

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – October 1, 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, Marcus Sting

Absent: Brandy Gunsell

Others: Les Alexander, John Bonke, Debbie Bourgois, Dennis Collison, Ashley Deering, Chris Deming, Doug Deming, Linda Engelhardt, Lynda Graf, Garrett Jackson, Myrtle Jackson, Paul Klaus, Melanie McCoy, Paula Nicholas, Cindy Parsons, Jeff Parsons, Brad Polega, Beth Schnitker, Paul Schnitker, Florence Staricha, Jim Stenfelt, Megan Tietz, Brent Vogel, Dave Wiltse, James Yaroch.

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

Motion by Deering seconded by Cummings to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 regular council meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

Dennis Collison, Spicer Group, spoke regarding the pros and cons of having a village manager.

Multiple residents expressed their opinions regarding the future of medical marihuana and the proposed cultivation facility in the Village of Sebewaing.

Candidate for the 25th district for Michigan State Senate, Debbie Bourgois, introduced herself and shared her agenda items.

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided an update on departmental activity including scheduled power outages for maintenance and upgrades, an update on the engine plant transformer station, the future gas contract with Transparent Energy LLC, the need for an additional lineman apprentice, and the selection of a defined contribution plan for future Sebewaing Light & Water employees.

Motion by Heider seconded by Deering to post for an electric lineman apprentice.

Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: absent; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Epperson seconded by Cummings to approve the National Electrical Annuity Plan as the defined contribution plan for future hired and rehired Sebewaing Light and Water Employees. Deering: nay; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: absent; Heider: nay; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Khoury: yea.

4 yeas, 2 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Epperson 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. Trustee Sting reported two resumes have been received for the Light & Water Superintendent position.

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 provided an update on activity from the September 24, 2018 meeting which included the proposed ordinance Chapter §113 Medical Marihuana Cultivation Facility.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the property at 249 North Center Street, President Khoury reported demolition will continue for approximately another three weeks. Discussion regarding the removal of cement on the property.

Regarding the Master Plan, Trustee Epperson stated the public hearing for the Master Plan and Recreation Plan will take place during the October 15, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

Several ordinances, which were presented at the last council meeting, were approved.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to amend Chapter §51.02 Sewer Facilities - Use of System to read "...in compliance with the Village Ordinance" as presented.

Epperson: yea; Gunsell: absent; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sting seconded by Cummings to amend Chapter §56.07 Garbage – Owners' and Occupants' Duty to read "...shall arrange with a trash company for removal" as presented.

Gunsell: absent; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heider seconded by Deering to approve the adoption of a new golf cart ordinance per the State of Michigan Vehicle Code, Public Act 300 of 1949 Section 257.657a Operation of a Golf Cart on Village, City, or Township Street, as amended, replacing Section 257.657a(16) with "A golf cart shall only be operated on a state trunk line highway or the streets of a city,

village, or township during the time period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise provided the golf cart has working headlamps and tail lamps” as presented.

Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: absent; Khoury: yea.

6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to approve the zoning permit for a recreation fuel tank at 8840 Unionville Road.

Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: abstain; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: absent; Heider: yea; Khoury: yea.

5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 abstain.

MOTION CARRIED.

Council Comment

Trustee Cummings shared his perspective regarding the medical marihuana cultivation facility.

Adjournment

Motion by Deering seconded by Epperson to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing