

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – December 21, 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, Alexander Khoury, Kathy Manary, Brandy Slocum, Marcus Sting.

Absent: Samantha Hunt

Others: Linda Engelhardt, Julie Epperson, Darcy Guello, Sami Khoury, Shaylee Mitchell, Justus Rathschag, Joe Rule, Megan Tietz, and Traci Weisenbach.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Beers to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

A resident requested a notice be put on the back of the Light & Water bill about avoiding various scams which are happening locally.

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

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is a meeting next week.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Slocum provided departmental updates including LEIN training, transient businesses, body and in vehicle cameras, changing departmental policy to require two officers on prisoner transports, and unused vacation and personal time.

Motion by Heider seconded by Beers to allow Bill Owens to carryover 40 hours of vacation and 10 hours of personal time, Chris Eisengruber to carryover 20 hours of vacation and Branden Gettel to carryover 10 hours of personal time into calendar year 2016 providing they are all taken prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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

An issue with the train blocking the road on West Sebewaing Street by the Marina was discussed.

President Khoury proposed a "use it or lose it" vacation/personal time policy be implemented. Discussion. A policy will be prepared.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Heider provided updates on departmental activity including the Storm and Sanitary Sewer Maintenance, employee retirements, DPW General laborer, and Storm Water Management Plan Ordinance.

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to accept the bid from Dependable Sewer Cleaners for the televising and light cleaning of the storm and sanitary sewers at a cost of \$278,883 to be paid with S.A.W. Grant funds.

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Sting to acknowledge the retirement of DPW Assistant Superintendent Paul Schnitker effective January 8, 2016.

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

Motion by Heider seconded by Manary to acknowledge the retirement of DPW General Laborer Thomas Betson effective January 8, 2016.

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

Motion by Beers seconded by Manary to approve the hiring of Allen Collison as a DPW General Laborer at a pay rate of \$18.19 per hour effective January 11, 2016.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Slocum to update the Village of Sebawaing Ordinance Chapter 55 to include the adoption of the Storm Water Management Plan by reference.

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

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 Slocum provided updates on departmental activity.

G. Insurance Committee

Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

H. Trash/Recycling Committee

Trustee Slocum brought up taking a survey of the residents to see whether there is enough interest to go to weekly recycling. Discussion. The consensus was to take a survey sometime during the month of January, 2016.

I. Employee Relations Committee

President Khoury reported there is nothing new at this time.

J. Building/Grounds Committee

Trustee Slocum reported there is nothing new at this time.

Unfinished Business

Darcy Guello, a marketing professional, suggested creating a brainstorming group to generate marketing ideas to pursue. Discussion.

New Business

Regarding the zoning application for a fence at 635 West Sebewaing Street.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Heider to approve the fence permit at 635 West Sebewaing Street.

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

Other Business

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$126,006.62.

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

Council Comment

A community organization commitment letter was written by the Downtown Development Authority in support of the 2016 Fiscal Year U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Application.

Adjournment

Motion by Sting seconded by Manary to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:54 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing