

**VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**  
**Regular Council Meeting – March 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order, in the Village Council Chambers, by President Pro-tem Larry Heider at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Beers, Larry Heider, Kathy Manary, Brandy Slocum.

Absent: Samantha Hunt, Alexander Khoury, Marcus Sting.

Others: Matt Cummings, Mary Drier, Julie Epperson, Neal Gettel, Ken Schwartz, Charles Schweitzer, Judy Schweitzer, Kathryn Sloboda, Randy Sloboda, Megan Tietz, and Traci Weisenbach.

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

Motion by Manary seconded by Slocum, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular council meeting as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Comment**

A resident requested information on sewer rates that are charged to closed businesses. President Pro-tem Heider to follow-up.

A resident requested information about the water line on North Miller Street which is scheduled to be replaced this year. Another resident inquired about the connections involved in the hook up process. President Pro-tem Heider to follow-up on both items.

**Recess the Council Meeting**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Manary to recess the March 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Hearing – Zoning Board of Appeals**

Motion by Manary seconded by Slocum to open the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

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

This public hearing was called to consider the request to change the zoning on the property at 213 Union Street to "AGR" Agricultural.

**Public Comment**

Residents brought up concerns about additional dust and noise. The property owner will take these concerns into consideration.

After further discussion and review, it was determined the existing zoning allows the current activity on that parcel. Therefore, there was no action taken as a result of the public hearing.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Beers to close the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

## **Reopen the Council Meeting**

Motion by Manary seconded by Beers to reopen the March 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting at 7:26 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Manary after further review of the Village of Sebawaing Ordinance for Zoning to refund the amount of \$300.00 which was paid for the zoning variance application.

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

4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

In lieu of returning the funds, the recipient requested the \$300.00 be donated for park equipment.

## **Committee Reports**

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

Trustee Beers provided updates on departmental activity including there are 435 active internet customers and 109 phone customers, the failure of well number two, and the annual salary increase for the Light & Water Superintendent.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Beers to approve the Northern Pump contract to install a new offset well at a cost not to exceed \$57,998.75 and submersible pump not to exceed \$13,194.15 for a total cost not to exceed \$71,192.90.

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

4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Beers seconded by Manary to approve a 2% salary increase for the Light & Water Superintendent.

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

4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **B. Police Committee**

Trustee Slocum reported there is a meeting next week.

### **C. DPW Committee**

Trustee Heider reported there is a meeting next week.

In light of new information brought forth since the last meeting, there was a cost saving change in regards to the purchase of the Generac MMG75 Generator.

Motion by Manary seconded by Slocum to amend the motion from the February 15, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and accept the bid from Coffman Electrical Equipment Company for a new Generac MMG75 Generator for Hickory Court lift station at a total cost of \$41,439.00.

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

4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Budget Committee

Trustee Beers reported there is nothing new at this time.

The public hearing for the budget was discussed.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Beers to schedule a public hearing for the 2016-2017 Budget on March 21, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

F. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Slocum reported the need to replace the printer/copier.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Beers to purchase a new printer/copier for the Village office from Ricoh USA, Inc. not to exceed the State of Michigan MIDEAL Contract Pricing of \$6,047.00. Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: absent; Beers: yea; Hunt: absent; Heider: yea; Khoury: absent.

4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Chamber of Commerce has expressed an interest in the old copier. The disposal shall be handled in compliance with the Village of Sebewaing Capital Asset Policy.

G. Insurance Committee

Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

H. Trash/Recycling Committee

Trustee Manary reported weekly recycling will begin effective April 1, 2016.

I. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Beers reported union negotiations are on-going and will continue on March 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

J. Building/Grounds Committee

Trustee Slocum reported there is nothing new at this time.

**Unfinished Business**

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

**Council Comment**

President Pro-tem Heider thanked the resident for the \$300.00 donation for park equipment.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Beers to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:40 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

Larry Heider  
President Pro-tem, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll  
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing