

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – May 18, 2026

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

Present: Brian Kaczorowski, Dennis Kundinger, Leslie Shenberger, Marcus Sting, Debra Sy, Julie Epperson

Absent: Aaron Kuhl

Others: Rod and Noreen Tietz, Lynda Graf, Brandon Zinger, Laura Nimtz, Paula Nicholas, Wayne Volz, Glenda Hallock, Linda Jones, Judy Gregory, Erin Shenk, Megan Tietz, Matt Bumhoffer, Gayle Genow, Charlene Hudson, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz

IV. Agenda – May 18, 2026

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 Sting to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026 Regular Council, May 4, 2026 DPW, Office Administration, Police and May 5, 2026 Light & Water Committee minutes, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. Public Comment

Sebewaing Township Librarian Laura Nimtz, addressed the Council concerning the DDA Façade Grant. The library wanted to apply and was told they couldn't apply because the Sebewaing Township does not pay Village taxes. They would like to apply for the DDA Façade grant to provide front and back entries to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Laura was told by government official; a non-profit and tax-exempt entities would be able to apply for the Façade grant. Laura was asked to supply in writing to the Village Council, the government official statement so it can be documented.

X. Committee Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW). Trustee Kaczorowski provided departmental monthly activity. *See DPW Committee Minutes from Monday, May 4, 2026 Meeting.*

1. Ground Use Applications

a. Touch-A-Truck

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Kundinger to approve the Touch-A-Truck Grounds Use Application for Sebewaing Township Library to use part of 249 N. Center Street (former LMS) property, block Center Street from the South Side of Sebewaing Fire Department driveway to Washington Street and waive the required liability insurance, on Monday, July 13, 2026, as amended.

Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: absent; Kundinger: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Community Picnic

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Shenberger to approve the Community Picnic Grounds Use Application for Sebewaing Township Library to use 21 W. Sebewaing Street (grass area) behind the library and waive the liability insurance, to be held Tuesday, July 21, 2026, as presented.

Kuhl: absent; Kundinger: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

c. American Legion Post 293 Memorial Day Service

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Sting to approve the American Legion Post 293 Memorial Day Parade and Service at 10:30 am on Monday, May 25, 2026 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Seasonal Employee

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Kundinger to approve the hiring of William Welch, DPW Seasonal Employee pending an interview, for a starting wage of \$13.73 an hour.

Kundinger: yea; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: absent; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Replace Concrete

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Kunding to approve Faber Masonry LLC to remove & replace concrete approaches on the North and South side of the Center Street bridge as marked by the DPW, at a cost not to exceed \$42,000.00, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Replace Sidewalk

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Sting to approve Faber Masonry LLC to remove & replace 100'x12'x4" of sidewalk on the East side of Center Street by 42 & 50 North Center Street, at a cost not to exceed \$15,500.00, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Keeping of Livestock or Fowl Variance - Chickens

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Kunding to approve a resident's request to raise no more than ten (10) chickens at 759 Davis Street parcel #39-007-025-00 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.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Vactor Truck Resolution

Resolve by Kaczorowski seconded by Kunding to rescind Resolution #05-2025-2026 for the Financial Institution Loan in the amount of \$215,670.00 from Thumb Bank & Trust at the interest rate of 4.8% fixed to be paid back with 5 years of the purchase of the Vactor Truck for the Village of Sebewaing.

- *The Village of Sebewaing has 2 CD's maturing end of May with sewer funds to pay the vactor truck in full.*

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

RESOLUTION RESOLVED

B. Office Administration Department. Trustee Shenberger provided departmental monthly activity. *See Office Admin Committee Minutes from Monday, May 4, 2026 Meeting.*

1. Lease Agreement for Historic Sign

Motion by Shenberger seconded by Sting to approve Ferris, Schwedler & O'Mara, PC to review a Lease Agreement between the Village of Sebewaing and the property owner at 329 East Main Street.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. Overnight Camping Waiver, Map and Campsite Rules

Motion by Shenberger seconded by Sting to approve the Overnight Camping Waiver Form, Map, and Campsite Rules to be used for the Lions/Rotary Softball Tournament, as presented.

- *The camping waiver & campsite rules were approved by MML and Attorney.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. General Release and Waiver of Liability Form

Motion by Shenberger seconded by Sting to approve the General Release and Waiver of Liability form, as presented.

- *The waiver was supplied by MML and approved by Attorney.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

C. Police Department. Trustee Sting provided departmental monthly activity. *See Police Committee Minutes from Monday, May 4, 2026 Meeting.*

D. Light and Water Department. Trustee Sting provided departmental monthly activity. *See Sebewaing Light & Water Committee Minutes from Tuesday, May 5, 2026 Meeting.*

1. General Manager

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve the change of Sebewaing Light & Water job title from Superintendent to General Manager, effective Immediately.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. Financial Statement – March 31, 2026

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending March 31, 2026, as submitted by General Manager Hudson.

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Operating Statistics – March 31, 2026

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve the Operating Statistics Report for the Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending March 31, 2026, as submitted by General Manager Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Replacement Pump for Pine Street Generation

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the purchase of a Grundfos vertical multi-stage pump for Pine Street Generation not to exceed \$11,000.00, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Retirement Additions

Motion by Sting seconded by Shenberger to approve General Manager Hudson to provide the paperwork to MissionSquare for the addition of a Roth contribution capability option for an investment and loan disbursement capability ACH from employees 457b accounts, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Albert Street Property Sale Resolution – Parcel #39-008-009-31

Resolved by Sting seconded by Kunding to approve Resolution #07-2026-2027 to authorize the Light and Water General Manager Charlene Hudson to sign the sale documents and deed for the Albert Street land property ID#39-008-009-31, as amended to change the sale price wording to forty.

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

RESOLUTION RESOLVED

XI Unfinished Business.

A. 244 North Center Street (Dime Store) No update.

B. 249 North Center Street (LMS) Report was Development is coming.

C. Village of Sebewaing – Parks/ Recreation Plan and Master Plan Both plans are being worked on by Spicer with the Planning Commission input.

D. Police Volunteer Program / Position. No update.

XII. New Business

A. Community Garden

Motion by Sting seconded by Shenberger to approve the Community Garden Grounds Use Application to use 21 W. Sebewaing Street (North side of Village owned lot), as presented. MOTION CARRIED

B. Sebewaing Township Fire Department Smoke & Sirens

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the use of 249 N. Center Street on July 24, 2026 from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM by the Sebewaing Township Fire Department for their event, formerly known as William Street, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

C. Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Shenberger to approve the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce Grounds Use Application to use part of 249 N. Center Street (formerly LMS), during the Michigan Sugar Festival from June 19 – 21, 2026, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

XIII. COMMISSION REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

A. DDA Meeting. There will be a special DDA meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2026 to discuss a resubmitted Façade grant.

B. Planning Commission. Currently working on a shipping container and short-term rental ordinance. Also, helping Spicer on updating the Recreation and Master Plans.

C. Harbor Commission. Meetings held April 18, 2026 and May 14, 2026 Trustee Sting reported busy with normal yearly operations.

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kundinger seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$721,069.16, as presented.

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

XIV. Public Comments.

Attendee ask “what ride is going to be downtown during Sugar Festival”, answer was Ride a Clyde. Resident who lives out by the marina reported a tree fell into one of the cuts.

XV. Council Comment

When adding things to the Community Garden those additions will be brought to DPW committee. The DDA meetings and times are set in their by-laws.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion by Shenberger seconded by Kaczorowski to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:12 PM. MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Justin Fritz
Administrative Assistant, Village of Sebewaing