

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – September 17, 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, Brandy Gunsell, Larry Heider, Alexander Khoury, Marcus Sting

Absent:

Others: Les Alexander, Mary Drier, Linda Engelhardt, Sami Khoury, Jim Stenfelt, Matt Taylor, Megan Tietz, Brad Witek.

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

Motion by Epperson seconded by Cummings to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 regular council meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

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

Linda Engelhardt, Village Treasurer, provided an update on property tax collections.

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting reported there is nothing new at this time; the work on the engine plant continues.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell provided an update on departmental activity which included a high school co-op student working in the department for the school year, the installation of a ticket printer in one of the vehicles, the 60-day waiting period for the dangerous structure at 532 North Miller Street, and Trick or Treat Hours for the village.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Heider to approve the Trick or Treat hours for the Village of Sebewaing from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DPW Committee

Trustee Deering provided an update on departmental activity including the replacement of the approach and the railroad tracks on Pine Street, the annual sewer lining maintenance as identified in the SAW (Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater) Program, the South Park Restroom being closed for the season, and the request from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Moonlight Madness and RiverFire Event.

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to approve the request from the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce for the use of the village streets, services, and Muellerweiss Park for the Moonlight Madness and RiverFire Event including closing Center Street from the intersection of Main and Center Streets to the intersection of Main and Washington Streets as well as Union, East Sebewaing and West Sebewaing Streets at Center Street on Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Khoury: yea.
7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Recess the Council Meeting for the Industrial Development District for 418 Union Street Industrial Development District Amendment
Motion by Epperson seconded by Deering to recess the September 17, 2018 Council Meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Hearing - 418 Union Street Industrial Development District Amendment

Motion by Sting seconded by Cummings to open the Public Hearing for the 418 Union Street Industrial Development District Amendment at 7:15 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

President Khoury requested comments from the public. There were no comments from the public. Discussion.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Heider to close the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Reopen the Council Meeting

Motion by Sting seconded by Cummings to reopen the September 17, 2018 Council Meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

Resolved by Heider seconded by Sting to amend the 418 Union Street Industrial Development District on Bayside Best Beans owned property in the Village of Sebewaing to include former parcel ID#3239-008-042-00 which was combined with the original parcel and whose combined parcel is currently identified as parcel ID#3239-008-008-10 as presented.

Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Khoury: yea.
7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports continued

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.

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 provided an update on activity from the September 6, 2018 meeting including updates to Chapter §51.02 Sewer Facilities – Use of System and Chapter §56.07 Garbage – Owners’ and Occupants’ Duty; the addition of a golf carts ordinance; and the creation of a marihuana grow facility ordinance. Per the Ordinance Adoption Policy, these items will be voted on at a subsequent council meeting.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the property at 249 North Center Street, President Khoury reported demolition currently taking place will last approximately another month.

Regarding the Master Plan, Trustee Epperson stated there is a meeting scheduled for November 1, 2018.

Regarding the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (MERS), Matt Taylor addressed the council regarding MERS in general and the implications and process of moving forward to close all the defined benefit divisions with the intent to mitigate legacy costs in the future.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Deering to approve closing all the Village of Sebewaing, including Sebewaing Light and Water, Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (MERS) defined benefit divisions and switching all new hired or rehired future employees into defined contribution plans. Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Motion by Heider seconded by Cummings to approve the zoning permit for a sign at 47 North Center Street.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sting seconded by Epperson to reappoint Dale Bolzman to the Planning Commission effective immediately and expiring January 1, 2019.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sting seconded by Deering to reappoint Nathan Schulz to a three (3) year term expiring July 2021 on the Planning Commission effective immediately.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Cummings to approve the bills for the month in the amount of \$244,823.56.

Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Epperson: yea; Khoury: yea.
7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment

Motion by Cummings seconded by Heider to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:47 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing