

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – March 21, 2016

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: Matt Cummings, Linda Engelhardt, Julie Epperson, Sami Khoury, Lois Kroll, Charles Schweitzer, Judy Schweitzer, Traci Weisenbach, and Dave Wiltse.

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

Move to Closed Session

Motion by Beers seconded by Manary to move to meet in closed session under section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Union Negotiations at the March 21, 2016 Council Meeting at 7:01 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Reviewed and discussed the tentative agreements for the Police and DPW divisions with the Village Labor Attorney.

End the Closed Session

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to end the March 21, 2016 Closed Session and return to the March 21, 2016 Council Meeting at 7:33 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Recess the Council Meeting

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to recess the March 21, 2016 Regular Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Hearing – 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to open the Public Hearing for 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget at 7:35 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

Public Comment

President Khoury requested comments from the public. One resident inquired about the millage rates. Discussion.

Motion by Manary seconded by Beers to close the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Reopen the Council Meeting

Motion by Sting seconded by Hunt to reopen the March 21, 2016 Regular Council Meeting at 7:39 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sting seconded by Manary to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016 regular council meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

A resident expressed concern about the water line on North Miller Street which is scheduled to be replaced this year.

Other residents shared their views on the potential need for increasing the millage tax levied. Discussion.

A reminder to attend a Downtown Redevelopment meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sebewaing Library Community Room was presented.

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

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is a meeting next week.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Slocum provided updates on departmental activity including changes to the budget in part-time coverage, officer attendance at Active Shooter Training, and the Chief of Police's work schedule.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Heider will provide updates at a future council meeting.

D. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Manary reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Budget Committee

Motion by Beers seconded by Sting to amend the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$9,000.00 as presented.

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

Motion by Sting seconded by Slocum to adopt the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget as presented.

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

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to keep the 2016 Calendar Year millage rates the same at 10.6894 for Village General Operating and 3.862 for Village Streets.

Hunt: yea; Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Heider: nay; Khoury: yea.
6 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED

F. Office Administration Committee

Trustee Hunt provided updates on departmental activity.

G. Insurance Committee

Trustee Hunt reported there is nothing new at this time.

H. Trash/Recycling Committee

Trustee Manary reported weekly recycling will begin effective April 1, 2016.

I. Employee Relations Committee

Trustee Beers referenced the Collective Bargaining Agreements as discussed with the Village Labor Attorney. Discussion.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Manary to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreements with the United Steelworkers (USW) for Local Union 15157-07 DPW/Parks & Recreation and Local Union 15157-08 Police Department and to authorize the Village President, Alexander Khoury, and the Village Clerk, Lois Kroll, to sign said agreements/contracts on behalf of the Village of Sebawaing.

Manary: yea; Slocum: yea; Sting: yea; Beers: yea; Heider: nay; Hunt: yea; Khoury: yea.
6 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

J. Building/Grounds Committee

Trustee Slocum will be meeting with the DPW and Light and Water Superintendents to discuss streets, easements, and alleys.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the former LMS Property, Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

Regarding annexation, the Trustees discussed different approaches and options. The consensus was more research is needed.

New Business

Discussion concerning 2016 Michigan Sugar Festival Fireworks.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to approve the permit for a fireworks display on June 18, 2016, inclement weather date of June 19, 2016, on the east side of the airport near the railroad tracks in the Village of Sebawaing.

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

Other Business

Motion by Slocum seconded by Hunt to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$216,958.71.

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

Council Comment

Trustee Slocum commended the office staff for all of the hard work in handling the recent extra work load preparing for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget, preparation for union negotiations, etc. and the Clerk for continued efforts to balance the budget and save the Village money. Discussion.

Adjournment

Motion by Heider seconded by Slocum to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:55 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Megan Tietz
Administrative Assistant