

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – April 21, 2025

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

Present: Scott Adam, Brian Kaczorowski, Aaron Kuhl, Dennis Kunding, Leslie Shenberger, Marcus Sting, Julie Epperson

Others: Rod and Noreen Tietz, Melanie Lawrence, Charlene Hudson, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Dena Kish

IV. Agenda – April 21, 2025

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the agenda for this meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

V. Approval of Minutes - Council and Committees

Motion by Adam seconded by Shenberger to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 Regular Council and April 7, 2025 DPW, Office Administration, Police and Light & Water Committee minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED

VII. Correspondence. A thank you letter from a Harbor Springs, Michigan resident, for the L&W lineman who assisted in the repairs from the March 28 – 30, 2025 ice storm damage, was read.

X. Committee and Commission Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW). Trustee Kuhl provided updates. The alley behind the Village Office was opened to traffic and barricaded the back of the 244 N. Center Street building. Removed the sidewalk at 207 W Sharpsteen Street along Williams Street. Spicer Group is working with Wobig Construction, Co. on resolving the drainage issue with the new Playscape. Reviewed a walking path proposal.

1. Washer and Dryer Purchase

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the purchase of a combination clothes washer and dryer from Kunding & Kroll at a cost of \$1,672.50.

Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

2. Sanitary Sewer Camera Inspection

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Adam to approve the bid from Dependable Sewer Cleaners for the televising and light cleaning of the storm and sanitary sewers at a cost of \$124,849.40.

Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

3. Lagoon Algae Treatment

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the algae treatment contract with PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. for a professional aquatic plant management program for the control of weeds and/or algae for ponds 4 & 5 at the Village of Sebewaing Waste Water Treatment Facility for 2025 through 2029 season, as presented.

Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Grounds Use Applications

a. Western Thumb Women's Softball League

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the Western Thumb Women's Softball League Grounds Use Application for the use of the South Park Diamond (Henry Street) on Tuesday nights from May 27, 2025 to July 23, 2025 except for June 10, 2025, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b. American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Drive

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Drive to be held May 9 – May 10, 2025, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c. VFW Poppy Drive

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the VFW Poppy Drive to be held May 17, 2025, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

d. VFW Memorial Day Parade and Service

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the VFW 4115 Memorial Day Parade and Service on May 26, 2025 at 10:30 AM, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Seasonal Employee

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the hiring of Carson Holland as a 2025 DPW seasonal employee at \$12.48/hour.

Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Office Administration Department. Trustee Kuhl provided updates for the Village Vehicle Usage for Commuting and monthly financial activity.

1. Council Chairs Purchase

Discussion was held on the merits of replacing the chairs. The current chairs are 25-years old and will be used by the DPW and Police Department.

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the purchase of eight council chairs at a cost of \$4,952 from Thumb Office Supply, Inc.

Shenberger: yea; Sting: nay; Adam: abstain; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: nay; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Firework Permit – Michigan Sugar Festival

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the fireworks permit for American Fireworks Company to display fireworks at the Sebewaing Township Airport, 651 W. Sebewaing St. for the 2025 Michigan Sugar Festival on June 14, 2025 (rain date of June 15, 2025) per Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §103:01 Sale, Possession, or Use of Fireworks.

Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

1. MDOT - Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Grant Application

Resolution by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve Resolution #01-2025-2026 to apply for the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) grant titled Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category B Program for resurfacing the following streets in 2026:

1. West Main Street from South Miller to South Center Streets
2. South Third Street from East Main to Frederick Streets
3. Frederick Street from Third to Fourth Streets
4. Henry Street from Frederick to Bay Streets
5. East Grove Street from First to South Center Streets

Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED

C. Police Department. Trustee Sting updates included the part-time police officer has been sworn in and shooting qualified, radar units have been purchased, and training requirements were reviewed.

D. Light and Water Department. Trustee Sting reported on the monthly activity. Customer letters for rate increases are in process for the fiber users. Exercising valves and flushing water hydrants. The BS&A computer system conversion has started. Discussed the three lineman who assisted with the electrical power restoration in Harbor Springs.

1. Financial Statement – February 28, 2025

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending February 28, 2025 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Operating Statistics – February 28, 2025

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending February 28, 2025 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Water Metering Software, Transceivers and Readers

This will replace the current water meters which are at their end of life and not updatable. The majority of our system is Neptune.

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the purchase of Neptune 360 water metering software, 3 transceivers and 3 readers from Ferguson Waterworks for \$29,000.

Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Pine Street Water Tower Drain Valve and Hydrant Installation

The valve and hydrant will allow the water tower to properly drain for needed repairs and maintenance. Prior Council action approved the purchase of the valve.

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve the installation of a drain valve and hydrant at the Pine Street Water Tower by Kemp Tiling Company, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$34,000.

Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

F. Ordinance Committee. Recommended a couple of minor changes for the non-zoning ordinance being updated.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Annual Clean-up Day

The VoS applied for the Scrap tire grant for 2025. We have received the grant for the past two years. The bid includes the scrap tire estimate in case we are not approved for the grant. Sebewaing Township approved covering half of the cost. There will be a \$2.00 per tire charge and no tires with rims will be accepted.

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Kunding to approve the Annual Clean-up Day partnered with Sebewaing Township on May 31, 2025 with a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Keeping of Livestock or Fowl Variance - Chickens

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve a resident's request to raise no more than six (6) chickens at 505 East Main Street per Village of Sebewaing Ordinance \$91.04 Keeping of Livestock or Fowl and said permit shall be valid for the time period this property is owned and occupied by the current resident, pending approval of the Zoning Administrator.

Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

XIII. COMMISSION REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

A. Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The community informational meeting was successful with a good group of people in attendance. Good discussion on what people want to see going forward for the Village of Sebewaing.

1. DDA Board – Property Owner

Motion by Shenberger seconded by Kuhl to approve the appointment of Justin Fortune to fill the term of the DDA Board – Resident position term expiring October 2027, effective April 21, 2025.

Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Harbor Commission. There is a current vacancy with the resignation of Larry Heider. The Harbor Commission members have a couple of people that may be interested in filling the vacancy. The Harbor Commission is responsible for cleaning the debris in the marina. They do

assist with river clean-up. MDOT is responsible for cleaning the river around the M-25 bridge and has been notified about the existing debris.

1. Harbor Commission Board Vacancy

Motion by Adam seconded by Shenberger to approve the advertisement of the open Harbor Commission Board Vacancy position on the Village of Sebewaing website, Facebook page, and door postings until filled, barring any candidates that would present themselves at the next Harbor Commission meeting. MOTION CARRIED

C. Planning Commission. No update provided.

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kunding seconded by Shenberger to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$189,338.18.

Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

XV. Council Comments. Trustee Kunding questioned water quality at the end of Beach Street. Superintendent Hudson will investigate the location of the auto flusher.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:22 PM. MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing