

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – April 18, 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: Matt Cummings, Linda Engelhardt, Larry Holdwick, Linda Holdwick, Sami Khoury, Bob Kinde, Bill Owens, George Rierson, and Traci Weisenbach.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Manary to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

A resident inquired about the process required to get mosquito control on the ballot.

Unionville Sebewaing Area Schools Superintendent, George Rierson, shared information concerning the upcoming school election on May 3, 2016.

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

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 the Michigan Sugar Festival Parade Route, support of surrounding drug enforcement agencies, and a wage increase for the Police Chief.

Motion by Sting seconded by Heider to approve the route for the Michigan Sugar Festival Grand Parade on June 18, 2016 at 10:30 A.M. to begin on Pine Street (M25) down North Center Street to East Main Street to end at the intersection of East Main Street and South Beck Street (M25).
Beers: yea; Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury: yea.
7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Sting to support the Thumb Narcotics Unit with \$150.00 for the 2016 Drug Enforcement Program for the 2016 Yearly Assessment.
Heider: yea; Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Khoury: yea.
7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Hunt to support the Huron County Sheriff's Department with \$150.00 for drug enforcement.

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

Discussion concerning a wage increase for the Village non-union department heads.

Motion by Heider to approve a 2% wage increase for the Police Chief effective April 1, 2016.
No second to the motion was offered. MOTION FAILED.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Beers to approve a 1% wage increase for the Police Chief effective April 1, 2016.

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

Residents are encouraged to lock up personal items due to a rash of recent break-ins.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Heider provided updates on departmental activity including the Michigan Sugar Festival, DPW work schedule, a wage increase for the DPW Superintendent, and the implementation of an AFLAC (American Family Life Assurance Company) pretax cafeteria plan. In addition, on Saturday, April 16, 2016 there was vandalism at the Northside Neighborhood Park. Discussion.

Motion by Heider seconded by Hunt to grant the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce permission to use the Village streets (including closures), parks, and manpower from June 9 – 19, 2016 for the 52nd Annual Michigan Sugar Festival.

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Sting to establish, including notification to the union, a four day – 10 hours a day weekly schedule, 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with ½ hour for lunch, from Memorial Day to Labor Day with half the employees working Monday through Thursday and the other half working Tuesday through Friday.

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

Motion by Heider seconded by Hunt to approve a 2% wage increase for the DPW Superintendent effective April 1, 2016.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Beers to approve a 1% wage increase for the DPW Superintendent effective April 1, 2016.

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

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to allow the Village President, Alexander Khoury, and Clerk, Lois Kroll, to sign paperwork associated with creating a pre-tax cafeteria plan through AFLAC Insurance.

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

D. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Budget Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

F. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Hunt reported there is nothing new at this time.

G. Insurance Committee

Trustee Hunt reported there is nothing new at this time.

H. Trash/Recycling Committee

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing new at this time.

I. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Beers reported there is nothing new at this time.

J. Building/Grounds Committee

Trustee Slocum reported the neighborhood issue on Eighth Street has been resolved.

Unfinished Business

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

Regarding annexation, the President Khoury indicated research is still being done.

New Business

Motion by Heider seconded by Manary to grant permission to Lawrence Holdwick to build a pole barn on West Main Street property ID# 3239-008-476-50 for dry storage upon zoning and building permit approval and providing no residents live in the building upon purchase of the property.

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

Motion by Heider seconded by Manary to attach as a special assessment the delinquent electric, water, sewer, trash and yard maintenance to the 2016 Village of Sebawaing taxes in the amount of \$32,971.03 less any amount paid prior to Huron County's Special Assessment tax submittal deadline.

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt, that due to the holiday, to cancel the July 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

Sting: nay; Beers: nay; Heider: nay; Hunt: yea; Manary: nay; Slocum: yea; Khoury: yea.
3 yeas, 4 nays, 0 absent. MOTION DENIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Beers, that due to the holiday, to change the Monday, July 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

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

Other Business

Motion by Heider seconded by Beers to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$168,839.96.

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

Council Comment

There was discussion concerning property sites on West Sebewaing Street.

Adjournment

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:05 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing