing Street Stubs were graded., service alley between Fifth and Beck Streets were regraded and stoned, potholes were filled as needed, several street signs and posts have been replaced to bring signs up to traffic code, streets were swept, and brush picked up. Lagoon certification testing was May 5, 2022 for three DPW laborers. Pickle ball net was installed, player benches installed at the main diamond, and restrooms opened for the season.

Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: absent; Glaab: yea; Epperson: yea. Motion Carried

2. Seasonal DPW Employee

Motion by Kunding reported on the DPW meeting. Activity for April included trash cans set out, Atkins and East Sebewaing Street Stubs were graded., service alley between Fifth and Beck Streets were regraded and stoned, potholes were filled as needed, several street signs and posts have been replaced to bring signs up to traffic code, streets were swept, and brush picked up. Lagoon certification testing was May 5, 2022 for three DPW laborers. Pickle ball net was installed, player benches installed at the main diamond, and restrooms opened for the season.

Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: absent; Epperson: yea. Motion Carried

3. Street Paving Bid

Motion by Kunding reported on the DPW meeting. Activity for April included trash cans set out, Atkins and East Sebewaing Street Stubs were graded., service alley between Fifth and Beck Streets were regraded and stoned, potholes were filled as needed, several street signs and posts have been replaced to bring signs up to traffic code, streets were swept, and brush picked up. Lagoon certification testing was May 5, 2022 for three DPW laborers. Pickle ball net was installed, player benches installed at the main diamond, and restrooms opened for the season.

Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: absent; Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Epperson: yea. Motion Carried

C. Police Committee

Discussed part-time shift and scheduling. Chief Repkie gives the schedules to the officers to pick out the shifts they want. Unused Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Police budget funds will go to MERS and not for other expenses or purchases. Capital outlay 2022-2023 was for the last payment on the police car. Discussed the need for an additional police car. With the future hiring of an additional police officer for the School Resource Officer (SRO), a third vehicle is practical.

Trustee Gunsell provided the committee discussion including SRO jurisdiction with Sebewaing Township, and Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) services will be through Huron County Dispatch system instead of having our own system. Thank you to Officer Matthew Kuhl for spearheading and organizing the property room. When Chief Repkie was hired, the Council neglected to discuss insurance benefits.

1. Police Car

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding to approve the purchase of a used police car not to exceed \$6,000.

Chisholm: absent; Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.
Motion Carried

2. Medical Insurance

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding to approve health, dental and vision insurance as soon as possible for Police Chief Steven Repkie.

Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: absent; Epperson: yea.
Motion Carried

D. Light and Water Committee

Trustee Glaab reported on regular Light & Water Department activity which included: Electric rate design implementation, Bayside Best Bean infrastructure review for expansion, grass cutting using DPW mowers, power quality review with Schneider, Superintendent Charlene Hudson, Kevin Wood and Andy Irion attended MPPA regional training, the Pine Street building roof was completed, there was a water main break by well One on East Main Street, hydrant flushing and valve exercising is complete, discussions with Spicer Engineering for water project continue, repaired the curb on North Center Street from water main break, Superintendent Hudson attended the Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MMEA) Legislative luncheon, and the 10,000-hour maintenance kits were received.

Superintendent Hudson reported on the May 14, 2022 power outage. Lightning struck the insulator at the Union Street substation and other lightning strikes outside of the Village caused DTE Energy to lose our interconnection. This resulted in the first time for L&W to test and start the engines with a black start.

1. Financial Statement – March 31, 2022

Motion by Glaab seconded by Gunsell to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending March 31, 2022 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

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

2. Operating Statistics Report – March 31, 2022

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Roof Replacement-110 W Main Street

Motion by Glaab seconded by Kunding to approve the quote from Vondette Roofing to replace the roof at 110 W Main Street at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.00.

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

4. Albert Street Property Sale – Parcel #3239-008-038-10

Resolution by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve Resolution #04-2022-2023 to authorize the Light and Water Superintendent to post the sale of Albert Street vacant land Property ID#39-008-038-10 consisting of 1.52 acres.

Chisholm: absent; Glaab: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.
Resolution Resolved

Superintendent Hudson will post the property with the requirement for the property to be developed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 249 North Center Street

No updates.

B. 244 North Center Street

No updates.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grounds Use Applications

1. American Legion - Poppy Drive

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve the American Legion Poppy Drive to be held on Friday, May 20, 2022 and Saturday, May 21, 2022 in the Village of Sebewaing.

Motion Carried

2. American Legion - VFW Memorial Day Parade & Service

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kuhl to approve the American Legion to hold the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2022 beginning at the Sebewaing Township Firehall parking lot (North Center Street) to Muellerweiss Park (14 W Sebewaing Street) and to allow the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Memorial Day Service at the Muellerweiss Park immediately following the parade.

Motion Carried

3. Knights of Columbus – Tootsie Roll Drive

Motion by Kunding seconded by Sting to approve the Knights of Columbus – Tootsie Roll Drive to be held on Friday, June 10 & Saturday, June 11, 2022 in the Village of Sebewaing.

Motion Carried

4. USA Pride - Summer Recreation Softball

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding to approve the USA Pride's application for the use of the North Diamond (S. Third Street) and small field (Henry Street) for the USA Summer Recreation Softball season (May 21 - July 1) including the concession stand.

Motion Carried

5. Pedal Across Lower Michigan (PALM) – Bicycle Tour Across Michigan

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve the PALM'S application for the use of the Sebewaing Village Main Park on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Motion Carried

B. Fireworks Permit – Michigan Sugar Festival

Motion by Kundinger seconded by Sting to approve the fireworks permit for Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. to display fireworks at the Sebewaing Township Airport for the Michigan Sugar Festival on June 18, 2022 per Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §103: Sale, Possession, or Use of Fireworks.

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

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission – April 19, 2022

No meeting.

B. Monthly Bills

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Glaab to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$300,229.98.

Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Sting: yea; Chisholm: absent; Glaab: yea; Epperson: yea.
Motion Carried

XI. Public Comment

Sami Khoury, commented on the May 14, 2022 power outage and not calling L&W employees' personal phones while they are trying to fix the issues.

XII. Correspondence

Letter was submitted by a Sebewaing Township resident, Mark Geirisch concern with turning the corner of Main and Center Streets into a 4-way stop. It will be brought up in the Police and DPW Committees to determine if State of Michigan approval is needed and if curbs and/or gutters may need to be changed.

XIII. Council Comment

Publicly thanked USA School, the students, and volunteers for the Making a Difference (MAD) event, which helped spruce up the Village of Sebewaing.

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