

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – October 15, 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: Les Alexander, John Bonke, Cheryl Canfield, Edward Canfield, Timothy Canfield, Cheyanne Cotton, Ashley Deming, Chris Deming, Doug Deming, Linda Engelhardt, Paul Engelhardt, Anthony Ferzo, Gayle Genow, Jo Jubar, Paul Klaus, Sameer Khoury, Melvin Kuhl, Cynthia Loeffler, Erwin Loeffler, Eric Lutze, Jay Maynard, Stacy Maynard, Jeff Parsons, Chelsea Perrin, Emily Rhodes, Lorraine Ricker, George Rierson, Paul Schnitcker, Nathan Schulz, Jessica Schwartz, Charlie Schweitzer, Judy Schweitzer, Pat Seabrook, Paul Strieter, Troy Strieter, Ruha Sous, Mike Terrian, Dale Truemner, Brent Vogel, Lori Vliet, Dave Wiltse, Cindy Winland.

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

Motion by Cummings seconded by Epperson to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 regular council meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

Multiple residents expressed their opinions regarding the proposed medical marihuana legislation and the proposed cultivation facility in the Village of Sebewaing.

The USA Schools Superintendent and another resident both thanked the council and departments for their joint efforts in providing additional safety measures for students.

Recess the Council Meeting

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Cummings to recess the October 15, 2018 Council Meeting at 7:18 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

The Planning Commission held the Village of Sebewaing Master Plan Public Hearing
Due to requirements of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Act 33 of 200, the Planning Commission is required to take public comments on the Draft Master Plan at a public hearing.

Village of Sebewaing Recreation Plan Public Hearing

Motion by Cummings seconded by Heider to open the Recreation Plan Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Present: Matthew Cummings, Marcus Deering, Julie Epperson, Brandy Gunsell, Larry Heider, Alexander Khoury, Marcus Sting

Absent:

Others: Les Alexander, John Bonke, Cheryl Canfield, Edward Canfield, Timothy Canfield, Cheyanne Cotton, Ashley Deming, Chris Deming, Doug Deming, Linda Engelhardt, Paul Engelhardt, Anthony Ferzo, Gayle Genow, Jo Jubar, Paul Klaus, Sameer Khoury, Melvin Kuhl, Cynthia Loeffler, Erwin Loeffler, Eric Lutze, Jay Maynard, Stacy Maynard, Jeff Parsons, Chelsea

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Motion by Sting seconded by Gunsell to approve the agenda for this meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

President Khoury stated this Public Hearing is to take comments from the public regarding the Draft Recreation Plan.

Emily Rhodes and Cindy Winland of Delta Institute presented the Draft Recreation Plan.

Comments were requested from the public. A resident inquired about the ability to amend or change the plan once it is adopted. It was explained the recreation plan is a guideline for the future and can be amended as needed. Discussion. There were no further public comments.

Motion by Cummings seconded by Epperson to close the Recreation Plan Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Resume Regular Council Meeting

Motion by Heider seconded by Deering to resume the October 15, 2018 Council Meeting at 7:37 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided a brief update on the engine plant.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell provided an update on departmental activity including the scheduled coverage for trick or treat hours, the Managing of the Property and Evidence Room Training attended by Chief Gettel, membership in the Central Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (CMACP), the required inventories to be performed in the near future, the recognition given to part-time officer Woodward for excellence and professionalism, the updating of the blight ordinance, and a statement from the Chief concerning the safety of students.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Deering provided an update on departmental activity which included the replacement of the railroad tracks on Pine Street, the fall sewer lagoon discharge has begun, fall leaf collection is underway, park restrooms are closed for the season with the exception of Muellerweiss Park which will be open until the river freezes, and internally posting the Acting DPW Superintendent Position.

Motion by Sting seconded by Heider to post a sign-up sheet for those within the department interested in the following job: Acting DPW Superintendent Position effective January 1, 2019 with the successful candidate becoming the DPW Superintendent upon the retirement of the current Superintendent. Discussion.

Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: 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. A meeting was scheduled for October 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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 work at the site is continuing.

Regarding the proposed Medical Marihuana Cultivation Facility Ordinance, trustees shared their perspective.

Motion by Gunsell to table voting on the proposed Medical Marihuana Cultivation Facility Ordinance until after the elections are complete in November. No second was given.

MOTION FAILED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to approve the adoption of Chapter §113 Medical Marihuana Cultivation Facility Ordinance as presented.

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

2 yeas, 4 nays, 0 absent, 1 abstain.

MOTION DENIED.

Discussion concerning the Christmas Parade, Open House, and Santa 5K Run.

Motion by Epperson seconded by Gunsell to approve the request by the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce for the use of the village streets, a police escort, and the DPW department to block off North Center Street (fire hall) to Main Street to Third Street to the Main Park on November 17, 2018 for the Christmas Parade to start at 10:30 a.m.

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 Sting to approve the request by the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce for the use of village streets, police services and DPW services for a Santa 5K run to start at 8:00 a.m. near Bay Shore Camp on Miller Street to Union Street to Center Street to Bay Street to Henry Street to the Main Park to Henry Street to Bay Street to Center Street to Union Street to Miller Street to Bay Shore Camp; and to use the All Purpose Building for concessions and the decorated tree drawing on November 17, 2018.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Discussion regarding a request to construct a memorial in the Northside Neighborhood Park.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Deering to approve the proposed request to remove the current sandbox and replace with it a 10 foot by 10 foot concrete slab, place two benches and plant two trees in the Northside Neighborhood Park in memory of Margo and Katie Bonini.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

The resolution of intent for the Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification was read.

Resolution by Heider seconded by Deering to approve the resolution of intent for the Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification as presented.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Other Business

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$129,440.91.

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 Cummings to reappoint Melanie McCoy as a member of the Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term that expires October, 2022 effective immediately.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Deering to amend the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) By-Laws Article 5: Officers Section 1 to read: "Village Council President shall serve as the DDA Chairperson and the Secretary of the DDA shall be a representative from the Village Office" effective immediately.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Council Comment

Trustee Sting thanked the public for sharing their comments.

Adjournment

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Cummings to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:17 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Megan Tietz
Admin. Assistant, Village of Sebewaing