

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – February 15, 2016

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

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

Absent: Donald Beers

Others: Linda Engelhardt, Julie Epperson, Neil Gaeth, Dennis Haist, Mike Herman, Bill Kauffold, Maxine Kauffold, David Khoury, Sameer Khoury, Sami Khoury, Neal Meyers, Bill Owens, Hiram Richter, Ernest Sbresny Jr., Paul Strieter, Megan Tietz, Amanda Weisenbach, Traci Weisenbach, and Todd Werth.

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Manary to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 regular council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Hunt to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016, special council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

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

In preparation for the completion of the Master Plan for the Village of Sebewaing, annexing additional land to the village was discussed. Multiple residents questioned the purpose for annexation and provided opinions regarding the proposal.

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is a meeting next week.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Slocum provided updates on departmental activity including various training opportunities, the 2016-2017 Proposed Police Budget, and scams circulating throughout the area.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Sting to host the MCIR (Michigan Incident Crime Reporting) Training Class on June 9, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Sebewaing Village Council Chambers.

Beers: absent; Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury: yea.
6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.
MOTION CARRIED.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Heider provided updates on departmental activity including rehiring a seasonal parks employee, purchasing a generator for the Hickory Court Lift Station, purchasing a snowplow kit for the new pickup truck, and filling the DPW Assistant Superintendent Position.

Motion by Heider seconded by Hunt to rehire Madeleine Payton as a DPW Seasonal Employee from May 2 to October 21, 2016 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: absent; Khoury: yea.
6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to accept the bid from *Coffman Electrical Equipment Company* for a new Generac MMG75 Generator for the Hickory Court Lift Station at a total cost of \$41,439.00. (Amended at the March 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.)

Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: absent; Heider: yea; Khoury: yea.
6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to accept the bid from Advanced Auto Glass for a DXT Boss Snowplow kit and installation at a price not to exceed \$6,375.94.

Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: absent; Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Khoury: yea.
6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Manary to appoint Matthew Bumhoffer DPW Assistant Superintendent Position with the associated pay increase effective February 15, 2016.

Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: absent; Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Khoury: yea.
6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Budget Committee

Trustee Sting reported the regular accounts in the 2016-2017 budget have been balanced for the village; the Light & Water Budget will be presented at the next departmental meeting.

F. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Hunt provided updates on departmental activity.

G. Insurance Committee

Trustee Hunt reported there is nothing new at this time.

H. Trash/Recycling Committee

Trustee Manary reported Emterra Environmental has been contacted to update the contract for the change in the frequency of recycling pickup.

I. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Sting reported union negotiations have begun; more meetings have been scheduled.

J. Building/Grounds Committee

Trustee Slocum reported there is nothing new at this time.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the former LMS Property, Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

Regarding HB (House Bill) 5016 which requires local governments to give a one year notification to the owning entities to relocate any in ground or above ground utilities or transmission lines or bear a portion of the cost.

Motion by Heider seconded by Hunt to adopt the Resolution as presented opposing HB 5016.

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

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business

Motion by Slocum seconded by Heider to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$124,222.60.

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

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to schedule a public hearing for Gettel Grain, 213 Union Street, on March 7, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve a zoning variance from "M1" Light Manufacturing to "AGR" Agricultural.

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

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Council Comment

Trustee Sting reported the vacant store at the corner of Main and Center Streets has been purchased and is in the process of being developed.

President Khoury reminded those in attendance about the February 18, 2016 7:00 p.m. Sebewaing's Downtown Redevelopment Meeting at the Sebewaing Library Community Room.

Adjournment

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:06 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing