

**VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**  
**Regular Council Meeting – September 6, 2016**

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: Linda Engelhardt, Melanie McCoy, and Chrystal Simpson.

Motion by Heider seconded by Hunt to approve the agenda for this meeting as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED.

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

**Public Comment**

Plante Moran auditor, Chrystal Simpson, presented the Village of Sebewaing Financial Report with Supplemental Information dated 03-31-16.

**Committee Reports**

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided updates on departmental activity including pole replacement on the southeast side of town, conversion of overhead to underground electric lines in Hickory Court, the Sharpsteen Street water main replacement, the sandblasting and painting of the old water tower, the need for a new digger derrick truck -- the truck that places poles, and information presented by Jeff Andresen, Michigan State Climatologist regarding climate historical trends and future projections should the trend continue.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to approve the purchase from Altec of a 2011 Digger Derrick Truck not to exceed \$95,000 plus the cost of transportation.

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

**Closed Session**

Motion by Beers seconded by Heider to move to meet in closed session under section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Union Negotiations at the September 6, 2016 Council Meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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

Motion by Heider seconded by Beers to end the September 6, 2016 Closed Session and return to the September 6, 2016 Council Meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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

## **Committee Reports continued**

### **B. Police Committee**

Trustee Slocum reported there is a meeting next week.

### **C. DPW Committee**

Trustee Heider reported there is a meeting next week.

### **D. Budget Committee**

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

### **E. Building/Grounds Committee**

Trustee Slocum reported there is nothing new at this time.

### **F. Employee Relations Committee – September 6, 2016**

In reference to the earlier closed session

Motion by Sting seconded by Beers to ratify the tentative agreement between Sebewaing Light and Water and Local Union 17 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and to authorize the Light & Water Superintendent and the Village President to sign said Collective Bargaining Agreement on behalf of the Village of Sebewaing.

Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Heider: nay; Hunt: nay; Khoury: yea.  
5 yeas, 2 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

### **G. Insurance Committee**

Trustee Hunt reported there is nothing new at this time.

### **H. Office Administration Committee**

Trustee Hunt reported there is nothing new at this time.

### **I. Ordinance Committee**

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing new at this time.

### **J. Trash/Recycling Committee**

Trustee Manary 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.

Regarding annexation, there was discussion about researching the cost benefits to the residents involved and the out of pocket costs to the Village.

## **New Business**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Manary to approve the sign permit for 535 North Miller Street pending the sign location comes into compliance with the ordinance within thirty days.

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

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to approve the request by USA Schools for the use of the streets, a Police escort, and the DPW to block off North Center Street from the Sebewaing

Township Fire Hall to Main Street to Third Street to the Main Park on September 16, 2016 at 3:45 PM for the Homecoming Parade to be completed at approximately 4:30 PM.

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to accept the Village of Sebewaing 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Audit Report as presented by Plante Moran.

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 Beers to approve the Employee Related Agreement Policy as follows: "The Village of Sebewaing requires all employee related agreements, including but not limited to, union labor agreements and department head contracts, to be reviewed and approved in writing by the attorney, preferably the labor attorney, prior to being approved or adopted by the council."

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

Motion by Hunt seconded by Heider to approve the zoning application for an accessory building at 647 W. Sebewaing Street.

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

### **Council Comment**

Discussion regarding bees and abandoned vehicles in the Village.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Heider to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:27 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury  
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll  
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing