

VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING
Regular Council Meeting – November 5, 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, Michael Bills, John Bonke, Matthew Bumhoffer, Mary Drier, Linda Engelhardt, Brian Gramer, Sami Khoury, Rick Leinaar, Norman Lyman, Melanie McCoy, Paul Schnitker, Nathan Schulz, Tami Seago, Megan Tietz.

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

Motion by Heider seconded by Deering to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 regular council meeting as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

A resident shared detail surrounding the continued water issues on his property on Second Street.

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

Representatives from APM Mosquito Control provided a recap of mosquito activity from the past year and shared the recommendations for the upcoming year.

Committee Reports

A. Light & Water Committee

Trustee Sting provided an update on the engine plant activity and the need for a natural gas management contract and a maintenance contract for the new engines, the upcoming power outage for maintenance of current equipment, the cleaning of Well #1, drilling a test well, hiring a lineman apprentice, and updating the ready-to-serve water meter rate.

Motion by Heider seconded by Deering to authorize the Light and Water Superintendent to execute the contract with Transparent Energy LLC for natural gas management.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Cummings to approve hiring Nathan Engelhardt as a full-time Sebewaing Light and Water Lineman Apprentice effective November 12, 2018.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Epperson to approve the increase of the ready-to-serve water meter rate by \$2.00 annually each November for four years beginning in November 2018.
Epperson: yea; Gunsell: yea; Heider: yea; Sting: yea; Cummings: yea; Deering: yea; Khoury: yea.

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Police Committee

Trustee Gunsell reported there is a meeting next week and encouraged everyone to explore the new Sebawaing Police Department Facebook page.

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.

Move to Closed Session

Motion by Gunsell seconded by Epperson to move to meet in closed session under section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Union Negotiations at the November 5, 2018 Council Meeting at 7:39 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

End Closed Session

Motion by Cummings seconded by Sting to end the Closed Session and return to the November 5, 2018 Council Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. Employee Relations Committee

Motion by Heider seconded by Gunsell to approve the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement Extension with the incorporated updates between the Village of Sebawaing and the United Steel Workers on behalf of Local Union 15157-08 and to authorize the Village President and Clerk to sign said agreements/contracts on behalf of the Village of Sebawaing.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

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 reported there is nothing new at this time.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the property at 249 North Center Street, President Khoury reported the MDEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) work at the site is winding down.

Discussion regarding the Village of Sebawaing Master Plan and Recreation Plan.

Motion by Epperson seconded by Gunsell to approve the Village of Sebawaing Master Plan

including all of the chapters, figures, descriptive matters, maps, and tables contained therein in accordance with Act 33 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2008, as amended.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution by Epperson seconded by Cummings to adopt the Village of Sebewaing Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2019-2023, including all of the chapters, figures, descriptive matters, maps, and tables contained therein as presented.

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

7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

RESOLUTION CARRIED.

New Business

Motion by Heider seconded by Sting to approve the zoning permit for a sign at 215 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.

Discussion regarding a Trustee Policy and Procedure Handbook. President Khoury encouraged trustees to read the policy and provide feedback, if any, prior to the next council meeting.

Council Comment

Trustees encouraged residents to vote in and wished them luck in the upcoming village elections.

Trustee Epperson shared activities from the Spirit of Christmas Festival scheduled for November 17, 2018 and encouraged everyone to participate in the festivities.

Adjournment

Motion by Epperson seconded by Cummings to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:17 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Alexander Khoury
President, Village of Sebewaing

Lois Kroll
Clerk, Village of Sebewaing