

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – September 21, 2026

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

Present: Brian Kaczorowski, Dennis Kunding, Aaron Kuhl, Marcus Sting, Debra Sy, Julie Epperson

Others: Rod and Noreen Tietz, Wayne Volz, Mike Forster, Deion Forster, Laura Nimtz, Leslie Shenberger, Judy King, Feather Reige, Scott Myers, Annette Hahn, Charlene Hudson, Thomas Bignall, Linda Engelhardt, Justin Fritz

IV. Agenda – September 21, 2026

President Epperson asked to move the presentation of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Audit by Weinlander Fitzhugh after Public Comment.

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the agenda for this meeting, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

V. Approval of Minutes - Council and Committees

Motion by Kunding seconded by Sy to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2026 Regular Council and September 3, 2026 Special Council, September 3, 2026 DPW, Office Administration, Police, Light & Water Committee Meetings, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

VI. Visitors, Guests, and Requests – Mike Forster from Thumb Animal Shelter in Elkton provided information on the shelter. The shelter can house 17 dogs with 12 kennels. Organizations help provide assistance to the shelter. The Huron County animal control was eliminated due to budget cuts; the shelter would like to see animal control brought back in Huron County. They work with law enforcement on loose dogs and help with dog bites and other information needed. Blankets, straw, money and many other supplies can be donated to help the shelter out.

VII. Correspondence – Letters from Bierlein Moore were read thanking the Village for the purchase of the 2020 Chevy Tahoe Police vehicle.

VIII. Public Comment – No comments.

1. 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Audit

Presentation of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Audit by Julie Ellis from Weinlander Fitzhugh.

X. Committee Reports

A. Department of Public Works (DPW). Trustee Kuhl provided departmental monthly activity. *See DPW Committee Minutes from Thursday, September 3, 2026 Meeting.*

1. Ground Use Application-Sebewaing Township Library

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the Grounds Use Application for Sebewaing Township Library to use the public parking spots in front of the library and Kauffold Insurance on Mondays from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2027, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Ground Use Application-Sebewaing Township Library

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve the Grounds Use Application for Sebewaing Township Library to use Center Street in front of the library and Kauffold Insurance on the first Monday of each month from September 2026 through May 2027, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Keeping of Livestock or Fowl Variance-Goat

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve a resident's request for a variance to raise 3 goats at 399 East Street per Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §91.04 Keeping of Livestock or Fowl and said variance shall be valid for the time period this property is owned and occupied by the current resident.

Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Sewer Usage Reimbursement and Credit

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to authorize the reimbursement of \$78,504.30 for the billing error of sewer usage for account 04-2559 Michigan Sugar Company in the months of October 2018 to July 2026 and to issue a credit to the account where the billing error occurred.

Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Office Administration Department. Trustee Kuhl provided departmental monthly activity. *See Office Admin Committee Minutes from Thursday, September 3, 2026 Meeting.*

1. 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Audit

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sy to accept the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Audit and Financial Statement for the Village of Sebewaing and Sebewaing Light & Water Department, as presented by Weinlander Fitzhugh Certified Public Accountants and Advisors, as presented.

Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Budget Amendment

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget amendment to increase #101-301-971.000 Police Department Capital Outlay – Over \$5,000 account by \$12,400 for the purchase of a police vehicle, as presented.

Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Full-Time Office Employee Retirement Benefit

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to approve for Full-Time Office Employee New Hires a defined contribution plan 401a, with the Village and the employee each contributing 5% of base pay. In addition to the contribution detailed above, the Village will contribute a 100% match to the Full-Time Office Employee New Hire contributions to the employee's 457 Account up to a maximum Village contribution of 5% of base wages effective September 21, 2026, as presented.

Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Letter of Agreement Waiting on additional information from Labor Attorney concerning a question from the Police department and Union.

5. Resolution to Amend the Law Enforcement Work Period Schedule Waiting on additional information from Labor Attorney concerning a question from the Police department and Union.

C. Police Department. Trustee Sting provided departmental monthly activity. *See Police Committee Minutes from Thursday, September 3, 2026 Meeting.*

D. Light and Water Department. Trustee Sting provided departmental monthly activity. *See Sebewaing Light & Water Committee Minutes from Thursday, September 3, 2026 Meeting.* Trustee Kaczorowski asked if there is a way for internet speeds to be increased and the price point to remain competitive with other providers.

1. Financial Statement – July 31, 2026

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

Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Operating Statistics – July 31, 2026

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Landscaping Project

Motion by Sting seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the landscaping of the Sebewaing Light & Water office building by Lee's Landscaping not to exceed \$10,766.00, as presented.

Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

XI Unfinished Business.

A. 244 North Center Street (Dime Store) The Huron County Land Bank is working on setting a price for the property.

B. 249 North Center Street (LMS) Development is in the process.

C. Village of Sebewaing – Parks/ Recreation Plan and Master Plan Both are being worked on by Spicer Group with the Planning Commission input. Public meeting will be scheduled for the Recreation Plan.

Motion by Sting seconded by Kuhl to schedule the Public Hearing for the Village of Sebewaing Parks and Recreation Plan for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed draft on October 19, 2026 at 7:15 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

D. Police Volunteer Program / Position. Attorney is reviewing.

XII. New Business

A. Previous Clerk

1. FOIA Coordinator

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kunding to remove Dena Kish as the FOIA Coordinator effective September 21, 2026, as presented.

Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorized Check Signer and all Finances

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sting to remove Dena Kish as an authorized check signer and remove her access to all Village finances effective September 21, 2026, as presented.

Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Credit Card Representative

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sy to remove Dena Kish as a Village of Sebewaing representative and card holder of the Village office credit card effective September 21, 2026, as presented.

Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Administrator of all Village of Sebewaing Office Activities

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Sy to remove Dena Kish as the Administrator of all Village of Sebewaing office activities effective September 21, 2026, as presented.

Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Full-Time Position-Clerk

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to extend an offer of employment for the Full-Time Clerk Position for the Village of Sebewaing to Feather Reige.

Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Kuhl seconded by Kaczorowski to hire Feather Reige as the Full-Time Clerk effective as soon as possible at a rate of \$25.50 per hour and to receive the benefits described in the Village of Sebewaing Employee Handbook.

Kunding: yea; Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

C. West Sebewaing Street/Pitcher Park Discussion was held on the property lines.

XIII. COMMISSION REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

A. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting. Community meeting October 13, 2026 at 6pm at the Sebewaing Township Hall.

B. Planning Commission. No meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. Working on Recreation and Master Plan.

C. Harbor Commission. The Commission approved to upgrade lighting, Wi-Fi and to install security cameras at the Marina.

D. Monthly Bills

Motion by Kunding seconded by Kaczorowski to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$333,036.20, as presented.

Sting: yea; Sy: yea; Kaczorowski: yea; Kuhl: yea; Kunding: yea; Epperson: yea; 1 seat vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

XIV. Public Comments. Treasurer Engelhardt stated the Village collected around 90% of the property tax total for the Village of Sebewaing.

XV. Council Comment. Congratulations were extended to the new Clerk Feather Reige.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion by Kaczorowski seconded by Kunding to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:35 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Justin Fritz
Administrative Assistant, Village of Sebewaing