

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – October 17, 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: John Bonke, Matt Cummings, Julie Epperson, Bob Hitchcock, Sami Khoury, Megan Tietz, and Dave Wiltse.

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 regular council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

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

A resident formally thanked the DPW for all the setup and cleanup help for the Moonlight Madness event on October 6, 2016.

A resident informed the council that on Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. commercial buildings for rent or sale will be open for prospective buyers to tour.

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting reported there will be a power outage on Circuit 3 to perform needed maintenance on the night of October 26, 2016. Also, the blue water tower is being inspected inside.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Slocum provided updates on departmental activity including unregistered vehicles and the Christmas Lighted Parade. A budget amendment was requested for the amount of the insurance reimbursement from a recent claim.

Motion by Sting seconded by Manary to approve the request by the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce to use the village streets (including closures) and manpower for the Christmas Lighted Parade from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2016 as well as approving the parade route to begin on Unionville Road (M25) north of Myers Road heading north down Unionville Road/Beck Street (M25) to East Main Street, then left to South Third Street and left again ending at the Main Park.

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 Heider to amend the Police budget by \$1,345.00 for vehicle maintenance.

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

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Heider provided updates on departmental activity including repairs to various storm sewer mains and catch basins, the purchase of a lawn mower, and the paving of Sharpsteen Street, Tenth Street and Meissner Court.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to approve the purchase of a John Deere Lawnmower from Tri County Equipment for \$33,044 less trade in value of \$26,000 for a net cost of \$7,044.

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 amend the Local Streets budget by \$40,000.00 for Routine Maintenance Contractors.

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

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. Discussion regarding the roof units on the building at 249 North Center Street.

F. Employee Relations Committee

President Khoury advised the Light and Water Union Contract has been signed.

G. Insurance Committee

Trustee Hunt reported there is nothing new at this time.

H. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Hunt provided updates on departmental activity including wages and a budget amendment.

Motion by Hunt seconded by Slocum to approve the wage increase of the part-time office staff to \$15.00 per hour effective immediately.

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to approve the wage increase of the Village Clerk to \$22.00 per hour effective immediately.

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

Motion by Hunt seconded by Sting to amend the Clerk budget by \$2,950.00 for Supplies – Lawn Chair Film Festival.

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

I. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing new at this time. Implementing an ordinance to regulate engine breaking devices was discussed.

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.

New Business

Motion by Slocum seconded by Sting to approve the zoning application for a sign at 668 Unionville Road.

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 approve the appointment of Jessica Risky to a three (3) year term on the Planning Commission effective immediately as recommended by Village President Alexander Khoury.

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

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Heider seconded by Manary to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$176,007.22.

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

Council Comment

Discussion regarding the status of the Sebewaing River since the recent spill.

An update was provided regarding the informational signs which still need to be replaced on Beck Street (M25) since the roadwork was finished earlier this year.

Adjournment

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:34 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing