

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – August 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order, in the Village Council Chambers, by President Epperson at 7:03 PM.

Present: Scott Adam, Dennis Kunding, Aaron Kuhl, Rob Snider, Marcus Sting, Julie Epperson
Absent: Loraine Garcia
Others: Rod and Noreen Tietz, Leslie Shenberger, Dave and Lindy Wineman, Wayne Volz, Matt Brooks, Charlene Hudson, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Dena Kish

IV. Agenda – August 19, 2024

Motion by Sting seconded by Snider 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 July 15, 2024 Regular Council and August 5, 2024 DPW, Office Administration, and Light & Water Committee minutes, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

VI. Visitors, Guests and Requests.

A. Dave Wineman. A talk about his activities as a Lions Club International Director was presented.

VII. Public Comments. A resident was referred to the Police Committee to discuss the violation Village Ordinance § 91.05 Keeping of Dogs and Cats for a person having three or more dogs. A property owner inquired on the partial collapse of 244 N Center Street. The property is currently listed for auction by Huron County for delinquent property. The County, as the current legal owner, was notified of the situation.

IX. Committee and Commission Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee. Trustee Kunding provided updates. Asphalt patch was done on Fourth Street from previous water main break. Storm sewer lids changed out due to resident dumping cat litter through grates. Three DPW employees completed Lagoon Operation Training for continuous education credits. New battery was installed in the Generac generator at the Main Lift Station. Trees and shrubs pulled and trimmed in the Muellerweiss Park. Play Safe mulch was added to playground areas.

The previous owner of 42 N Center Street has removed their contents and turned over the keys. The utilities have been transferred to the Village of Sebewaing. The electricity will remain on to power the sump pump. Sebewaing Fire Department was approved to use the building for search and rescue training.

Motion by Kunding seconded by Kuhl to approve the construction of a split rail cedar fence along the property lines of the Northwest corner of South Park parcel #39-008-634-00 separating residential parcel #39-008-634-50 and #39-008-635-00, or 383 and 375 S. Center Street properties, from the BMX track in the amount of \$1,954.80.

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

B. Office Administration Department.

Closed Session

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Snider to go into closed session to discuss the Police Union Contract.
MOTION CARRIED

Reconvene

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Snider to return to open session of the Council Meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

Contract

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Police Officer Labor Council on behalf of the Village of Sebewaing Police Department 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.
Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: absent; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Kuhl updated the council on the Administration Committee meeting. The Employee Handbook was reviewed page by page for corrections and updates. Additional information will be reviewed for the expansion of Brunswick Street before turning it over to the Planning Commission.

D. Light and Water Department. Trustee Sting reported on the monthly activity. Village attorney sent phone transfer document to Air Advantage. Scheduled stack testing. Completed testing of transformers and regulators. The Service Material Verification Program is completed for the exterior with no lead services found. The 100 interior buildings verification will begin. Auto flush installed on Fourth and John Streets will help with the water quality. Upgrade of 7550 Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) for well controls and village water pressure. Safety meeting – A 10-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OHSA) safety training has been set up at a cost of \$650 per person through Alpha Omega sponsored by Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MMEA).

1. Financial Statement – June 30, 2024

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending June 30, 2024 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.
Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: absent; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.
MOTION CARRIED

2. Operating Statistics – June 30, 2024

Motion by Sting seconded by Snider to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending June 30, 2024 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.
MOTION CARRIED

3. 40kV Breaker

Motion by Sting seconded by Adam to approve the purchase of a 40kV Breaker for the DTE Interconnection from CSI Utility Sales for \$97,801 with additional fund for installation and site preparation for a total cost not to exceed \$118,000.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Control Policy

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the control policy for L&W as presented.

Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Garcia: absent; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; 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. Budget Amendments 2024-2025

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to amend the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget to move \$125,000 from Major Streets to Local Streets to adjust for actual streets paved.

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

MOTION CARRIED

XII. Other Business

A. Downtown Development Authority (DDA). No meeting.

B. **244 North Center Street.** President Epperson expanded on the Public Comment discussion.

C. **Harbor Commission - August 13, 2024.** Trustee Snider stated there will be another meeting and discussed the repayment to the VoS for the start-up funds lent to the Harbor Commission. Four members will be going to a conference for funding options.

D. Planning Commission. No meeting.

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kunding seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$168,833.70.

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

MOTION CARRIED

XIII. Public Comments. Still accepting property tax payments. The playscape replacement will be posted on Facebook to inform the public about the status. A Friends of the Park account was established for donations for playground equipment additions, repairs or replacement at all of the VoS parks.

XIV. Council Comments. Council members were contacted about the new owner and residents at 26 N Beck Street. A ordinance violation letter, drafted by the attorney, was mailed.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion by Snider seconded by Kuhl to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:14 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing