

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING

Regular Council Meeting – May 2, 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: Linda Engelhardt, Julie Epperson, Aaron Faist, Sami Khoury, and Traci Weisenbach.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to approve the agenda for this meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 regular council meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

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

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided updates on departmental activity including there are 460 active internet customers, the planned power outage for the breaker number two upgrades, joining the MPPA (Michigan Public Power Agency), the drilling of well number two, the replacement of the motor on well number three, the Miller Street water main replacement, and the replacement of a portion of the Main Street Electrical Plant roof.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to grant permission for the Sebewaing Light and Water Department to join the Michigan Public Power Agency as a full member per resolution 2016-0401 as presented.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Beers seconded by Manary to replace section 1 (area above Head End) and section 2 (area above Switchgear) of the Light and Water Main Street Electrical Plant Roof at a cost not to exceed \$95,000.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Slocum reported there is a meeting next week and provided updates on several scams.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Heider reported there is a meeting next week and the seasonal help has started working.

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 while there is nothing new at this time, a meeting has been scheduled for May 16, 2016 at 6:15 p.m.

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 while there is nothing new at this time, a meeting has been scheduled for May 6, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

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

New Business

Motion by Slocum seconded by Sting to transfer the special assessments of delinquent electric, sewer, and garbage from parcel #32-39-008-562-00 to parcel #3239-008-553-00 from the 2015 tax bill.

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 approve the fence permit at 905 E. Sebewaing Street.

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

Motion by Hunt seconded by Sting to approve the fence permit at 329 E. Main Street.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Slocum to fund MERS Division 02 with an additional \$47,232.00 to bring this Division to 50 percent funded which will allow for the conversion from a Defined Benefit Plan to a Defined Contribution Plan in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local Union 15157-08 Police Department.

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

6 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Beers seconded by Slocum to amend the 2016-2017 Budget for Police – Retirement in the additional amount of \$47,232.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business

Discussion regarding wage increases for various personnel.

Motion by Beers seconded by Heider to approve an additional 1% wage increase for the DPW Superintendent effective April 1, 2016.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Beers to approve an additional 1% wage increase for the Police Chief effective April 1, 2016.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to approve a 2% wage increase for the Clerk effective April 1, 2016.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion regarding the Department Head annual evaluations. The consensus of the council was to develop a policy stating the respective committee to complete the evaluation.

Council Comment

There was discussion concerning vacant properties.

Adjournment

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:43 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing