

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – January 19, 2026

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

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

Others: Cheryl Fuerst, Glenda Hallock, Jim Shaw, Laura Nimtz, Charlene Hudson, Wayne Volz, Linda Engelhardt

IV. Agenda – January 19, 2026

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

V. Approval of Minutes - Council and Committees

Motion by Sting seconded by Shenberger to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2025 Regular Council meeting and January 8, 2025 DPW, Office Administration, Police and Light & Water Committee minutes, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

VI. Visitors, Guests, and Requests

Cheryl Fuerst and Glenda Hallock from Caring and Sharing gave a report about the great response they had from the Community for helping to sort, wrap gifts, deliveries to 90 families and donations received this fall. It was explained many hands are needed to continue this organization from year to year. Cheryl has been doing it for 25 years. Question was asked, "How do families or names get on the list?" The list was started many years ago and names are added or taken off each year. If anyone knows of someone give Cheryl a call and she takes care of the rest. For 2026 collection of items will be done all year not just in the Fall. The items are stored at Trinity United Church. Needed items are going to be posted on facebook each month and donations can be dropped off at the Trinity Methodist Church. Next December those items collected will be packaged and delivered to the families.

X. Committee Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW). Trustee Kuhl provided departmental monthly activity including 12 loads of brush picked up, storm and drop sewers were cleaned off for rain and thawing snow, plowing and salting continues, oil changed in three pumps at main lift station, confined space training, oil, grease and filter completed on 2003, 2014 International trucks and JCB loader, cutting edge replaced on JCB snow bucket, blades replaced on 2003 truck, levy project is moving forward and zoning administrator will be looking at ordinance violations.

1. Ground Use Applications

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce Grounds Use Applications for the 2026 Easter Egg Hunt, Sugar Festival, Moonlight Madness, and Spirit of Christmas, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

B. Office Administration Department. Trustee Kuhl provided updates the Planning Commission is working on short-term rental ordinance, calendar year 2026 payroll spreadsheets were completed, unused vacation & sick time were paid out, Planning Commission was paid and 457b employer contribution was completed.

1. Reappointment of Harbor Commission Board Members

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the reappointment of Doug Deming, Scott Myers and Nik Shenk to the Harbor Commission Board with the 3-year terms expiring January 30, 2029, effective January 20, 2026.

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

2. Meeting Schedule for 2026

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the 2026 schedule of Council Meetings to be held on the third Monday of the month at 222 North Center Street, Sebawaing, Michigan 48759 at 7:00 PM, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

C. Police Department. Trustee Sting's updates included purging of old files continues, Dodge patrol car replaced headlights and visor lights were upgraded to reduce glare, professional training continues, volunteer police service aid, working on updating Policy/Procedure 51 and Monthly Activity handled for December – Complaints were 46, Traffic stops: 34, Vehicle miles: 1,866 for 3 vehicles.

D. Light and Water Department. Trustee Sting reported for Fiber - 2 new installs are waiting, Electric - PCA for December was \$0.01456, Grove and Third Street pole rebuild, substation transformer was ordered, Pine street – starting batteries installed on both Jenbacher units, new batteries for station panels on order, December windstorm ran both units as a preventative measure, Water – routine maintenance at well houses, water main break on East Sebawaing Street had to do a valve replacement and replace a portion of the main, Safety - truck inspections were completed, and researching information on a Flir Infrared camera to purchase for locating bad connectors.

1. Financial Statement – November 30, 2025

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

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

2. Operating Statistics – November 30, 2025

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Operating Statistics Report for the Sebawaing Light & Water Department ending November 30, 2025, as submitted by Superintendent Hudson.
MOTION CARRIED

XI Unfinished Business.

A. 244 North Center Street (Dime Store) – No updates.

B. 249 North Center Street (LMS) – No updates.

XII. New Business

A. Wireless Radios Additional Expense

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the allocation of additional funds in the amount of \$1,765.05 for the purchase of wireless radios by the Department of Public Works (DPW).

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

C. Tabletop Microphone Set with Amplifier and Speaker

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the purchase of the Table top Microphone Set with Amplifier and Speaker not to exceed \$1,400.00.

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

XIII. COMMISSION REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

A. DDA Meeting. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 2:00PM in the Village Council Chambers.

B. Planning Commission. Meeting January 20, 2026.

C. Harbor Commission. Marcus Sting reported it has been quiet at the marina other than ice fisherman.

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kunding seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$138,432.84.

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

XIV. Public Comments. A request for leasing the property by the river so more boats could be put in the river for visitors or residents to use in the summer time. Council referred his request to DPW Committee meeting in February 2 at 3:00 pm.

XV. Council Comments. Welcome was extended to the new trustee.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion by Nitz seconded by Shenberger to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:55 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebawaing

Linda Engelhardt
Treasurer, Village of Sebawaing