

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – November 20, 2023

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

Present: Loraine Garcia (7:20), Aaron Kuhl, Dennis Kunding, Marcus Sting, Rod Tietz, Julie Epperson

Absent: Rob Snider

Others: Noreen Tietz, Wayne Volz, Carolyn Repkie, Joe Garcia, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Matt Bumhoffer, Steve Repkie, Dena Kish

IV. Agenda – November 20, 2023

Motion by Tietz seconded by Kuhl to approve the agenda for this meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023 Regular Council and November 6, 2023 Departmental Committee Workshop meetings as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

VII. Public Comment. None

IX. Departmental Committee Workshop

A. Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee

Trustee Kuhl's updates included the sidewalk on Union Street is completed. Leaf pick up is extended until December 1, 2023. A trash barrel was lit on fire by the Third Street Main Park Bathroom causing some damage to the building. The Glancy Foundation donated 25 trees which were planted in the BMX park and future dog park under the guidance of ReLeaf Michigan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Spark grant is in the planning process for the new playground. The Muellerweiss Park bathroom will remain open until December 1, 2023. All other bathrooms have been winterized and closed. The retaining wall was repaired for 42 N Center Street by the Huron County Drain Commission.

1. DPW Superintendent Pay Raise

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the wage increase for Matt Bumhoffer to \$30.63 per hour to represent the union annual wage percentage increase above the annual \$1.00 per hour raise for three years after becoming the DPW Superintendent, effective November 20, 2023.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. DPW Superintendent Retroactive Pay Raise

Motion by Kunding seconded by Sting to approve the retroactive pay for 2,080 hours worked for Matt Bumhoffer of \$2,446.18 to represent the union contract percentage raise that was not given on top of the \$1.00/hour raise, as approved by Village Council 11-19-2018, for 2019, 2020, and 2021 after being promoted to DPW Superintendent.

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

MOTION CARRIED

B. Police Committee

Trustee Kuhl stated the refurbished taser was put into service. Six revolvers and two rifles were received from Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act of 2004 (LESOA). The departmental arsenal has been updated with sufficient weapons. Citation for Liken Road ticket was challenged in Magistrate Court and the party was found responsible. Vacation watches of residential properties has been well received by the community.

1. Part-time Police Officer Position

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Tietz to approve the hiring of Timothy Danks as a Part-time Police Officer at the part-time wages of \$24.00/hour effective November 21, 2023, subject to acceptable background check.

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

C. Light & Water Department

Trustee Sting's updates included Calix backup for internet was installed. Installed electric vehicle charging service at Moore Shoreline. Water Well #4 piping was changed for the backwash. Hydrants have been flushed and valves exercised. The United States Department of Energy federal grant for Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) was denied. L&W applied with approximately 20 municipalities under one application through Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MMEA).

1. Financial Statement – September 30, 2023

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

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

2. Operating Statistics – September 30, 2023

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

MOTION CARRIED

D. Office Administration Department

Trustee Garcia reported on the Senior Meal Site Fund deficit elimination plan, AT&T Metro Act renewal, Michigan Department of Transportation annual construction permit and employee health insurance.

1. Deficit Elimination Plan

Resolution by Garcia seconded by Kuhl to approve Resolution #08-2023-2024 Deficit Elimination Plan for the Senior Meal Site Fund budget as presented.

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

2. AT&T Metro Act Permit Renewal

Motion by Garcia seconded by Sting to approve the AT&T Metro Act Permit renewal for five years until December 31, 2028.

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

3. MDOT Annual Construction Permit

Motion by Garcia seconded by Kuhl to approve to authorize Julie Epperson, Village President, to sign the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) annual permit for the Administrative Rules Regulating Driveways, Banners and Parades.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Employee Health Insurance Contribution

a. Act 152 – Opt Out of the Health Insurance Hard Cap

Resolved by Garcia seconded by Kunding to approve Resolution #07-2023-2024 to opt out of Public Act 152 of 2011 Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for calendar year 2024.

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

MOTION CARRIED

b. Employer Insurance Benefits

Motion by Garcia seconded by Sting to approve the renewal of the Health Alliance Plan (HAP), Delta Dental, and VSP (vision) insurance policies for 2024 through Valley United Insurance Agency.

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

MOTION CARRIED

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 249 North Center Street. Trees were planted at the future dog park.

B. 244 North Center Street. The VoS is working on getting bids for demolition through the Huron County Land Bank.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. President Pro Tempore

Motion by Tietz seconded by Garcia to appoint Marcus Sting to be the President Pro Tempore to act in the absence of the President, Julie Epperson, effective November 21, 2023.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$642,292.92.

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

MOTION CARRIED

XIV. Council Comment. The Spirit of Christmas event and temporary bridge lights on N Center Street were appreciated.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Garcia to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:30PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebawaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebawaing