

**VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**  
**Regular Council Meeting – May 16, 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: Ed Amann, John Bonke, Linda Engelhardt, Julie Epperson, Mike Herman, and Traci Weisenbach.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Beers to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 regular council meeting as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Comment**

A resident presented details surrounding the request for a fence permit.

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to approve the fence permit at 432 S. Center Street.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

**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 leads received were unsuccessful in determining who was responsible for the April 16, 2016 vandalism at the Northside Neighborhood Park placing cameras in the parks, the Police Department will lead the Memorial Day Parade, and Salvage Title training for the officers.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Heider provided updates on departmental activity including the Sebewaing Lawn Chair Film Festival, summer algae and coontail treatments on the lagoons, Superintendent Dressler receiving the pesticide license for turf, grass, and road right of way.

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to grant the Sebewaing Lawn Chair Film Committee permission to use the Muellerweiss Park and close West Sebewaing Street adjacent to the Park on Friday evenings from June 24 – August 12, 2016 for the Sebewaing Lawn Chair Film Festival.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Manary to contract with PLM Lake and Management Corp for two treatments for algae and two treatments for coontail during the summer for Lagoons four and five at a cost of \$6,875.00.

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 while there is nothing new at this time, a meeting has been scheduled for June 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

E. Budget Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

F. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Hunt provided updates on departmental activity including limiting the amount of extra office work during the months of January and February when the office is completing year end and budget activities, offering the MERS (Municipal Employees Retirement System) Admin Division 12 employees the option to convert from a defined benefit to a defined contribution, and providing a wage increase for the Village Clerk.

Motion by Hunt seconded by Slocum to offer the MERS Admin Division 12 employees the option to convert from a defined benefit to a defined contribution.

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

Motion by Hunt seconded by Slocum to increase the wage of the Village Clerk to \$21.51 effective May 1, 2016.

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

A meeting has been scheduled for June 6, 2016 at 6:00 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 stated Light & Water union negotiations will be starting soon.

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 more information will be forthcoming.

### **New Business**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to approve permission for Midway Signs to put up a sign at 8874 Unionville Road for State Farm Insurance per Ordinance §153.178.

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Heider to approve the purchase of the Chicken Barbeque Tickets during the Michigan Sugar Festival June 18, 2016 for Village of Sebewaing and Sebewaing Light & Water Employees for those who choose to accept the tickets.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Beers to approve the temporary structure per Ordinance §153.173 at 22 Washington Street for 90 days beginning when the structure is put up with a takedown date of 90 days later with the resident notifying the village of erection date.

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

The action regarding the fence permit at 432 S. Center Street was previously handled under Public Comment.

### **Other Business**

Motion by Heider seconded by Hunt to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$258,742.04.

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

### **Council Comment**

Trustee Slocum provided positive feedback concerning all the recent improvement activity in the downtown area.

President Khoury requested volunteers to attend the Sebewaing Township meetings.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:46 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury  
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll  
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing