

**VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**  
**Regular Council Meeting – March 16, 2026**

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: Theresa Nitz

Others: Rod and Noreen Tietz, Lynda Graf, Laura Nimitz, Judy Gregory, Mike Bradford, Janice Hahn, Deb Sy, Sue Eastman, Matt Bumhoffer, Jim Shaw, Charlene Hudson, Megan Tietz, Wayne Volz, Linda Engelhardt

**IV. Agenda – March 16, 2026**

Motion by Kunding seconded by Kaczorowski 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 February 16, 2026 Regular Council, February 26, 2026 and March 5, 2026 Budget Meetings, and March 2, 2026 DPW, Office Administration, Police, Light & Water Committee minutes, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

**7:15 PM Recess the Council Meeting**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to recess the Regular Council Meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED

**2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget & 2026 Tax Millage Public Hearing.**

**Open the Public Hearing**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to open the Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget & 2026 Tax Millage at 7:16PM.  
MOTION CARRIED

Council reviewed the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget for Sebewaing Light & Water and Village of Sebewaing with a few updates needing to be corrected. The review of the 2026 Tax Millage shows no increase is needed for 2026.

**Close the Public Hearing**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to close the Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget and 2026 Tax Millage at 7:33 PM.  
MOTION CARRIED

**Reconvene the Council Meeting**

**XI. Committee Reports**

**A. Department of Public Works (DPW).** Trustee Kuhl provided departmental monthly activity. *See DPW Committee Minutes from Monday, March 2, 2026 Meeting.*

**1. Ground Use – Round Robin Softball Tournament**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the Ground Use Application for the Round Robin Softball Tournament on *Sunday, June 7, 2026* at the Main Park (127 Third Street) for the use of the main softball diamond, bathrooms, concession stand and equipment room.  
MOTION CARRIED

## **2. Case Loader Purchase**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kundinger to approve the purchase of a used Case loader for \$95,000.00 from Ina Store Inc. with a trade-in value of \$32,115.00 for the Village JCB 409 Loader, as presented.

Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kundinger: yea, Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

## **3. 125 West Main Street (Police building) – Heating & Cooling Unit**

Council reviewed the estimates received from two contractors. Council would like more time to revisit the best option for the building at 125 West Main Street (Police building). This will be tabled for a Council vote and sent back to the DPW Committee Meeting for Monday, April 6, 2026.

**B. Office Administration Department.** Trustee Kuhl provided departmental monthly activity. *See Office Admin Committee Minutes from Monday, March 2, 2026 Meeting.*

### **1. Budget Amendment – DNR Park \$\$**

#### **a. Park/Supplies \$\$ and Park/Engineering \$\$**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the budget amendment for the \$\$'s in account # 101-751-756-800 Park/Supplies-DNR Park Grant with a balance of \$49,384.70 and account #101-751-819.800 Park/Engineering-DNR Park Grant account #101-751-804.800 with a balance of \$17,554.00 for a total amount of \$66,938.70 to transfer to account #101-751-935.000 Parks/Routine and Maintenance.

Kuhl: yea, Kundinger: yea, Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Kaczorowski: yea, Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

#### **b. 2025 -2026 Fiscal Year Park/Routine Maintenance \$\$**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the budget amendment to transfer the Park / Routine Maintenance account #101-751-935.000 amount of \$66,938.70 from 2025-2026 Fiscal Year to Parks / Routine Maintenance account #101-751-935.000 to 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

Kundinger: yea, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Nitz: absent, Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

### **2. Land Combination Application**

#### **a. Parcels #39-008-520-00(42 North Center Street) and #39-008-513-00 (50 North Center Street)**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the Land Combination Application for parcel #39-008-520-00 (42 North Center Street) and parcel #39-008-513-00 (50 North Center Street) to be one parcel for the future development by the Village of Sebewaing, as presented.

Nitz: absent, Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kundinger: yea, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

### **3. Vactor Truck Loan Resolution**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kundinger to approve the 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 within 5 years for the purchase of the Vactor Truck for the Village of Sebewaing, as presented.

Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Nitz: absent, Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kundinger: yea, Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

### **4. Planning Commission Reappointments**

a. Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the reappointment of Chris Deming to the Planning Commission Board expiring July 31, 2029, effective March 16, 2026, as presented

MOTION CARRIED

b. Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the reappointment of Jeff Parsons to the Planning Commission Board expiring July 31, 2029, effective March 16, 2026, as presented

MOTION CARRIED

c. Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the reappointment of Jason Eberlein to the Planning Commission Board expiring July 31, 2029, effective March 16, 2026, as presented

MOTION CARRIED

**C. Police Department.** Trustee Sting provided departmental monthly activity. *See Police Committee Minutes from Monday, March 2, 2026 Meeting.*

**1. Carryover of 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Unused Budget Money**

Question was asked if the Village Office could provide an exact dollar amount for Council to vote on the transfer of funds to the Police – Capital Outlay account #101-301-971.000. Dollar amount will not be available until the March 31, 2026 accounting is completed. This motion will be tabled until a more precise amount can be presented to Council.

**D. Light and Water Department.** Trustee Sting provided departmental monthly activity. *See Sebewaing Light & Water Committee Minutes from Monday, March 2, 2026 Meeting.*

**1. Financial Statement – January 31, 2026**

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

Sting: yea, Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kunding: yea, Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

**2. Operating Statistics – January 31, 2026**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**3. Flir Camera Purchase**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the purchase of a Flir Camera from Border States for Sebewaing Light & Water and not to exceed \$20,000.00, as presented.

Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kunding: yea, Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

**4. DPW 1999 Sterling Vector Truck Purchase**

Motion by Sting seconded by Shenberger to approve Sebewaing Light & Water to purchase the Department of Public Works (DPW) 1999 Sterling Vector truck from the Village of Sebewaing in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Kuhl: yea, Kunding: yea, Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Kaczorowski: yea, Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

**5. Cyber Security Insurance Quotes**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the additional coverage for Cyber Security Insurance from Founders Professional from April 4, 2026 to April 4, 2027 in the amount of \$5,633.13, as presented.

Kunding: yea, Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

## **6. Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF)**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kundinger to approve the increase of \$.25 (new monthly amount increased to \$1.50) for the Low-Income Energy Assistance fund (LIEAF) to each monthly Sebewaing Light & Water bill beginning with April 1, 2026, as presented.

Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kundinger: yea, Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

## **7. Sale of Property – West Side of Albert Street**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the sale by Sebewaing Light & Water of 3 acres of Parcel # 39-008-009-30 on the west side of Albert Street for \$40,000.00 to Bayside Best Bean, LLC, as presented.

Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Nitz: absent, Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kundinger: yea, Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

**E. Budget Committee.** February 26, 2026 and March 5, 2026 Budget Committee Meetings were held for the Committee to review the proposed 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget and to review updated budget figures. All adjustments were done to the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget considering the recent developments of the building on Parcel #39-008-467-00 (125 West Main Street) with the findings of Village of Sebewaing holding the deed to this parcel. Final proposal will be presented at the Public Hearing on Monday, March 16, 2026 held within the Council Meeting. There will be no increase on the Tax Millage for 2026 for our residents.

## **XI Unfinished Business.**

**A. 244 North Center Street (Dime Store)** Waiting on the Huron County Land Bank.

**B. 249 North Center Street (LMS)** This property is available for development.

**C. Village of Sebewaing – Parks/ Recreation Plan and Master Plan is being worked on by Spicer.**

**D. Police Volunteer Program / Position.** This is at the attorney for review.

## **XII. New Business**

### **A. 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Utility Bad Debts**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve writing off the utility bad debts of \$1,432.81 for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, as presented.

Sting: yea, Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kundinger: yea, Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

### **B. Village of Sebewaing Magnet Purchase**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the purchase of 1300 refrigerator magnets with the Village of Sebewaing/Sebewaing Light & Water emergency and contact phone numbers from Lake Effect Labs MI, not to exceed \$1,500.00, as presented.

Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kundinger: yea, Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

### **C. 2026 Tax Millage**

Motion by Sting seconded by Kundinger to approve the 2026 Tax Millage rate of 15.59790 Mills; which includes 11.73590 Mills for Village General Operating and 3.8620 Mills for Village Streets, as presented.

Kundinger: yea, Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **D. 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget**

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the adoption of the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget for the Village of Sebewaing and Sebewaing Light & Water, as corrected.

Nitz: absent, Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kundinger: yea, Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

#### **XIII. COMMISSION REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. DDA Meeting.** Next meeting is a Community Informational Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 2:00PM in the Village Council Chambers. An invitation was extended to all in attendance.

**B. Planning Commission.** Meeting held February 17, 2026.

**C. Harbor Commission.** Trustee Sting reported the Harbor Commission is busy getting ready for the upcoming season, busy with marketing and updates to the Marina needing to be done. Received back the Engineer Study and looking at the Phases for accomplishments for 2026. Looks to be another exciting year for the Village of Sebewaing Harbor Commission.

#### **D. Monthly Bills**

Motion by Kundinger seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$439,771.03, as presented.

Shenberger: yea, Sting: yea, Kaczorowski: yea, Kuhl: yea, Kundinger: yea, Nitz: absent, Epperson: yea.  
MOTION CARRIED

**XIV. Public Comments.** Response #1: Thank you was extended to Sebewaing Light & Water from Sebewaing Librarian, Laura Nitz for their help at the Sebewaing Township Library. Response #2: "Is the Village of Sebewaing going to build a library?" Response was "No" the library is "hers" and belongs to the Sebewaing Township. Response#3: Extended an invitation to everyone in attendance to attend the upcoming Farmer's Market with the opening day of Monday, May 25.

Sebewaing Light & Water Superintendent, Charlene Hudson explained, "They were running the new engines since this last weekend because of the outages happening all over Michigan, due to the weather. Everyone needs to understand it is not just the matter of turning a switch for the engines to be turned on anymore, they must open all the breakers to get the engines on which takes approximately an hour. The load is below capacity."

**XV. Council Comments.** Trustee Kaczorowski asked, "How were the microphones working for the people in attendance? Could they hear and understand when the reports were given?" The group commented, "A microphone needs to be in front of each trustee so they can hear all the trustees clearly." Trustee Kaczorowski responded he will take care of this recommendation by the next Council Meeting, Monday, April 20, 2026.

#### **XVII. Adjournment**

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Shenberger to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:43PM.  
MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson  
President, Village of Sebewaing

Linda Engelhardt  
Treasurer, Village of Sebewaing