

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – November 2, 2015

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: Linda Engelhardt, Ralph Finkbeiner, David Khoury, Sami Khoury, Melanie McCoy, Megan Tietz, and Traci Weisenbach.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Hunt to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 regular council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Manary seconded by Heider to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015 special council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

A village resident brought forth a concern about the proper protocol regarding alleys in the Village. This will be turned over to the Planning Commission for review.

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

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Beers provided updates on departmental activity including establishing an internet customer service charge, purchasing a mini excavator, and the scheduled maintenance power outage.

Motion by Beers seconded by Slocum to approve a charge of \$25.00 per hour when Light & Water employees are asked to complete internet customer service requests that are not the responsibility of Sebewaing Light & Water.

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 Hunt to approve the purchase of a used mini excavator from Countryside Transport Services for \$34,000.00 delivered.

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

In order to replace a failed breaker, weather permitting, a maintenance outage for the majority of the Light & Water service area has been scheduled for November 10, 2015 at approximately 11:30 p.m. for 3-4 hours. Discussion.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Heider reported there is a meeting next week.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Manary reported there is a meeting next week, as well as the need to hire an additional DPW general laborer. Discussion.

Motion by Heider seconded by Hunt to hire Matthew Bumhoffer as a DPW General Laborer at a pay rate of \$18.19 per hour effective December 1, 2015.

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

6 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Budget Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

F. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Heider provided updates on departmental activity. The current wages of the part time office staff were discussed.

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to give a raise to part time office staff Linda Engelhardt and Megan Tietz of \$1.00 per hour effective immediately, eliminate any other yearly increases, and implement an annual wage review each November.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. Insurance Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time.

H. Trash/Recycling Committee

Trustee Slocum reported there is nothing new at this time.

I. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Hunt reported there is nothing new at this time.

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.

Discussion concerning an update to the Budget Development and Application Policy.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to amend the Budget Development and Application Policy to include the following: "Development Procedure: Each year 50% of the increase or decrease in property values will be applied to each General Fund Department based on the prior year budget excluding capital purchases. The remaining 50% will be absorbed by fund equity."

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Regarding the application for the Coastal Zone Management Grant.

Resolution by Slocum seconded by Sting to approve the submission of the Coastal Grant Application for the Village of Sebewaing Master Plan.

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

New Business

Motion by Sting seconded by Hunt to continue the professional service agreement with Plante & Moran to provide auditing services for the Village of Sebewaing and Sebewaing Light & Water for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Manary seconded by Hunt to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:50 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing