

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – July 15, 2024

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

Present: Scott Adam, Loraine Garcia, Marcus Sting, Julie Epperson

Absent: Dennis Kunding, Aaron Kuhl, Rob Snider

Others: Rod and Noreen Tietz, Doug Deming, Sami Khoury, Drew Gokey, Matt Bumhoffer (until 7:10), Charlene Hudson (after 7:30), Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Dena Kish

IV. Agenda – July 15, 2024

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the agenda for this meeting, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sting seconded by Adam to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2024 Regular Council and July 1, 2024 DPW, Office Administration, Police and L&W Committee minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

VII. Public Comments. Sami Khoury, Huron County Commissioner updated the Council on county activities.

IX. Committee and Commission Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee. Trustee Garcia provided updates. A catch basin was replaced on Seventh St. Replaced water pump and alternator on the Case International Harvester tractor. Deck lift assist springs replaced on Cub Cadet mower. A new paint striper will be purchased.

B. Office Administration Department. Employee Handbook and Trustee Policy continue to be discussed. A letter will be drafted to the Harbor Commission with a \$100/year minimum repayment plan for the start-up money. Huron County Land Bank Demolition Grant for 42 & 50 N Center Street a tentative timeline was approved and Phase I environmental testing has started.

Closed Session

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to go into closed session to discuss the DPW Union Contract.

MOTION CARRIED

Reconvene

Motion by Sting seconded by Adam to return to open session of the Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Contract

Motion by Sting seconded by Adam to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Government Employees Labor Council on behalf of the Village of Sebewaing Department of Public Works with a March 31, 2027 expiration date, as presented, and to authorize the Village

President, Julie Epperson, and the Village Clerk, Dena Kish, to sign said agreements/contracts on behalf of the Village of Sebewaing, effective immediately with retroactive pay from April 1, 2024.

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

2. Employee Residency

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the increase of employees' residency from within 20 miles to 25 miles from the nearest boundary of the Village of Sebewaing provided employees receiving on-call pay can reach their duty station within thirty (30) minutes driving time under normal conditions.

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

C. Police Department. Trustee Sting updated the council. Police Department interior painting continues. Some blighted properties were discussed. No criminal incidents during the Sugar Festival. Police Policy and Procedure Chapter 42 Acting Chief of Police/Order of Succession will be based on time as a police officer or in the position vs. full-time over part-time status. A special event form for the Police Department was discussed.

1. Police Sergeant Job Description

Motion by Sting seconded by Adam to approve the Police Sergeant job description, as presented.

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

D. Light and Water Department. Trustee Sting reported on the monthly activity. Fiber had four new installs with four on deck, fusion splicer maintenance completed and Calx E72c upgrade is in process. Ballpark lights were repaired. Electrical work continues at Gettel Grain. Completed the underground electrical service for Frankenmuth Credit Union. The Service Material Verification Program continues with 128 completed (68%): 126 are copper and 2 are plastic. Main Street Water Tower wash out and new mud/sample valves installed.

1. Financial Statement – May 31, 2024

Motion by Sting seconded by Adam to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending May 31, 2024 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

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

2. Operating Statistics – May 31, 2024

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending May 31, 2024 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Cash Reserve Policy

Motion by Sting seconded by Adam to approve the Sebewaing Light & Water Cash Reserve Policy for 2024-2025, as presented.

Snider: absent; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: absent; Kunding: absent;

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

X. Unfinished Business

- A. 249 North Center Street. No updates.
- B. Police Vehicle Purchase. No updates.
- C. Full-time Police Officer Promotion. No updates.

XI. New Business.

A. DNR Spark Grant – Main Park Playground

Resolved by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve Resolution #1-2024-2025 for the recommendation of Wobig Construction Co. bid to construct the playground at the Main Park located at 127 South Third Street for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Spark Grant.

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

MOTION CARRIED

XII. Other Business

- A. Downtown Development Authority (DDA). No update.

B. Harbor Commission. No update.

C. Planning Commission. No meeting.

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the reappointment of Douglas Deming and Robert Snider to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term expiring July 2027, effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Adam seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$252,847.58.

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

MOTION CARRIED

XIII. Public Comments. A resident questioned the tree planting by L&W which has been discontinued. L&W does trim and remove trees on the power line. The speed bumps at E. Main St. and N. Center St. are slowing down traffic at the corner.

XIV. Council Comments. None.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:05 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing