

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – March 4, 2019

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

Present: Julie Epperson, Brandy Gunsell, Dennis Kunding, Scott Myers, Nathan Schulz, Marcus Sting

Absent:

Others: John Bonke, Matt Bumhoffer, Matt Cummings, Melinda Driscoll, Linda Engelhardt, Branden Gettel, Linda Holdwick, Sami Khoury, Paul Schnitker, Jim Shaw, Kelli Shaw, Pete Smith, Megan Tietz, Michael Zagata

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Sting to approve the agenda for this meeting as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sting seconded by Schulz to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2019 regular council meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

Chief Gettel provided an update on recent police activity in the village.

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

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided updates on departmental activity including upgrades to the Calix fiber system, the continuation of tree trimming and line clearance, the running of our engines during the recent DTE power outage, the bidding for the sale of the old firehall, a loan to the Police Department for a new vehicle, the utility bad debts for the fiscal year, and engine plant updates which include testing and running parallel to the grid, as well as plans for an open house and ribbon cutting.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell reported there is a meeting next week and provided a reminder regarding the community policing event "Coffee with a Cop" to be held March 6, 2019 at the Lamplighter Restaurant from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Myers reported there is a meeting next week.

D. Budget Committee

Trustee Myers reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Kunding reported there is nothing new at this time.

F. Insurance Committee

Trustee Schulz reported there is nothing new at this time.

G. Office Administration Committee
Trustee Gunsell reported there is nothing new at this time.

H. Ordinance Committee
Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Myers to recess the March 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Hearing: Special Use Permit – 249 North Center Street

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Schulz to open the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Present: Julie Epperson, Brandy Gunsell, Dennis Kunding, Scott Myers, Nathan Schulz, Marcus Sting

Absent:

Others: John Bonke, Matt Bumhoffer, Matt Cummings, Melinda Driscoll, Linda Engelhardt, Branden Gettel, Linda Holdwick, Sami Khoury, Paul Schnitker, Jim Shaw, Kelli Shaw, Pete Smith, Megan Tietz, Michael Zagata

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

The notice of public hearing was read. President Epperson requested comments from the public. Comments were positive and centered around opening a new business in the village.

Motion by Sting seconded by Kunding to close the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Resume Council Meeting

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Kunding to resume the March 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the property at 249 North Center Street, the contractor has begun removing the concrete.

The Village of Sebewaing is waiting for the approval of the Village of Sebewaing Master Plan.

An additional request from the State of Michigan for the Village of Sebewaing Recreation Plan has been received.

Discussion regarding a village manager position.

Discussion regarding the vacant trustee position.

Motion by Sting seconded by Myers to appoint Melinda Driscoll to fulfill the remainder of the vacant trustee term which ends November 2020 effective immediately.

Gunsell: nay, Kundinger: yea, Myers: yea, Schulz: yea, Sting: yea, Epperson: yea.
5 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion regarding the purchase of a police vehicle and an associated loan from the Sebewaing Light & Water Department for a portion of the purchase.

Motion by Sting seconded by Myers to approve the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Durango Pursuit Police Vehicle from Moore Motors at a cost of \$29,953 for the vehicle plus additional upfitting costs not to exceed \$6,647 from Great Lakes Public Safety Equipment for a grand total cost not to exceed \$36,600 to be purchased in the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

Kundinger: yea, Myers: yea, Schulz: yea, Sting: yea, Gunsell: yea, Epperson: yea.
6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Myers to approve a loan from the Sebewaing Light & Water Department to the Village of Sebewaing Police Department of \$18,600 for the purchase of a police vehicle for three years at 2.4% interest rate.

Myers: yea; Schulz: yea; Sting: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kundinger: yea; Epperson: yea.
6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Motion by Sting seconded by Gunsell to approve the special use permit for an assisted living facility on a portion of 249 North Center Street, parcel ID#39-008-080-50.

Schulz: yea; Sting: yea; Gunsell: yea; Kundinger: yea; Myers: yea; Epperson: yea.
6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent MOTION CARRIED.

Council Comment

President Epperson shared the final cleanup of the former dry cleaner property located at 115 East Main Street is on hold pending more favorable weather.

The various departments were thanked for their dedication in recent strenuous situations.

The next DPW meeting will be held March 11, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Myers seconded by Sting to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:50 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Julie Epperson
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing