

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – February 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: Les Alexander, John Bonke, Lauren Cassiday, Aaron Cummings, Chris Deming, Doug Deming, Mary Drier, Natalie Durkee, Linda Engelhardt, Sami Khoury, Carl Kieser, Toni Mitchell, Nathan Schulz, Charlie Schweitzer, Judy Schweitzer, Caron Seward, Megan Tietz, Dave Wiltse

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

Motion by Heider seconded by Deering to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2018 regular council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

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

Residents shared their opinions regarding the future staffing of the police department.

Chamber of Commerce representatives announced a donation of \$1,000.00 to assist in the purchase of bulletproof vests for the Police Department.

Recess the Council Meeting

Motion by Slocum seconded by Sting to recess the February 19, 2018 Regular Council Meeting at 7:16 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Special Use Permit Public Hearing

Motion by Epperson seconded by Cummings to open the Public Hearing for the Special Use Permit at 310 Tenth Street at 7:16 PM.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

Absent:

Others: Les Alexander, John Bonke, Lauren Cassiday, Aaron Cummings, Chris Deming, Doug Deming, Mary Drier, Natalie Durkee, Linda Engelhardt, Sami Khoury, Carl Kieser, Toni Mitchell, Nathan Schulz, Charlie Schweitzer, Judy Schweitzer, Caron Seward, Megan Tietz, Dave Wiltse

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

President Khoury stated this Special Use Permit Public Hearing is to consider the operation of a pet grooming business at 310 Tenth Street.

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

Council members shared favorable comments regarding the opening of a new business in town.

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to close the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Reopen the Council Meeting

Motion by Sting seconded by Cummings to reopen the February 19, 2018 Council Meeting at 7:18 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

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 thanking attendees for their opinions regarding the future staffing of the department and thanking the Chamber of Commerce for their donation.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Epperson to appoint Branden Gettel to replace William Owens as Police Chief on July 1, 2018; during this transition, Mr. Gettel will be paid at his normal wage rate. As Police Chief, Mr. Gettel will receive an hourly wage of \$24.00 per hour and will receive the benefits described in the Village of Sebawaing/United Steel Workers collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Gettel shall receive a \$1.00 per hour raise on July 1 for the next three years beginning July 1, 2019, provided the Village Council is satisfied with his performance and continues his employment as Police Chief.

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

6 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Deering provided updates on departmental activity including the replacement of the Hickory Court lift station controller and the maintenance on the river ice which resulted in an uneventful discharge.

D. Budget Committee

A meeting was scheduled for February 26, 2018 at 7 p.m.

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.

H. Ordinance Committee

Trustee Heider reported there is nothing new at this time.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the property at 249 North Center Street, there was discussion about the future use of this property. Trustee Cummings stepped down from the council seat as he has a direct interest in the upcoming presentation. Future developer, Aaron Cummings, shared his plans for an assisted living facility on the northwest portion of the parcel. He shared the ongoing process up to this point and the urgency of the timing required to help the village receive funding to clean up the entire site.

Motion by Heider seconded by Deering to allow Village President Alexander Khoury and Village Clerk Lois Kroll to sign on behalf of the Village of Sebewaing a Developer and/or Purchase Agreement for the Village owned property at the northwest corner of the 249 North Center Street property, identified as J C Liken & Co's Subdivision Lots 1 through 6 of Block 5, Lots 1 through 6 of Block 6, and the 60' portion of vacated Henning Street which resides between Blocks 5 and Block 6, with RiverTown Villa Holdings, LLC after the attorney's approval.

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

6 yeas, 1 nay, 0 absent, 1 abstain.

MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Cummings returned to his council seat.

Regarding the Master Plan, the survey results will be reviewed.

In reference to the Special Use Permit at 310 Tenth Street which was the subject of the earlier public hearing.

Resolved by Sting seconded by Slocum to adopt the resolution to grant the Special Use Permit for 310 Tenth Street per Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §153.032 as presented.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

RESOLUTION CARRIED.

New Business

Discussion regarding an accessory building at 1 West Main Street.

Motion by Slocum seconded by Cummings to approve the accessory building permit at 1 West Main Street per Village of Sebewaing Ordinance §153.174.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business

Motion by Slocum seconded by Sting to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$131,459.61.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Council Comment

Several trustees shared concerns and excitement regarding the proposed assisted living project in the village.

President Khoury thanked Sebewaing Township for their donation for the parks and the streets.

Adjournment

Motion by Heider seconded by Epperson to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:52 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing