

**VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**  
**Regular Council Meeting – January 19, 2015**

The meeting was called to order, in the Village Council Chambers, by President Alexander Khoury at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Beers, Samantha Hunt, Alexander Khoury, Kathy Manary, Brandy Slocum, Marcus Sting (7:04 p.m.).

Absent: Larry Heider

Others: Chris Deming, Doug Deming, Gayle Genow, Sami Khoury, Melvin Kuhl, Jeff Parsons, Pete Smith, Megan Tietz, and Traci Weisenbach

Motion by Beers seconded by Manary to approve the agenda for this meeting as amended.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Hunt seconded by Slocum to approve the minutes of the January 05, 2015 regular council meeting as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Referencing the trustee position discussed at the January 5, 2015 Council meeting.

Motion by Hunt seconded by Slocum to appoint Marcus Sting to fill the two year Trustee vacancy until the 2016 general election.

Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Beers: yea; Heider: absent, Khoury: yea.

5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Comment**

Doug Deming, Chamber President, spoke about the downtown buildings and the need to deal with the blight issues. This would improve the appearance of the downtown and perhaps encourage other businesses to locate here.

Melvin Kuhl, Chairman of the Michigan Sugar Festival, requested permission to use Village streets, parks, and manpower, as well as allowing temporary camping by the public during the 2015 Michigan Sugar Festival.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Manary to grant the Sebewaing Chamber permission to use the Village streets, parks, and manpower from June 11 – 20, 2015 for the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Michigan Sugar Festival.

Beers: yea; Heider: absent, Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Manary seconded by Sting to allow the Sebewaing Chamber to provide, in the field at the corner of Center and Bay Streets, temporary camping for the public during the Michigan Sugar Festival from June 11-20, 2015 provided all the proper licenses and protocol are followed.

Heider: absent, Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Sami Khoury, Huron County Commissioner, provided updates on county activity.

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Light & Water Committee**

Trustee Beers provided updates from the Light & Water committee meeting including the Fiber to the Premises Project now has 418 customers signed up with 205 active; the purchase of a dump truck; and the hiring of a lineman.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Beers to hire Brandon Kaczmarek as a full time employee for Sebewaing Light & Water as a lineman effective January 19, 2015.

Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Heider: absent, Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Khoury: yea.  
6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Beers seconded by Hunt to approve the purchase of a 2004 IH Dump truck from E. Glen Phillips in the amount of \$37,500.

Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Heider: absent, Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Khoury: yea.  
6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

### **B. Police Committee**

Trustee Slocum reported the two long guns (M16A2's) have been picked up, but for safety reasons will be inspected by a gunsmith. Due to incidents over Christmas, where residents have utilized the scanner application on their electronic devices, our police officers will begin using cell phones as their primary means of internal communication.

### **C. DPW Committee**

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing else at this time.

### **D. Ordinance Committee**

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing new at this time.

### **E. Budget Committee**

There is nothing new at this time.

### **F. Office Administration Committee**

Trustee Beers reported there is nothing new at this time.

### **G. Insurance Committee**

There is nothing new at this time.

### **H. Trash/Recycling Committee**

Trustee Slocum reported there is nothing new at this time.

### **I. Employee Relations Committee**

Trustee Hunt reported there is nothing new at this time.

## **Old Business**

Concerning the former LMS Property, President Khoury reported there is nothing new at this time.

Adding an addendum to the January 5, 2015 Regular Council Minutes to reflect subsequent updates in reference to the trustee position discussed at that meeting.

Motion by Hunt seconded by Slocum to amend the January 5, 2015 minutes to reflect the revote by roll call for the trustee appointment at the January 19, 2015 Regular Council Meeting to bring us in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: abstain; Beers: yea; Heider: absent, Hunt: yea; Khoury: yea.  
5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 abstain. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **Other Business**

Motion by Manary seconded by Beers to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$96,057.06

Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Heider: absent, Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Khoury: yea.  
6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:36 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury  
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll  
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing