

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – October 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, Larry Heider, Samantha Hunt, Alexander Khoury, Kathy Manary, Brandy Slocum, Marcus Sting.

Absent:

Others: John Bonke, Linda Engelhardt, David Khoury, Sami Khoury, Melvin Kuhl, Megan Tietz, and Traci Weisenbach.

Motion by Manary seconded by Slocum to approve the agenda for this meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 regular council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

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

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Beers reported there is a meeting next week.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Heider provided updates on departmental activity including solicitation on the roadways in the Village.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Sting to approve writing a letter, proactively, to the organizations that have solicited on the roadways in the past, advising each organization the council will not grant permission to solicit on any roadway—state, county, or village—inside the Village limits in the future.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Manary provided updates on departmental activity including that all the park buildings and water services have been closed for the season except for the Muellerwise Park, which is open for the people fishing, and that the MDEQ Part 41 Permit required for the new generator at the Hickory Court Lift Station has been submitted.

D. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Budget Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

F. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Heider provided updates on departmental activity.

G. Insurance Committee

Trustee Sting reported 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.

J. Building/Grounds Committee

Trustee Slocum reported on the chamber's request to build an enclosure behind the current Chamber Office to store chamber items to make them more accessible during non-office hours and eliminate the need to use the stairs to the basement.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Beers to approve the request of the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce to utilize a portion of the room directly behind the current Chamber Office at 220 N. Center Street for additional storage of chamber items.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the former LMS Property, Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

Regarding overnight parking of commercial vehicles.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Heider to grant special approval to the current resident at 487 Williams Street to park their commercial vehicle overnight as appropriate documents have been received at the Village Office per Ordinance §71.17 Commercial Vehicles.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Manary to grant special approval to the current resident at 460 Henry Street to park their commercial vehicle overnight as appropriate documents have been received at the Village Office per Ordinance §71.17 Commercial Vehicles.

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

6 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Hunt seconded by Slocum to grant special approval to the current resident at 16 Young Street to park their commercial vehicle overnight as appropriate documents have been received at the Village Office per Ordinance §71.17 Commercial Vehicles.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Regarding the Michigan Main Street Program.

Resolution by Beers seconded by Slocum to support and cooperate with the Sebewaing DDA and other supportive and interested individuals in its pursuit of the Associate Level Michigan Main Street Program per the attached.

Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Heider: yea, Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Khoury: yea.
7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Other Business

Motion by Hunt seconded by Slocum to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$79,274.26.

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

President Khoury reported the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) recently held a meeting at which the following recommendations were made for council.

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to amend the Downtown Development Authority By-Laws Article 3 Section 3 to read "Each four year term/appointment shall be effective beginning on November 20 each year. All other terms shall be effective immediately after Council approval."

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Hunt to reappoint, effective immediately, Larry Heider and Jeff Parsons to the Downtown Development Authority Board for four year terms that expire in 2019.

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Manary to appoint, effective immediately, Kasee Garske to the Downtown Development Authority Board for one year to complete a four year term that expires in 2016.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Heider to appoint, effective immediately, Julie Epperson to the Downtown Development Authority Board for one year to complete a four year term that expires in 2016.

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

Council Comment

Trustee Slocum provided updates from the Planning Commission. The Commission will meet monthly to begin working on the Zoning Ordinances.

President Khoury discussed expanding on the Budget Development Policy as follows:
Development Procedure: Each year 50% of the increase or decrease in property values will be applied to each General Fund Department based on the prior year budget excluding capital purchases. The remaining 50% will be absorbed by fund equity.

Adjournment

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:38 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing