

## **VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**

### **Regular Council Meeting – June 19, 2023**

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

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

Absent: Aaron Kuhl

Others: Rod Tietz Sr., Scott Adam, Kyle Dutcher, Jason Smith, Christine Deming, Matthew Bumhoffer, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Dena Kish, Gayle Genow, Charlene Hudson, Steven Repkie, and various members of the community

#### **IV. Agenda – June 19, 2023**

Motion by Snider seconded by Kunding to approve the agenda for the June 19, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

#### **V. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023, Regular Council Meeting and June 5, 2023 Special Council, DPW, Administration, Police, and Light & Water Committee meetings, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

**VII. Public Comment.** Don Hall and Michael Bradford, owners of Bay View Gardens, will be holding an open house July 8, 2023 from 12:00 – 4:00.

#### **IX. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee**

Trustee Kunding updates included Sheriff Department Work Crew edged 14,000 feet of sidewalk and USA Project M.A.D. (Make a Difference) edged 3,200 feet. Fourth, Fifth, North Center, Beach Streets and Volz Court have new asphalt.

##### **1. Keeping of Livestock or Fowl Variance - Chickens**

Motion by Kunding seconded by Snider to approve the request to raise no more than ten (10) chickens at 219 East Street parcel #39-008-426-00 per Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §91.04 Keeping of Livestock or Fowl and said permit shall be valid for the time period this property is owned and occupied by the current resident.

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

MOTION CARRIED

##### **B. Police Committee**

Trustee Snider provided the updates including the gun safe and ballistic shields were purchased from the Assistant Police Chief Chris Eisenruber memorial. The Gateway Sportsman's Club will provide free usage for the Police so the Shooting Range at the Brush Pile is not needed. Blight enforcement was discussed with a possible intermediate step by the attorney.

##### **C. Office Administration Committee**

Trustee Garcia's updates included no changes for the existing golf cart ordinance; will review with Cass City on their Rental Properties Ordinance; the Social Media Policy will be sent to the department heads and unions for review; and the administration office is working on the audit preparation and 2023 Village property tax.

### **1. Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Motion by Garcia seconded by Kunding to approve the adoption of the 2022 Huron County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Sebewaing.

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

MOTION CARRIED

### **2. Trustee Appointment**

Motion by Garcia seconded by Snider to appoint Rodney Tietz Sr. to fulfill the remainder of the vacant trustee term which ends November 2024 effective June 20, 2023.

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

MOTION CARRIED

### **D. Light and Water Committee**

Trustee Snider provided updates including a resident's concerns about park electrical and wi-fi for the Sugar Festival and painting of light poles. Underground service replaced overhead lines that had numerous outages due to trees. Michigan Sugar assistance – changed cutouts, substations grounds. Clarke Energy and INNIO has reviewed engine performance and discussed testing. Pine Street Building DPW/Chamber doors installed, driveway approach completed, and electric is almost done.

### **1. Financial Statement – April 30, 2023**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending April 30, 2023 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

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

MOTION CARRIED

### **2. Operating Statistics – April 30, 2023**

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending April 30, 2023 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

### **3. Air Advantage Fiber Optic Subscription Agreement**

Motion by Sting seconded by Snider to approve the Fiber Optic Subscription Agreement for a term of 5 years at a cost of \$14,000/month.

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

MOTION CARRIED

### **4. Inventory and Capitalization Policy**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve the Sebewaing Light and Water Inventory and Capitalization Policy effective June 19, 2023, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

### **5. Well 4 Modification**

Motion by Sting seconded by Snider to approve the repairs and modification of Well 4 by Northern Pump and Well at a cost not to exceed \$17,000 to modify the backwash piping to increase flow through filter media.

Kuhl: absent; Kunding: 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**

**1. 2004 International 4400 Dump Truck Engine Repair**

The repairs were originally approved for up to \$20,000. The invoice is \$20,545.04 due to air conditioning repair and connecting rod replacement.

Motion by Snider seconded by Sting to approve the repair of the 2004 International 4400 Dump Truck engine by Osentoski Equipment at an additional cost of \$545.04.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Planning Commission – May 16, 2023**

Trustee Snider provided updates including a project for the Sebewaing River Campground expansion. There are very few details provided including setbacks required along the Sebewaing River, zoning variance approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and overhead electric lines need to be addressed before the project can move forward. No action was taken by the Commission regarding this project.

**1. Planning Commission Appointments**

Motion by Snider seconded by Sting to approve the reappointment of Christine Deming to the Planning Commission for the designated term of three (3) years. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Snider seconded by Kunding to approve the appointment of Scott Adam to the Planning Commission for the remainder of the term held by William Glaab expiring December 19, 2025. MOTION CARRIED

**B. Harbor Commission – May 11, 2023**

Trustee Snider’s updates included a review of the financials because it was a joint commission between the Village of Sebewaing and Sebewaing Township. Waiting on an attorney review to schedule the next meeting.

**D. Monthly Bills**

Motion by Snider seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$325,094.81. MOTION CARRIED

**XIII. Public Comment.** None

**XIV. Council Comment.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clean Up, Sugar Festival, and Unionville-Sebewaing girls softball 9<sup>th</sup> state championship were acknowledged as successes.

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:56 PM. MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson  
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish  
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing