

**VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING**  
**Regular Council Meeting – March 19, 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, Sami Khoury, Melanie McCoy, Nathan Schulz, Megan Tietz

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

Motion by Epperson seconded by Cummings to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 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 the conclusion of the yearly line clearance and tree trimming at the end of this week, the decommissioning of the current engine plant on Pine Street, and the outstanding bid for the new transformers.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Slocum provided updates on departmental activity including a wage increase for part-time police officers, a wage increase for the Police Chief, an additional contribution to MERS (Municipal Employees Retirement System), and adding Branden Gettel to the credit card account.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Heider to approve the increase of the part-time police officer wage to \$18.00 per hour effective April 1, 2018.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Recess the Council Meeting**

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to recess the March 19, 2018 Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

**Budget Public Hearing**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Deering to open the Budget Public Hearing on March 19, 2018 at 7:15 PM.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Absent:

Others: Linda Engelhardt, Sami Khoury, Melanie McCoy, Nathan Schulz, Megan Tietz

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

President Khoury stated this Public Hearing is to consider the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget and the 2018 tax millage rates.

Comments were requested from the public. There were no public comments.

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to close the Budget Public Hearing on March 19, 2018 at 7:17 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

### **Reopen the Council Meeting**

Motion by Epperson seconded by Cummings to reopen the March 19, 2018 Council Meeting at 7:17 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **B. Police Committee (continued)**

Motion by Epperson seconded by Sting to approve an additional contribution to MERS in the amount of \$20,000 to fund Division 02 Police/Division 20 Police Chief.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Cummings seconded by Heider to approve a 1.5% wage increase for the Police Chief effective April 1, 2018.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Epperson to add Branden Gettel as an authorized user on the corporate credit card account for the Village of Sebewaing issued by Chemical Bank at the same levels as the current department heads.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

#### **C. DPW Committee**

Trustee Deering provided updates on departmental activity including a wage increase for the DPW Superintendent, hiring of the seasonal employee, ordering the wood sealer for maintenance of the playscape, and the spring discharging of the lagoon.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to approve a 2% wage increase for the DPW Superintendent effective April 1, 2018.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Deering seconded by Heider to hire Cody Finkbeiner as the 2018 seasonal DPW Employee at a rate of \$10.00 per hour beginning May 21, 2018.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

#### D. Budget Committee

Trustee Cummings presented several budget related items.

Motion by Cummings seconded by Epperson to amend the 2017-2018 fiscal year governing body budget by \$3,000, and the police budget by \$20,000.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sting seconded by Slocum to approve the 2018 Calendar Year millage rate of 14.5514; which includes 10.6894 for Village General Operating and 3.862 for Village Streets.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Deering seconded by Sting to approve the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget as presented.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

#### 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 provided updates on departmental activity including a proposed office staff wage increase.

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to approve a 2% wage increase for the office staff effective April 1, 2018.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

#### H. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

**Unfinished Business**

Regarding the property at 249 North Center Street, Trustee Heider reported that additional samples have been taken. President Khoury stated paperwork related to the proposed assisted living project has been turned over to Carl Osentoski, Huron County Economic Development Director.

Regarding the Master Plan, there is a Steering Committee meeting this week, March 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

**New Business**

Motion by Heider seconded by Deering to approve writing off the bad debts for the 2017-2018 fiscal year in the amount of \$818.29 for all utilities.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Other Business**

Motion by Slocum seconded by Epperson to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$125,483.48.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Council Comment**

Trustees shared details regarding the annual Sebewaing Township Firemen's pancake breakfast and the letter from MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) relating to future work at the Beck (M-25) and Bay Streets intersection.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:44 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury  
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll  
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing