

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – October 3, 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: Gary Volz, Robert Hitchcock, Megan Tietz, Sami Khoury, Pat Nitz, Ryan Nitz, Dave Wiltse, Matt Cummings

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

Motion by Manary seconded by Beers to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

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

A resident was glad to see the rail along the south side of the river east of the downtown bridge was strengthened.

A local business owner expressed concerns regarding the approval of a zoning permit for a sign on the business property. Discussion.

Motion by Hunt seconded by Beers to allow the sign at 535 N Miller Street to remain where it is placed effective 10-03-16.

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

A resident asked about a recent internet outage, about a month ago, between the hours of 11:00 PM and 1:30 AM. Trustee Sting will check into this further.

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided updates on departmental activity which included the conversion of overhead to underground electric lines in Hickory Court, electric wires have been replaced at the Co-op, Sharpsteen Street water main has been replaced and paved, maintenance of the old water tower has been completed, selling of the boring machine and interviews for a journeyman lineman position.

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. The Tenth Street, Sharpsteen Street and Meissner Court paving has been completed.

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

Move to Closed Session

Motion by Slocum seconded by Manary to move to meet in closed session under section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Union Negotiations at the October 3, 2016 Council Meeting at 7:34 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Present: Donald Beers, Larry Heider, Samantha Hunt, Alexander Khoury, Kathy Manary, Brandy Slocum, Marcus Sting

End the Closed Session

Motion by Heider seconded by Beers to end the October 3, 2016 Closed Session and return to the October 3, 2016 Council Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

In reference to the closed session

Motion by Heider seconded by Manary to approve the Letter of Agreement between Sebewaing Light and Water and Local Union 17 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and to authorize the Village President, Alexander Khoury and Sebewaing Light & Water Superintendent, Melanie McCoy to sign said agreements/contracts on behalf of the Village of Sebewaing.

Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Khoury: yea.
7 yeas, 0 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. Meeting is rescheduled for October 10, 2016 at 7:15 PM.

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 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) did more samplings. There is no report available at this time.

New Business

Motion by Sting seconded by Slocum to reapply for the Coastal Zone Grant for 2017.
Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Khoury: yea.
7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Hunt to accept the resignation from Randy Edler, with regrets, as a member of the Planning Commission effective immediately.
Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Khoury: yea.
7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Council Comment

Everyone was asked to attend the Moonlight Madness and RiverFire events on Thursday, October 6, 2016 beginning at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Hunt seconded by Heider to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:53 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Linda Engelhardt
Treasurer, Village of Sebewaing