

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – May 19, 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, Sami Khoury, Matt Cummings, Caron Seward, Wayne Volz, Charlene Hudson, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Dena Kish

IV. Agenda – April 21, 2025

Motion by Sting seconded by Shenberger to the agenda for this meeting, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

V. Approval of Minutes - Council and Committees

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025 Regular Council and Ordinance Committee and May 5, 2025 DPW, Office Administration, Police and Light & Water Committee minutes, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. Public Comments

Sami Khoury, Huron County Commissioner, addressed the council stating the commissions received presentations from solar and wind energy expansion developers, Huron County Health Department, Michigan State University Extension, and Community Correction Coordinator. An update on the use of the opioid settlement funds allocation was given.

X. Committee and Commission Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW). Trustee Kuhl provided updates. Replaced sidewalk on Third Street near Main Park restrooms to eliminate trip hazard; 4 yards of concrete poured. Storm sewer main cleaned on N. Center Street. Hauled and leveled 8" x 12" quarry stone around Pond Four. De-ragged pumps at lift station. Graded lagoon driveways. Installed four new tires on 4x6 Gator. Huron County Drain Commission requested tile installation at 42 and 50 N. Center Street, to be completed at their cost. South levee showing signs of failure; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers notified and monitoring.

1. Construction of Pole Barn

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the construction of a 30 x 40 pole barn to be located on Parcel No. 32-23-019-005-90 by Boesch Builders, Inc. for \$79,820.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. Sewer Lining and Manhole

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Adam to approve the installation of a manhole and sewer lining with a catch basin between 86 N Beck and 520 E Sebewaing Streets by Kemp Tiling Co., Inc. at a cost of \$50,328.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Sewer Pipe Replacement

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the replacement of 152' of 24" sewer pipe between 86 N Beck and 520 E Sebewaing Streets by Kemp Tiling Co., Inc. at a cost of \$82,515.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

B. Office Administration Department. Trustee Kuhl provided updates for the Food Truck Ordinance. Committee members were tasked with talking to local restaurants for their opinion on a Food Truck ordinance. If positive, move forward and invite local businesses and public to an Admin Committee Meeting. The Health Department does the inspection of the trucks. Administration Office would process the permits and compile a list for DPW and the Police. Annual fees would be prorated on a quarterly basis. The Scrap Tire Grant application has been submitted; however, a decision will not be made until after the May 31, 2025 clean-up day. If approved, grant funds can be used in 2026. The Administration Office is required to maintain personal records of its employees.

1. Single Audit

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunderinger to approve Weinlander Fitzhugh Certified Public Accountants & Advisors to perform a Single Audit at a cost of \$3,000.00 due to receiving over \$750,000 in Federal Government funds through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Spark Grant for the playscape and Main Park renovations.

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

MOTION CARRIED

C. Police Department. Trustee Sting updates included the plans for the Police Department remodeling are out for cost estimates. The unclaimed bicycles will be donated to Jim Shaw for the share a bike program.

D. Light and Water Department. Trustee Sting reported there was discussion on wi-fi coverage for the Main and South Parks, transformers were cleaned at the interconnection site during the scheduled DTE outage April 7-14, 2025 and April 23, 2025, discussed the expectations of employees paid during mutual aid work, underground service installed in Adam Ridge, discussed guidance for summer storm outages, and funding appropriations request submitted through Representative Greg Alexander, Michigan House of Representatives for Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) and three water infrastructure projects.

Customers will not receive a response for posting issues on social media. The after-hours phone number is posted on the website and back of the L&W bill.

1. Financial Statement – March 31, 2025

Motion by Sting seconded by Shenberger to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending March 31, 2025 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. Operating Statistics – March 31, 2025

Motion by Sting seconded by Adam to approve the Operating Statistics Report for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending March 31, 2025 submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

F. Ordinance Committee. Three of the four non-zoning ordinance updates are available for Council.

1. Ordinance Update

a. § 51.23 Building Sewers and Connections

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the update to the Village of Sebewaing Ordinance Chapter 51: Sewer Facilities Section (§) 51.23 Building Sewers and Connections (B) (1) (b) to add *commercial, multi-family residential and all other non-residential properties* to establishments producing industrial waste, (B) (2) to replace "*for a single-family residential dwelling*" with "*for all properties*" for the \$1,500 capacity fee, as presented.

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

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

b. § 93.01 Appointment of Fire Warden

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the update to the Village of Sebewaing Ordinance Chapter 93: Fire Prevention Section (§) 93.01 Appointment of Fire Warden to replace "in November of each year. He or she shall hold office for the term of one year and until his or her successor shall be appointed" with "*He or she shall serve at the pleasure of the Council and until a successor is appointed and qualified.*", as presented.

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

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

c. § 101.01 Weed Control

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the update to the Village of Sebewaing Ordinance Chapter 101: Weed Control Section (§) 101.01 Weed Control to remove milkweed from the list of weeds and add "*non-decorative landscape grass*" not to exceed six (6) inches, as presented.

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

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

XIII. COMMISSION REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

B. Harbor Commission. Trustee Sting informed the council about the repair and maintenance work at the Sebewaing Harbor Marina, which opened May 1, 2025. Discussed upcoming fishing tournaments. There are 39 slips rented out as of a couple of weeks ago. A lot of yearly passes purchased. Kayak can launch at the Marina, but are directed to avoid boats for their safety. The State of Michigan is going to provide invasive species signs.

The Harbor Commission was waiting on the DPW to decide on dog bag stands; however, the issue was requested for the Sebewaing Harbor overflow parking area.

1. Harbor Commission Appointment

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the appointment of Josh Dressler to the Harbor Commission Board with the term expiring January 31, 2027, effective May 20, 2025.

Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: abstain; Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea;

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

C. Planning Commission. A public hearing was held concerning special use and site plan applications for 26 N. Beck Street to become a short-term rental property, which was denied.

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kunding to seconded by Shenberger to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$328,394.07.

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

MOTION CARRIED

XIV. Public Comments. A citizen thanked the Harbor Commission members for all the heavy work for cleaning the river. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) cleaned the log jam on the East side of the M-25 bridge.

XV. Council Comments. Trustee Kaczorowski stated the lettering on the Police vehicle will be replaced for better visibility.

There will be a grand opening for the new Playscape on Friday, June 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM. The children's activities for the Michigan Sugar Festival start at 10:00 AM. The water feature in the corner was part of the original design. There is still some work to be completed. The playscape will be closed until the Village receives a release from the contractor.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:52 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing