

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – February 5, 2018

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: Linda Engelhardt, Scott Millerwise, Toni Mitchell, Paul Schnitker, Charlie Schweitzer, Judy Schweitzer, Pete Smith

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

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2018 regular council meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

A resident shared her request for a Special Use Permit to operate a pet grooming business at 310 Tenth Street. A public hearing for this request has been scheduled for February 19, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided updates on departmental activity including the ongoing line clearance and tree trimming, the demolition of the current engine plant on Pine Street, the hiring of a design electrical engineer for the engine development project, and the Light & Water Superintendent's compensation.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Epperson to award Dore and Associates Contracting Inc. the contract for demolition of the current Pine Street engine plant at a cost of \$73,012.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Epperson seconded by Deering to authorize GRP Engineering, Inc. to proceed with design engineering for the engine development project at a cost of \$92,000.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Epperson to approve one additional week of vacation for the Light & Water Superintendent in lieu of a raise.

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

6 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Slocum reported there is a meeting next week.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Deering reported there is nothing new at this time.

D. Budget Committee

Trustee Cummings reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Cummings reported there is nothing new at this time.

F. Insurance Committee

Trustee Epperson reported there is nothing new at this time.

G. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Deering reported there is nothing new at this time.

H. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the property at 249 North Center Street, President Khoury reported there is nothing new at this time.

Regarding the Master Plan, residents are encouraged to share their opinions on the Community Survey until February 16, 2018.

New Business

Discussion regarding the elimination of the purchase of MERS (Municipal Employees Retirement System) defined benefit governmental and generic service credit for all employees. Motion by Heider seconded by Deering for the Village of Sebewaing to opt out of the purchasing of MERS defined benefit governmental and generic service credit for all employees of the Village of Sebewaing and Sebewaing Light and Water Department effective 8-1-18.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:22 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing