

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – August 21, 2023

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

Present: Aaron Kuhl, Rob Snider, Marcus Sting, Rod Tietz, Julie Epperson

Absent: Loraine Garcia, Dennis Kunding

Others: Noreen Tietz, Cheryl Fuerst, Jeannie Rhodes, Tina Miller, Wayne Volz, Gayle Genow, Brian Kain, Theresa Kain, Steven Repkie, Matt Bumhoffer, Linda Engelhardt

IV. Agenda – August 21, 2023

Motion by Snider seconded by Kuhl to approve the agenda for the August 21, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sting seconded by Snider to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023, Regular Council Meeting, August 7, 2023 DPW, Police, and Light & Water and August 9, 2023 Office Administration committee meetings, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

VII. Public Comment

A resident inquired about the Senior Meal Site.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee

Trustee Kuhl's updates included the streets were swept five times, picked up 49 loads of brush, driveway stoning continues, and weeds were sprayed. Repaired the International Harvester Tractor. Mowing and weed whipping continues. Tree contractors are dumping at the brush pile. The brush pile may have to be closed to stop the abuse.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Snider's updates included a refurbished radar and refurbished taser were purchased. There were 57 complaints handled by the department. Repairs have been completed on the 2012 Chevy Tahoe. Officer Gokey attended Taser Instructor Recertification seminar. Blight issues are being looked at with Trustee Snider helping one hardship case and 3 properties being worked on by property owners.

C. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Tietz gave updates including the Social Media Policy finalized and the damaged/blighted AT&T terminals on resident's properties are being reviewed for removal or replacement.

Reserved Fund Balance – Lawn Chair Film Festival

The Reserved Fund Balance – Lawn Chair Film Festival can be eliminated because there were no movies since 2019. If the movies ever come back, the fund can be reopened.

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the transfer of \$119.24 from the Reserved Fund Balance – Lawn Chair Film Festival to Reserved Fund Balance – Playground.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Senior Meal Site

The Administration Committee feels the agreement between the Village of Sebewaing and Huron County Road Commission for the Senior Meal Site needs to be terminated due to the cost of utilities to the Village of Sebewaing. President Epperson gave an update on the expenses the Village has incurred.

Motion by Snider seconded by Tietz to approve the termination of the Senior Meal Site lease with the Huron County Road Commission.

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

MOTION CARRIED

D. Light and Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided updates including engine repairs. During the DTE power outage from Bay Port to Unionville, the engines were started and everything went well. New fire hydrants installed on Fifth and John Streets. Committee is working on L & W Superintendent contract.

1. Financial Statement – June 30, 2023

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. Operating Statistics – June 30, 2023

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Shut Off Policies for Residential Electric, Water and Internet

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Sebewaing Light and Water Shut Off Policies for Residential Electric, Water and Internet as presented.

Sting: yea; Tietz: yea; Garcia: absent; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: absent; Snider: 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. Waiting for money to demolish the building.

C. Food Truck. No updates

XI. New Business

None.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission – August 15, 2023

The site plan application for 601 Unionville Road was approved.

B. Harbor Commission – No Meeting

C. Monthly Bills

Motion by Snider seconded by Tietz to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$117,583.19

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

MOTION CARRIED

XIII. Public Comment

The treasurer collected \$186,299.29 of the 2023 Village Taxes so far this year and the office is collecting Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30 pm. Still needing to collect \$414,000.00 and taxes are due September 14, 2023.

XIV. Council Comment

XVI. Adjournment

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Tietz to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:35 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Linda Engelhardt
Treasurer, Village of Sebewaing