

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – July 16, 2018

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, Julie Epperson, Brandy Gunsell, Larry Heider, Alexander Khoury, Marcus Sting

Absent:

Others: William Blunt, Chris Deming, Doug Deming, Linda Engelhardt, Larry Fritz, Ron Fritz, Melanie McCoy, Emily Rhodes, Paul Schnitker, Nathan Schulz, Megan Tietz, Gary Volz

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

Motion by Cummings seconded by Sting to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 regular council meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

Village residents shared the following concerns: fully snowplowing the end of dead end streets, the street sweeper not sweeping all the roads, future water main replacements, staging porta-johns in the Northside Neighborhood Park and the Pitcher Memorial Park, trash billing for a vacant house, the lack of presence and follow through by the police department, the request for a four-way stop sign at the corner of Main and Center Streets, and painted parking spaces to differentiate the driving lanes from the parking lanes in the downtown area. Discussions.

In reference to the porta-john request, those that frequent the Pitcher Memorial Park may use the public restrooms across the street at the marina. In regard to the trash billing for a vacant house, according to the Trash Billing Policy adopted on January 7, 2014, "residents will no longer be given credit on their trash accounts when the property or home is vacated for any reason". The remaining concerns will be forwarded to the appropriate department heads for consideration.

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided an update on departmental activity including the demolition of the Pine Street engine plant, the arrival of the new engines in the United States, the completion of the water main replacements on William, Henning, and Young Streets, the painting of the Pine Street Water Tower, the purchase of items needed for the new substation, and the opt out of the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Epperson to approve, for the new engine substation, the purchase of 125 VDC Batteries from Storage Battery Systems, LLC at a cost of \$14,501.00.

Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Deering seconded by Cummings to approve the purchase of the substation concrete foundations from Pumford Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$139,740.00.

Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Epperson to authorize the Village of Sebewaing/Sebewaing Light & Water Department to opt out of the \$1 surcharge per the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAF) for 2018-2019 (Reference Case No U-17377-0120).

Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell provided an update on departmental activity including the completion of the disposal of surplus guns, training for managing property in the evidence room, and a budget amendment to cover the cost of the bullet proof vests.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Epperson to amend the 2018-2019 Budget adding \$1,740.00 to the General Fund Police Department – Equipment Repairs Account.

Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Deering provided an update on departmental activity including a stone ramp built to resolve an issue the applicator had getting their equipment out of the lagoons, the cured-in-place sewer lining to begin later this month, the annual inspections at both sewer lift stations, the Hickory Court lift station electrical permit request from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the 5-year 2019-2023 Recreation Plan.

Regarding the Recreation Plan, Emily Rhodes from Delta Institute provided the background data surrounding the development of the Recreation Plan and the next steps required in the process.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to release the Village of Sebewaing draft Parks and Recreation Plan for public comment and review.

Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. Budget Committee

Trustee Cummings reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Cummings reported there is nothing new at this time.

F. Insurance Committee

Trustee Epperson reported there is nothing new at this time.

G. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Deering provided updates on departmental activity.

H. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the property at 249 North Center Street, President Khoury reported there is a tear down meeting scheduled for next week.

Regarding the Master Plan, Emily Rhodes from Delta Institute provided the background data surrounding the development of the Master Plan and the next steps required in the process.

Act 33 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2008, as amended, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act provides that the public and various organizations be provided a copy of the draft Master Plan and be given 65 days to comment. The law further requires that the legislative body formally release the draft Master Plan for distribution to these organizations.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Epperson to approve the release of the Village of Sebewaing draft Master Plan for public comment and review.

Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Several budget amendments, several zoning permits and a DDA bylaw update were presented.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to amend the 2018-2019 Budget adding \$3,400.00 to the General Fund Building & Grounds Department – Land Purchases Account.

Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Deering to amend the 2018-2019 Budget adding \$700.00 to the General Fund Building & Grounds Department – Miscellaneous Account.

Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Epperson seconded by Deering to amend the 2018-2019 Budget adding \$5,000.00 to the General Fund Clerk – Lawn Chair Film Festival Supplies Account.

Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Cummings seconded by Heider to approve the fence permit at 651 Grover Street.
Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Khoury:
yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Gunsell to approve the zoning permit for the expansion of the
existing building at 599 South Unionville Road.

Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Khoury:
yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Deering to approve the fence permit at 340 South Center Street.
Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Khoury:
yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Epperson seconded by Heider to update the DDA bylaws to read Article 5: Officers
"1. The DDA shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer annually at
the July meeting."

Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury:
yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of
\$145,181.51.

Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Khoury:
yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Council Comment

President Khoury reminded council members about the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce
picnic scheduled for later this week.

Trustee Epperson congratulated 3 Point Chiropractic on their successful grand opening.

Trustee Gunsell reminded all in attendance the deadline for applying to run for a council
position is July 24, 2018 at 4 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Cummings seconded by Heider to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:13 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing