

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – October 20, 2025

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

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

Absent: Scott Adam

Others: Rod and Noreen Tietz, Sami Khoury, Laura Nimtz, Wayne Volz, Tim Helig, Charlene Hudson, Linda Engelhardt

IV. Agenda – October 20, 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 Kaczorowski seconded by Kunding to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2025 Regular Council and October 6, 2025 DPW and Office Administration, Police and Light & Water Committee minutes, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

VI. Visitors, Guests, and Requests

Laura Nimtz, Sebewaing Township Librarian reported on the improvements being done at the Sebewaing Township Library. Events are being correlated with the Columbia Township Library. Books in a library are to be current so they have been busy finding homes for books which are older than 3 years old would not like to see them go to a landfill. Laura has been busy filling out grants to help with improvements for the library. Patrons have increased for the library.

VII. Public Comment

Sami Khoury, Commissioner gave updates at the County level.

X. Committee Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW). Trustee Kuhl's report included 64 loads of brush were picked up, Leaf pick-up to begin October 15 unless leaves drop sooner, Streets swept four times, installation of the new roof on the South Park bathroom has begun, playscape repairs have been made and the final payment will be made, Township resident has volunteered her property for the cell tower so no further study is needs to be done by Village of Sebewaing, overnight camping for ball tournament needs more research, leaf vac suction tube welds are cracked and are being repaired, oil, grease and filter has been done on 2016 Chevy pickup, 2004 IH truck is going to Osentoski's for front end vibration and Department of Transportation inspection, Blight and sign violation for 232 N Center Street (Norman's building) has been turned over to the Police for a citation, Brunswick Street on the 2 foot extension is being reviewed.

1. Grounds Use Application

a. Sebewaing Lions and Rotary Charity Softball Tournament

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the Grounds Use Application for Sebewaing Lions and Rotary Charity Softball Tournament to be held August 28-30, 2026 with more research to be done on the overnight camping request. MOTION CARRIED

A. Crown Castle Cellular Tower Proposal

Motion by Kuhl seconded Shenberger to deny the Crown Castle Cellular Tower proposal (cell tower lease) for the Village of Sebewaing.

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

B. Office Administration Department. Trustee Kuhl updates included two zoning permits were approved through September 30, August 31, 2025 cash balances were reviewed, a temporary clerk will need to be advertised in newspaper and hired due to the absence of the clerk, waiting on Park Street survey, Downtown Development Authority report to State of Michigan has been submitted, settlement with Huron County Treasurer has been done.

1. Temporary Clerk

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve to advertise and the hiring of a Temporary Clerk for the allotted time needed in the absence of the Clerk with application deadline of 4:00 pm by October 31, 2025.

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

C. Police Department. Trustee Sting's updates included purging of old files continues, Officer Davis is working solo shifts, Law Enforcement Support Office Inventory can now be ordered, looking for couple laptop computers, received one new blight requesting a citation and Sergeant Gokey attended a Mobile Device Forensic Investigations Class on October 16, 2025.

D. Light and Water Department. Trustee Sting reported customers are cutting service lines, fiber needs to be moved to new DTE poles south of town, PCA for September was \$0.01057, continued maintenance on cutouts, removed all utilities on Scheurer building, fall hydrant flushing and valve operating is completed, ordered latest Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) software, October bills have the Low-Income Energy Assistance charge of \$1.25, Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MMEA) Conference was attended and Customer Service Agreement (CSA) with Clarke Energy.

1. Financial Statement – August 31, 2025

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

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

2. Operating Statistics – August 31, 2025

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. MyPlant Subscription

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the MyPlant Subscription Option One – Subscription to INNIO Jenbacher MyPlant Performance “Professional” Plan total cost per 2 units of \$6,000.00 per year through Clarke Energy as presented by Superintendent, Charlene Hudson.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Capital Asset Policy

Motion by Sting seconded by Shenberger to approve the updated Capital Asset Policy as presented by superintendent, Charlene Hudson.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Cash Reserve Policy

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the updated Cash Reserve Policy as presented by Superintendent, Charlene Hudson.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Capital Expenditure Policy

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Capital Expenditure Policy as presented by Superintendent, Charlene Hudson.

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

MOTION CARRIED

XI Unfinished Business.

A. 244 North Center Street (Dime Store) - The property is owned by the Huron County Land Bank. The Village of Sebewaing has no intent of purchasing this property when it comes up for sale. The Land Bank is working on the grant paperwork. They will have the property assessed and put up for sale in early 2026. Interested parties will have to follow the Huron County Land Bank website.

B. 249 North Center Street (LMS) – This property is available interested parties should contact Samantha Schnettler.

XIII. COMMISSION REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

A. DDA Meeting. Community Informational Meeting on October 14, 2025 at Sebewaing Township Hall at 14 E Sharpsteen Street at 6:00 PM.

1. Reappointment of DDA Board – Other

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the reappointment of Matt Bumhoffer to fill the term of the DDA Board – Other position with term expiring October 2029, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

1. Appointment of DDA Board – Business Owner

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Shenberger to approve the appointment of Jake Schultz to fill the term of the DDA Board – Business Owner position with term expiring October 2029, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

B. Planning Commission. No meeting for October 21, 2025 due to no business.

C. Harbor Commission. Next meeting is November 13, 2025.

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kundinger seconded by Kuhl to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$287,893.10.

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

XIV. Public Comments. Sami Khoury commented about trees dying on top due to the placement of cell towers. Inquiry on the power outages with the reply it is not due to L & W they are due to interconnections (out of the territory). Internet outages have been due to regional outages.

Resident inquired on the microphones discussed at previous meetings. Attendees are unable to hear when the trustees give their committee reports. A trustee will have an update for the next meeting. Thank you was extended to village trustees and office staff for their work being done. Tim Helig complimented on the work done by Light & Water employees on the replacement of his meter.

XV. Council Comments. Thank you extended to Laura Nimitz for coming on behalf of Sebewaing Township Library. Thank you extended to Tim for serving on the Sebewaing Township Library board.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Shenberger to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:01 PM. MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Linda Engelhardt
Treasurer, Village of Sebewaing