

**VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**  
**Regular Council Meeting – November 21, 2022**

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

Present: Loraine Garcia, Brandy Gunsell, Aaron Kuhl, Dennis Kundinger, Rob Snider, Marcus Sting, Julie Epperson

Absent: None

Others: Gayle Genow, Matt Bumhoffer, Justin Fritz, Linda Engelhardt, Dena Kish, Charlene Hudson, Steven Repkie, Kurt Kraft, Steve Kretzschmer, Theresa Kain, Elizabeth Shook.

**III. Agenda – November 21, 2022**

Motion by Snider seconded by Sting to approve the agenda, as amended to move IX New Business A. Trustee Appointment to IV, for the November 21, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Regular Council Meeting - October 17, 2022**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kundinger to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022, Regular Council Meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**B. Special Council Meeting – November 7, 2022**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kuhl to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022, special council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

**IV. New Business**

**A. Trustee Appointment**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kundinger to appoint Loraine Garcia to fulfill the remainder of the vacant trustee term which ends November 2024 effective November 21, 2022.

Sting: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

**V. Public Comment**

A descendant of Charles Luckhard, donator of Luckhard Museum, discussed the history of the museum. The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod owns and maintains the museum. The 1948 building is on the National and State Historical Buildings register.

**VII. Committee Reports**

**A. DPW Committee**

Trustee Kundinger updated the Council on DPW activity including several sections of sidewalks replaced by DPW, leaf pickup has peaked in October, sewer pump #2 failed and waiting on parts, and dirt was hauled and leveled for the BMX track. A resident is experiencing flooding in front of his house due to low sidewalks that will be repaired, weather permitting.

**1. DPW Storage Building**

In an effort to secure the engines on Pine Street, L&W can move the doors to the Pine Street Storage building at a cost of \$15,000 - \$20,000. This would negatively affect DPW moving trailers into the building. The DPW and Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce could vacate the building. DPW is storing equipment in the Pine St. building, DPW shop, and the DPW yard. The proposed 40' x 60' pole barn would be located within the DPW fenced yard. It would provide cold storage with electricity and gravel floor. It would not provide storage for the Chamber. The L&W poles may need to be removed from the DPW fenced yard for the construction of the building, the substation is in a separate gated area and the transformers should not impede the building. Council requested a few more bids with different size options.

**2. Spark Grant**

Resolved by Kundinger seconded by Gunsell to approve Resolution #15-2022-2023 to apply for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Spark Grant for improvements to the playground and accessibility at the Main Park located at 127 South Third Street.

Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Epperson: yea.  
RESOLUTION RESOLVED

**3. Sewer Billing**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Snider to approve the billing of sewer usage at the metered or unmetered commercial rate and ready to serve charges for all Village of Sebewaing, Sebewaing Light and Water, Sebewaing Township and Huron County properties effective January 1, 2023.

Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

**B. Police Committee**

Trustee Gunsell provided updates including the receipt of six Glock and one Remington shotgun from the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) plan for excess Department of Defense property. The 2019 Dodge was converted to K-9 unit.

**1. School Resource Officer Dog**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kundinger to approve Addendum A to the Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, School Resource Officer Program – Police Dog.

Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

**2. Part-time Officer Training Status**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve changing Garrett Temple Officer in Training status to Regular Part Time Status as of November 22, 2022 per the recommendation of Chief Repkie.

Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundinger: yea; Snider: yea; Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

**C. Office Administration Committee**

Trustee Gunsell reviewed the minutes stating the caboose purchase agreement is cancelled, the Harbor Commission and residential rental agreement are under legal review. A scrap tire clean-up grant application was submitted.

## **1. Employee Health Insurance Contribution**

### **a. Act 152**

Resolved by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve Resolution #12-2022-2023 to opt out of Public Act 152 of 2011 Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for calendar year 2023.

Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Epperson: yea.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED

### **b. Employer Paid Premiums**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding to approve the renewal of the Health Alliance Plan (HAP) health insurance for 2023 for Village of Sebewaing full time employees.

Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

## **D. Light and Water Committee**

Trustee Sting's highlights included two underground electrical installations, dielectric testing completed on all buckets and digger trucks, and completed 12,000-hour maintenance testing on the engines. Fleis & Vanderbrink engineers submitted an Intent to Apply for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes (EGLE) Fiscal Year 2024 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program for Grant (75%) and Loan (25%) Funding. The estimated \$12,700,000 project would provide capital improvements and asset management. Fleis & Vanderbrink engineers prepared the preliminary engineering report for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Grant for a new water tower at an estimated cost of 2,920,000. Christmas lights are up and a float was prepared for the Spirit of Christmas parade.

### **1. Financial Statement – September 30, 2022**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending September 30, 2022 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: yea; Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

### **2. Operating Statistics Report – September 30, 2022**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending September 30, 2022 submitted by Superintendent Charlene Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. 249 North Center Street - No updates

B. 244 North Center Street - No updates

C. Speed Study – No updates

**D. 132 W. Sebewaing Street**

**1. Sebewaing River Intercounty Drain Lease Agreement**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding to rescind the authorization of Village President, Julie Epperson on behalf of the Village of Sebewaing, to sign the lease agreement between the Sebewaing River Intercounty Drain and Village of Sebewaing for the period of July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2026.

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

E. Food Trucks – No Updates

**IX. New Business**

**A. President Pro Tempore Appointment**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kuhl to appoint Marcus Sting to be the President Pro Tempore to act in the absence of the President, Julie Epperson, effective November 21, 2022.

Garcia: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Snider: yea; Sting: abstain; Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

**B. MDOT Annual Permit**

**No Roll Call needed**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to authorize Julie Epperson, Village President, to sign the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) annual permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Highway Right of Way Administrative Rules Regulating Driveways, Banners and Parades.  
MOTION CARRIED

**C. Solar Power Purchase Commitment**

The original commitment was approved in 2018. L&W will receive the credit for green energy through the Calhoun Solar Get solar energy credit.

Resolved by Sting seconded by Gunsell to approve Resolution #13-2022-2023 for the Energy Services Project Invenergy Calhoun Solar Power Purchase Commitment for 25-years.

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

**D. Natural Gas and Energy Purchases**

Resolved by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve Resolution #14-2022-2023 for Sebewaing Light and Water Superintendent to purchase natural gas and energy, within the term and quantity parameters of Michigan Public Power Agency's (MPPA) Power Supply Risk Management Policy, to secure natural gas hedging, utilizing the MPPA Power Supply Hedge parameters.

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

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**B. Monthly Bills**

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Snider to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$157,487.53.

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

**XI. Public Comment**

Resident requested "Children at Play" signs by the BMX track. DPW Superintendent will look into the signage.

**XII. Correspondence**

None

**XIII. Council Comment**

Welcome for the new members.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:19 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson  
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish  
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing