

**VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**  
**Regular Council Meeting – March 20, 2017**

The meeting was called to order, in the Village Council Chambers, by President Alexander Khoury at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Matthew Cummings, Marcus Deering, Larry Heider, Alexander Khoury, Brandy Slocum, Marcus Sting

Absent: Kathy Manary

Others: Linda Engelhardt, Julie Epperson, and Sami Khoury.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Cummings to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 regular council meeting as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Comment**

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

**Recess the Council Meeting**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Cummings to recess the March 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Budget Public Hearing**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Cummings to open the Public Hearing for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget at 7:15 PM.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Present: Matthew Cummings, Marcus Deering, Larry Heider, Alexander Khoury, Brandy Slocum, Marcus Sting

Absent: Kathy Manary

Others: Linda Engelhardt, Julie Epperson, and Sami Khoury.

Motion by Sting seconded by Cummings to approve the agenda for this Budget Public Hearing meeting as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED.

President Khoury requested comments from the public. There were no comments.

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Reopen the Council Meeting**

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to reopen the March 20, 2017 Council Meeting at 7:21 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Committee Reports**

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting stated there are two open items from the last meeting.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Deering to approve writing off the bad debts for the 2016-2017 fiscal year in the amount of \$3,063.94 for utilities.

Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Heider: nay; Manary: absent; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury: yea.

5 yeas, 1 nay, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Cummings to approve the update in the Village of Sebewaing/Sebewaing Light & Water Capital Assets Policies and Procedures in the "Disposal of Capital Assets" section to change the word advertising to posting.

Deering: yea; Heider: yea; Manary: absent; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

#### B. Police Committee

Trustee Slocum provided updates on departmental activity including training classes, drug enforcement agencies, funding for the Michigan Sugar Festival police protection, and a revision to the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Police Budget.

#### C. DPW Committee

Trustee Heider provided updates on departmental activity including the East Street overlay project, the spring lagoon discharge, and the 2016-2017 sewer and trash bad debts.

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to approve the contract with ACE-Saginaw Paving to overlay East Street at a cost of \$44,749.45.

Heider: yea; Manary: absent; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to approve the hiring of Cody Finkbeiner as the seasonal DPW Employee at a rate of \$10.00 per hour beginning May 29, 2017.

Manary: absent; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Heider: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

#### D. Budget Committee

Trustee Sting presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Heider to amend the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 as presented.

Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Heider: yea; Manary: absent; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sting seconded by Slocum to keep the 2017 Calendar Year millage rates the same at 10.6894 for Village General Operating and 3.862 for Village Streets.

Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Heider: nay; Manary: absent; Slocum: yea; Khoury: yea.

5 yeas, 1 nay, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to adopt the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget as presented.

Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Heider: yea; Manary: absent; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. Building/Grounds Committee

Trustee Slocum reported there is nothing new at this time.

F. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

G. Insurance Committee

Trustee Cummings reported there is nothing new at this time.

H. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Deering provided updates on departmental activity.

I. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Heider presented a proposed revision to the ordinance §34.05 Sale of Property.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to approve the update in the Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §34.05 Sale of Property to change the word advertising to posting.

Deering: yea; Heider: yea; Manary: absent; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

J. Trash/Recycling 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.

**New Business**

Discussion regarding fireworks at the Michigan Sugar Festival.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to approve the permit for a fireworks display on June 17, 2017 (Rain Date - June 18, 2017) at the Sebewaing Township Airport on the east side near the railroad tracks in the Village of Sebewaing.

Heider: yea; Manary: absent; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Other Business**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Cummings to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$107,302.02.

Manary: absent; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Heider: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Council Comment**

Placing an ad in the Michigan Sugar Festival Program was discussed. Local citizens are contributing assistance to the farmers involved in the massive fire in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Discussion regarding the Caro Center, a psychiatric hospital located near Caro. The consensus of the council was to prepare a resolution for presentation at the next council meeting to support retaining the replacement psychiatric hospital in the Caro area.

Discussion regarding the severe weather and tornado sirens.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Cummings to request a letter be written to Sebewaing Township requesting the severe weather and tornado siren is activated 24 hours a day for the safety of the residents of the Village of Sebewaing and Sebewaing Township.

Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Heider: yea; Manary: absent; Slocum: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Sting seconded by Cummings to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:14 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury  
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll  
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing