

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – August 18, 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: Rodney and Noreen Tietz, George Epperson, Andrea Reed, Laura Polega, Wayne Volz, Jared Epperson, Sarah Herbert, Charlene Hudson, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz, Dena Kish

IV. Agenda – August 18, 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 July 21, 2025 Regular Council and August 4, 2025 DPW, Office Administration, Police and Light & Water Committee minutes, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

VI. Visitors, Guests, and Requests. Laura Polega, Degree Forward – Thumb Area, presented information concerning on-line higher education opportunities.

VIII. Public Comments. A residence expressed concerns about mowing enforcement.

IX. Committee and Commission Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW). Trustee Kuhl reviewed the minutes including speed bumps were installed on the alley next to the Main Park. Lagoon Ponds 4 and 5 were treated for algae. North Park drinking fountain was removed and cement poured in preparation to relocate the gazabo from the South Park's Horseshoe Pits. Resident requested an update on the walking path; grant opportunities are being researched.

1. Main Park Large Pavilion Roof Replacement

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the replacement of the roof on the Main Park Large Pavilion at a cost of \$3,630.00 for supplies from Sebewaing Ace Hardware. Adam: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

2. South Park Bathroom Roof Replacement

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the replacement of the roof on the South Park Bathroom at a cost of \$2,173 for supplies purchased from Sebewaing Ace Hardware. Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Adam: yea; Epperson: yea. MOTION CARRIED

3. Grounds Use Application - Sebewaing Lions & Rotary Charity Softball Tournament

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the Sebewaing Lions & Rotary Charity Softball Tournament to be held August 22 – 24, 2025, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

4. Sale of Riverfront Property on E. Sebewaing Street.

The council discussed a request from a resident to purchase a portion of property located at the West end of E. Sebewaing Street near N. Center Street along the Sebewaing River. The property is part of the public street and cannot be sold. It would have to be vacated or abandoned. Since the street is within 25 meters of a navigable waterway, it can only be vacated by order of the Circuit Court (see MCL 560.255a). The property is open for public use.

B. Office Administration Department. Trustee Kuhl noted a draw request for reimbursement of playscape construction costs was submitted. Once the contractor completes all repairs, the 10% holdback will be paid and a decision will be made for the remaining grant funds. Trustee Kaczorowski is obtaining bids for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) hearing accommodations request. Letters will be sent to property owners no longer raising livestock or fowl for previously approved variances to ordinance § 91.04 Keeping of Livestock or Fowl. The prohibition of jumping from bridges is already addressed in Chapter 130: Offenses Against Persons.

1. Budget Amendments

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to amend the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to increase the Major Streets and Sewer funds, as presented.

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

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

C. Police Department. Trustee Sting informed council the part-time officer will begin the shadow phase of training, police department renovations to start soon, found property has been distributed, summer work schedule has been working well, and each officer completed nine hours of training. Blight update was given. Discussed residents driving mopeds on the Village streets.

D. Light and Water Department. Trustee Sting's recap included fiber work completed for Scheurer Hospital. Power Cost Adjustment is trending down. Passed initial screening for Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Grid Resilience Grant Program Section 40101(d) which is awaiting review by the Federal Department of Energy (DOE). Displayed American flags on light poles for the month of July. The anticipated 60-minute power outage for emergency repairs to the 40kV was completed in 34 minutes. The lot at 104 W Main Street parcel #39-008-454-00 has been graded with stone for substation access and additional parking. Repaired water main break on Mason Street.

1. Financial Statement – June 30, 2025

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending June 30, 2025, as submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

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

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Operating Statistics – June 30, 2025

Motion by Sting seconded by Kundinger to approve the Operating Statistics Report for the Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending June 30, 2025, as submitted by Superintendent Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Light Pole Painting

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the hiring of Seaway Painting, L.L.C to paint the Sebewaing Light & Water's street light poles for \$16,950 and the Village of Sebewaing's Muellerweiss Park light poles and Scheiwe Memorial Bell Tower for \$5,500, as presented.

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

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Lawn Mower Purchase

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the purchase of a Cub Cadet Pro Z 560 L Kw lawn mower from Sebewaing Ace Hardware for \$9,525.

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

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

5. A-Base Meter Upgrade Policy

The failure of an A-Base electric meter will be discovered during the monthly meter reading. Due to age, replacement parts are unavailable. L&W will hire a licensed electrician to determine if the electrical system meets the building code. If repairs are needed inside the house, and the property owner uses the same electrical contractor, L&W will provide zero interest financing of the repair costs.

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the A-Base Meter Upgrade Policy which outlines Sebewaing Light & Water Department and homeowner responsibilities for upgrading outdated A-Base meter sockets and providing an option payment plan, as presented.

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

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Generators

The previous bid did not include natural gas hook-up.

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to amend the purchase and installation of a 22kW generator for the L&W Office and a 14kW generator with a sub-panel for the Main Street Plant Building to supply power to the Fiber headend by Clements Electric at a cost not to exceed \$33,000 changed to be purchased from Maurer Electric, Inc. plus natural gas hookup for a total of \$32,000.

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

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

X Unfinished Business.

A. 249 N Center Street Property. No portion of the property has been sold.

XII. COMMISSION REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kunding seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$137,267.30.

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

Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

XIII. Public Comments. Treasurer Engelhardt stated property tax collection is ongoing with one month remaining.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Kunding to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:47 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Dena Kish
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing