

**VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**  
**Regular Council Meeting – March 16, 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, Samantha Hunt, Alexander Khoury, Kathy Manary, Brandy Slocum, Marcus Sting.

Absent:

Others: Linda Engelhardt, David Khoury, Sami Khoury, Donna Phillips, Jeff Phillips, and Traci Weisenbach

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Manary to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 regular council meeting as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Comment**

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

A resident discussed a letter received from Chief Owens regarding Ordinance §71.17 Commercial Vehicles. Discussion. This issue was tabled until the Ordinance Committee can investigate the matter in question.

**Committee Reports**

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Beers reported there is a meeting on March 30, 2015.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Heider reported Chief Owens will be attending a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) / Rural Development workshop on April 2, the 2015-2016 police budget was reviewed, checking into handling officer coverage at various games and events at the Unionville Sebewaing Area Schools, and contracting with the Sheriff's Department for dedicated officer coverage.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Manary reported the Army Corps of Engineers worked with Superintendent Dressler on cutting, fracturing, and blasting the ice on the river. Financial assistance will also be provided by the Army Corps of Engineers. The new 1575 John Deere Tractor with mower is scheduled to be delivered the first week of April.

D. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Beers reported a meeting will be scheduled soon.

E. Budget Committee

Trustee Sting reported the budget figures were ready for public input.

Motion by Heider seconded by Beers to recess the March 16, 2015 Council Meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED

### **Public Hearing - Budget**

Motion by Sting seconded by Hunt to open the Public Hearing for 2015-2016 Budget at 7:15 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED

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

President Khoury requested comments from the public. One resident made comment on the benefits of opening the budget to the public. Discussion.

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

Motion by Beers seconded by Hunt to reopen the March 16, 2015 Council Meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED

### **Committee Reports Continued**

#### **E. Budget Committee**

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to amend the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 as presented.

Beers: nay; Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Manary: nay; Slocum: yea; Sting: nay; Khoury: yea;  
4 yeas, 3 nays, 0 absent.  
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Heider seconded by Beers to approve the 2015-2016 Budget as presented.  
Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Khoury: yea.  
7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.  
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Hunt seconded by Sting to keep the 2015 Calendar Year millage rates the same at 10.6894 for Village General Operating and 3.862 for Village Streets.  
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 Sting to recess the March 16, 2015 Council Meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED

### **Public Hearing – Industrial Development District**

Motion by Hunt seconded by Slocum to open the Public Hearing for Albert Street Industrial Development District No. 1 at 7:30 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED

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

President Khoury requested comments from the public. One resident made comment in support of the Industrial Development District stating this should lead to economic development. Discussion.

Motion by Sting seconded by Beers to close the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution by Heider seconded by Manary to establish the Albert Street Industrial Development District No. 1 in the Village of Sebewaing as presented.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED

### **Committee Reports Continued**

#### F. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

#### G. Insurance Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

#### H. Trash/Recycling Committee

Trustee Slocum reported there is nothing new at this time.

#### I. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Hunt reported the committee approved compensatory time carryover from 2014-2015 Fiscal year to the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year through the end of May for the clerk.

### **Old Business**

Concerning the former LMS Property, President Khoury reported there is nothing new at this time.

### **New Business**

Discussion concerning raises for nonunion employees.

Motion by Hunt seconded by Heider to approve a 1.5% wage increase for all Village nonunion employees effective April 1, 2015.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion concerning a request received by Bayside Best Beans to create an Industrial Development District.

Motion by Beers seconded by Slocum to create an Industrial Development District No. 2 on Bayside Best Beans owned property at the end of Prairie Street and hold a public hearing of the same on April 6, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Heider seconded by Beers to consider a request submitted by Bayside Best Beans for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for property at the end of Prairie Street and hold a public hearing of the same.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED

**Other Business**

Motion by Heider seconded by Beers to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$110,850.89.

Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Manary: absent(left at 7:45 p.m.); Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Heider reported on Harbor Commission updates which included sending a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers regarding completion of the river dredging.

**Council Comment**

Trustee Slocum provided updates on the progress of repairs to the Norman's building adjacent to the Village Hall.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Sting to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:01 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury  
President, Village of Sebewaing

Megan Tietz  
Admin Assistant, Village of Sebewaing