

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – July 17, 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, Rod Tietz, Julie Epperson

Absent: Aaron Kuhl

Others: Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Dena Kish, Gayle Genow, Charlene Hudson, Steven Repkie, Drew Gokey, and various members of the community

IV. Agenda – July 17, 2023

Motion by Snider seconded by Tietz 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 June 19, 2023, Regular Council Meeting, June 29, 2023 DPW, Administration, and Light & Water Committee meetings, and July 5, 2023 Police Committee Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED

VII. Public Comment

Steven Repkie recognized Officer Gokey. Sami Khoury, Huron County Commissioner provided updates from the County.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee

Trustee Kunding's updates included streets swept four times, driveway and shoulder repaired on the newly asphalted streets by DPW, Lagoon Pump One backflow valve replaced, and the player benches and bleachers at the Main Park were stained and sealed.

1. Grounds Use Applications

a. Christian Motorcycle Association

Motion by Kunding seconded by Snider to approve the Christian Motorcycle Association's Grounds Use Application for their Community Street Party to be held on September 2, 2023 on Pine Street from Miller Street to the railroad tracks and Miller Street from Union to Pine Street.

MOTION CARRIED

b. 2024 USA Pride Summer Softball Opening Day

Motion by Kunding seconded by Garcia to approve the USA Pride's Grounds Use Application for the 2024 Summer Softball Opening Day to be held on May 11, 2024 for the North Diamond (S. Third Street), pavilion, equipment room, bathrooms, and concession stand.

MOTION CARRIED

c. 2024 USA Pride Summer Recreation Softball League

Motion by Kunding seconded by Sting to approve the USA Pride's Grounds Use Application for the 2024 Summer Recreation Softball League for the North Diamond (S. Third Street), Small

Diamond (Henry Street), and South Diamond (Henry Street) on Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:00 – 9:00 PM from May 13, 2024 to June 28, 2024, including the concession stand, as amended to not include Tuesday and Thursdays for practice. MOTION CARRIED

B. Police Committee

Trustee Snider provided the updates including the creation of an agenda that follows the format of other committee agendas to expedite the meeting. Discussed blight enforcement. Officer Gokey attended taser training. Discussed moving the police department to a L&W building. Shooting range at Gateway Sportsman Club was offered for the Police officer's use free of charge.

1. Part-time Police Officer Wage Increase

Motion by Snider seconded by Kunding to approve an increase in the Part-time Police Officer wages from \$22.00/hour to \$24.00/hour effective immediately.

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

C. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Garcia welcomed the newly appointed trustee Tietz to the committee. He was allowed time to review the rental property ordinance. Social media policy was updated based on L&W union recommendation. Discussed updating the Municipal Building doors for accessibility.

D. Light and Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided updates including work to be completed on Well Four backwash system. Fire hydrants have been repainted. New roof installed on small garage at Pine Street. Discussed policy for shut offs during higher summer temperatures.

1. Financial Statement – May 31, 2023

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

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

2. Operating Statistics – May 31, 2023

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Calix E7-2 Spare Parts

Resolution by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve Resolution #06 2023-2024 for the purchase of Calix E7-2 Spare Parts at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.

Sting: yea; Tietz: yea; Garcia: yea; Kuhl: absent; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Epperson: yea.
RESOLUTION RESOLVED

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

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Planning Commission – June 20, 2023. No meeting
- B. Harbor Commission. No meeting

C. Downtown Development Authority – July 11, 2023.

President Epperson provided the updates including a discussion on how to move forward with grant opportunities.

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Sting seconded by Garcia to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$315,685.

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

MOTION CARRIED

XIV. Council Comment. Trustee Snider addressed a Facebook comment clarifying there was no violation of the open meeting act during the Police Committee Meeting. No motions were made or votes taken during the meeting even though a quorum was present. The Village of Sebewaing does not prevent anyone, including council members, from attending posted public meetings.

Motion by Sting seconded by Tietz to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:39 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing