

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – April 20, 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 Nimtz, Florence Staricka, Laura Nimtz, Paula Nicholas, Wayne Volz, Bill Eastman, Deb Sy, Josh Hahn, Sami Houry, Megan Tietz, Matt Bumhoffer, Betty Guenther, Justin Fritz, Linda Engelhardt

IV. Agenda – April 20, 2026

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding 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 March 16, 2026 Regular Council as amended to read as follows. The date of the Ground Use for Round Robin Softball Tournament should be Sunday, June 7, 2026 instead of Saturday, June 6, 2026. Motion amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2026 Sebewaing Light & Water Committee Minutes as revised.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2026 DPW, Office Administration, Police, and Light & Water Committee minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

VI. Visitors, Guests, and Requests

A. Laura Nimtz, Sebewaing Township Librarian

Laura presented flyers for all in attendance highlighting the reason for the increase of the .7 Millage for the August 4, 2026 Ballot.

Laura presented a summary of the Sebewaing Township Library. The library serves 2678 Sebewaing Township residents, and have contracted with Fairhaven Township (541 residents) and Brookfield Township (739 residents). Library has a reading area & study desks, computer & internet corner and digital library access (MeL and Libby app). Funds currently received by the library are Sebewaing .8 mills (\$106,157.12), Fairhaven contract (\$5058.44), State Aid (\$4,300.00), Penal Fines (\$10,000-\$22,000) and Interest (\$20.00) for a total of \$125,535.56 - \$137,535.56. Library costs are Staff Expense (Wages - \$112,368.00), Books (\$12,000.00), Building (\$29,600.00), Capital Outlay (\$4,000.00) Technology (\$9,545.00), Programming (\$3,500.00), Other Expenses (\$4,475.00) for a total of \$175,488.00. Grants they have received since Laura has been the librarian for 2025; Huron County Community Foundation Fall Grant of \$3,000.00, Huron Economic Development Corporation Placemaker Grant of \$10,000.00, Donations of cash \$3,024.33 and items (smart tv, DVD player, coffee cabinet in the amount of \$1,112.59). The millage would last from 2026 to 2032 and cost about \$35.00 per \$50,000.00 of taxable personal and real property. If approved, approximately \$94,000.00 would be raised in the first year levied (Summer 2027 Taxes). Benefits to the library would be: Improvement of knowledge and skills, encourage reading habits, provide academic resources, a place for collaboration and creativity, and a social gathering place for exercise and leisurely events. Laura asked, "Are there any questions"? Attendees seemed to be satisfied with the information given and if questions or concerns come up to be sure and call 989-883-3520 or the library email: sebewaing02@gmail.com.

B. Joshua Hahn, USA Superintendent

Joshua presented a flyer with a summary on the 2026 Sinking Fund Millage Information for May 5, 2026 Ballot. A sinking fund is a voter-approved local property tax that allows the school district to pay for major facility repairs, safety and security upgrades, instructional technology, and transportation. Unionville-Sebewaing Area School is asking voters to consider a 1.10 mill Sinking Fund levy for a period of ten (10) years, from 2026 through 2035. The millage would generate \$392,000.00 annually and is the same millage rate that was levied for 2025. The estimated annual cost is \$1.10 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value. Estimated annual cost example is

\$50,000.00 taxable value is approximately \$55.00 per year.

Not allowed are salaries or benefits, textbooks or classroom supplies, utilities or operating expenses, furniture or routine maintenance.

Items allowed are roofs, heating and cooling systems, repaving and repairing parking lots and sidewalks, safety and security improvements, instructional technology, student transportation vehicles, and facility improvements.

VII. Correspondence. None.

VIII. Public Comment

Sami Khoury, Commissioner, gave updates at County level. Question was asked, Is the County looking at Animal control for Huron County? His response was the Commissioners have had many talks on this subject. Residents of Sebewaing like to know this is being discussed.

X. Committee Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW). Trustee Kuhl provided departmental monthly activity. *See DPW Committee Minutes from Monday, April 6, 2026 Meeting.*

1. Ground Use Applications

a. Western Thumb women's Softball League

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the Western Thumb Women's Softball League Grounds Use Application for the use of the South Park Diamond (Henry Street) bathrooms and lights on Tuesday nights from May 26, 2026 to July 17, 2026 except for June 16, 2026, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

b. American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Drive Post #293

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kundingger to approve the Ground Use Application for the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Drive Post #293 to be held Friday, May 1 and May 2, 2026, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c. VFW Poppy Drive

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kundingger to approve the Ground Use Application for the VFW Poppy Drive to be held May 8 and 9, 2026, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

d. Lion's White Cane Drive

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the Ground Use Application for the Lion's White Cane Drive on May 15 and 16, 2026, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

e. Rotary Club of Sebewaing Beet Feet

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kundingger to approve the Ground Use Application for the Rotary Club of Sebewaing Beet Feet 5 K Walk/Run on Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM with the Beet Feet Route including the Streets north of the Sebewaing River, West of Beck Street, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

2. 265 West Bay Street – Connect into Village of Sebewaing Sanitary Sewer System

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve Sebewaing Sportsman VFW, address 265 West Bay Street, to have permission to connect / hook up into the Village of Sebewaing Sanitary Sewer System at Center and West Bay Street with Kemp Tiling Company completing the work under the direction of DPW Superintendent, Matt Bumhoffer, as presented.

Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kundingger: yea; Nitz: absent; Shenberger: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Drop Sewer Installation

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the installation of a drop sewer between 442 and 450 Ninth Street by Kemp Tiling Company not to exceed \$8,000, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Line 12" Sewer Main

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve MEC Underground Solutions (Monchilov Sewer Service LLC) to Clean, Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) and Preparation of 12" storm pipe for Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) liner, and lining 370" storm pipe with 12' x 6mm stream cure CIPP liner from Beach Street to Maple Street not to exceed \$35,000.00, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Street Asphaltting

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the Asphalt bids for street asphaltting for Main Street (First Street to M-25), McKay Street (Washington Street to Sharpsteen Street) and Grove Street (Center Street to First Street), not to exceed \$119,000.00, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Park Asphalt Project

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the estimate from Dubs Company LLC (DBA Yarach Asphalt & Maintenance Equipment) to supply and place 3" of asphalt at 127 S Third Street – Main Park Asphalt Project not to exceed \$24,600.00, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. Seasonal Employee

Discussion on the hiring of a Seasonal Employee the DPW Superintendent is waiting to hear back from the previous year employee and if he is not returning the Village of Sebewaing will be posting for this position for the 2026 season.

B. Office Administration Department. Trustee Kuhl provided departmental monthly activity. *See Office Admin Committee Minutes from Monday, April 6, 2026 Meeting.*

1. July Committee Meetings

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Shenberger to approve the July Committee Meetings to be rescheduled to Thursday, July 9, 2026 due to the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Audit being held on June 22-26, 2026 at Sebewaing Light & Water and at the Village Office on June 29, 30, July 1 and July 2. MOTION CARRIED

2. Trustee Resignation

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to accept the resignation of Theresa Nitz, with regrets, effective April 20, 2026. MOTION CARRIED

3. Budget Amendment – Equipment Rental

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve an unbalanced budget amendment for Account #661-932-971.000 for Equipment Rental-Capital Outlay-over \$5,000.00 in the amount of \$62,885.00 to pay for Case Loader, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Firework Permit – Michigan Sugar Festival

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the fireworks permit for American Fireworks Company to display fireworks at the Sebewaing Township Airport, 651 W. Sebewaing St. for the 2026 Michigan Sugar Festival on June 20, 2026 (rain date of June 21, 2026) per Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §103:01 Sale, Possession, or Use of Fireworks, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Annual Clean-up Day

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to approve the Annual Clean-up Day with Sebewaing Township on June 6, 2026 with a cost not to exceed \$3,000, as presented.

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

C. Police Department. Trustee Sting provided departmental monthly activity. *See Police Committee Minutes from Monday, April 6, 2026 Meeting.*

D. Light and Water Department. Trustee Sting provided departmental monthly activity. *See Sebewaing Light & Water Committee Minutes from Monday, April 6, 2026 Meeting.*

1. Financial Statement – February 28, 2026

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the Financial Statement for Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending February 28, 2026, as submitted by General Manager Hudson.

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

2. Operating Statistics – February 28, 2026

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the Operating Statistics Report for the Sebewaing Light & Water Department ending February 28, 2026, as submitted by General Manager Hudson.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Union Street Substation Proposed Dismantling and Move to Pine Street

Motion by Sting seconded by Kundinger to approve the dismantling and moving the Substation (Breaker and Transformer) at Union Street to Pine Street by Sebewaing Light & Water lineman at a cost not to exceed \$138,000, as presented.

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

4. Village proposed Cost share for Dismantling and Move of Substation to 350 Pine Street

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to approve the cost share of Village of Sebewaing financially with Sebewaing Light & Water not to exceed \$73,048.00, as presented.

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

5. Lift Station at 993 East Pine Street – Building Repairs

Motion by Sting seconded by Kundinger to approve the estimate for building repairs of new roof, door, replace rotten wood and siding on the well house by Millerwise Builders LLC not to exceed \$5,650.00, as presented.

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

6. KnowB4 Renewal

Motion by Sting seconded by Shenberger to approve the renewal of KnowB4 for 13 months in the amount of \$3,317.75, as presented.

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

7. Sebewaing L & W Office Printer/Copier

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the purchase of Xerox Black and White multifunction printer/copier with extended warranty agreement not to exceed \$5,600.00, as presented.

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

XI Unfinished Business.

A. 244 North Center Street (Dime Store) Parcel sent to the Assessor for assessment and the Huron County Land Bank will list it For Sale hoping by this summer. It will be listed on the Huron County Land Bank website and will be an online auction only.

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.

D. Police Volunteer Program / Position. No update, will be on next month's Agenda.

E. 125 West Main Street (Police building)-Heating & Cooling Unit

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the purchase of a heating & cooling unit for 125 West Main Street (Police building) in the amount of \$ 15,000,00 as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

F. Overnight Camping at Village of Sebewaing South Park (Henry Street) Reviewing by Insurance carrier and attorney.

XII. New Business

A. Village Council Vacancy

Motion by Kundinger seconded by Sting to approve the appointment of Debra Sy to the vacant seat for the Village Council effective April 21, 2026 with term ending November 20, 2026, as presented

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

MOTION CARRIED

B. Water Mapping of Valves and Hydrants

Motion by Sting seconded by Kundinger to approve the agreement of Spicer Group to assist Sebewaing Light and Water in the advancement of the existing Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping for the improving of the hydrant flushing and valve exercising maps not to exceed \$6,000.00, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

C. Grounds Use – USA Pride 11U One-Day Tournament

Motion by Sting seconded by Shenberger to approve the Grounds Use Application for USA Pride 11U One-Day Tournament at the Village of Sebewaing Main Park (127 S Third Street) for the use of main diamond (Third Street) and south diamond (Henry Street), equipment rooms and concession stand on May 2, 2026, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

XIII. COMMISSION REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

A. DDA Meeting. DDA Quarterly and Community Informational Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 2:00PM in the Village Council Chambers.

B. Planning Commission. Meeting held February 17, 2026 by-laws were updated.

C. Harbor Commission. Meetings held April 9, 2026 and April 18, 2026 Trustee Sting reported the buoys are out and working on getting the Marina to operate for the 2026 season. Infrastructure updates are going to be done. The boat slips are filling up fast if anyone is in need of one Sting suggested to get theirs as soon as possible. The slips are in high demand.

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kundinger seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$303,399.71, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

XIV. Public Comments.

Attendee ask which parcel are 244 North Center, 249 North Center and Norman's Building. Answer was 244 is the old Ben Franklin (Dime Store) parcel and 249 is the LMS Parcel. They wanted to know what is happening with the Norman's Building 232 North Center Street. Response was the person who owned has passed away and they are in contact with the person in charge of the building. Sebewaing Historical Society has something

in the building which belongs to them and they were told they can have it back and they are wondering how they can get in to remove it. Zoning Administrator has been in touch with the person in charge of the building and he is waiting for a telephone call to make arrangements to inspect the building due to the water running out of the front door. He will be in touch with the Sebewaing Historical Society when he gets a response. The Commissioner talked about the negativity towards 6 of the 7 Huron County Commissioners and a recall petition that is being circulated to sign. There has been a lot of talk about wind, solar and data centers. Public Act 233 has been signed by Governor Whitmer on November 23, 2023 and was effective November 29, 2024 significantly reforms the permitting and siting process for utility-scale renewable energy projects in Michigan, including solar, wind and energy storage facilities.

Village President attended the March 13 Commissioner's meeting and received \$3,100.00 for the Senior Citizens of Sebewaing to have lunch on Tuesdays at Bay Shore Camp. This is not open to the public at the time being. This small group has been getting together for a long time and has needed a place to continue.

XV. Council Comment

Everyone received a magnet with there Sebewaing Light & Water Utility bill this last month and on this magnet are the local office numbers Sebewaing Light & Water, Village Office and Sebewaing Township with the L & W pager numbers and non-emergency Police number. There were 52 pager calls to the L& W due to electricity going out. Everyone was instructed to not call the pager number if you and your neighbors are out of electricity to wait a while to give the L & W employees time to determine the problem and figure out how to fix or turn on the new engines. It is no longer a flip of a switch it takes approximately 30 minutes for this to happen. The village was out for 38 minutes. The rain received was 2 inches in 2 hours. There were 1.3 million gallons of water pumped the weekend of the 17th.

It was reported for the outage in April was a problem for DTE. A branch did some damage on a cross arm and insulators.

Sebewaing L & W is looking for a program mass text or notice to keep the village informed when there is an outage. It was stressed when the power goes out for safety precaution to stay inside your home. A resident thanked the DPW Superintendent for the help she was given by her storm sewer.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Shenberger to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:50 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Linda Engelhardt
Treasurer, Village of Sebewaing