

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – August 21, 2017

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

Present: Matthew Cummings, Marcus Deering, Julie Epperson, Larry Heider, Alexander Khoury, Brandy Slocum, Marcus Sting

Absent:

Others: Mary Drier, Linda Engelhardt, Aaron Holdwick, Season Holdwick, Sami Khoury, Paul Schnitker, Chrystal Simpson, Megan Tietz, Dave Wiltse

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Epperson to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 regular council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

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

Plante Moran auditor, Chrystal Simpson, reviewed the Village of Sebewaing March 31, 2017 Financial Report with Supplemental Information.

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting reported the Light & Water Department is trimming vegetation in the normally wet areas and there is a meeting next week.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Slocum provided updates on departmental activity including blight activity and reviewing the employee contract with the intent of reverting the employee to an at-will status after the current contract has expired.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Cummings to send a letter to Police Chief Owens advising him the Village will not be renewing his contract.

Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Heider: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Heider provided updates on departmental activity including the purchase and retrofitting of a box for the 1997 Ford pickup, the 2018 Michigan Sugar Festival, and reviewing the employee contract with the intent of reverting the employee to an at-will status after the current contract has expired.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Epperson to authorize the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce permission to use the village streets (including closures), parks and manpower from June 7 – June 17, 2018 for the 54th Annual Michigan Sugar Festival.

Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Heider: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to send a letter to Superintendent Dressler advising him the Village will not be renewing his contract.

Epperson: yea; Heider: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. Budget Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

F. Insurance Committee

Trustee Cummings reported there is nothing new at this time.

G. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Deering provided updates on departmental activity.

H. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the property at 249 N. Center Street, Trustee Heider reported the rooftop units will be removed after all the paperwork has been completed.

New Business

Various items were discussed including the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Audit, the September 4, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, the fence permit at 305 N Beck Street, and the Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses.

Motion by Sting seconded by Deering to accept the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Audit as presented by Plante Moran.

Heider: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Cummings seconded by Deering to cancel the September 4, 2017 Regular Council Meeting in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Heider: nay; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Deering to approve the zoning permit for a fence at 305 N Beck Street.

Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Heider: yea; Slocum: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolved by Sting seconded by Epperson to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses requested by the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce as presented.

Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Heider: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$199,448.13.

Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Heider: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nay, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Council Comment

Discussion regarding the 2018 Michigan Sugar Festival public meeting to be held on September 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Sebewaing Library Community Room.

President Khoury thanked the Department Heads for the great work increasing the spendable fund balance for the Village.

Trustee Slocum thanked the Office Staff for all of their hard work preparing for the annual audit.

Adjournment

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:34 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing