Since 1911, Sebewaing has been power independent

- Sebewaing Light and Water Department has provided dependable, economical power to the Village residents and some Township residents.

Comparing government structure for the Village and Township residents

Village residents support These two

Township residents support

Village Government

- Village council
- Village Administration and clerical staff
- Tax Collection
- Elections
- Zoning
- Road Maintenance
- Water/Sewer service
- Road Maintenance
- Snow removal
- Leaf and brush pick-up
- Parks and Recreation
- ***Village Police***

Township Government

- Township board
- Township appointed officials
- Tax Collection
- Elections
- Zoning
- Road Maintenance
- Property tax assessment
- Fire & Ambulance services
- Cemeteries
- **Township roads fund**
- **Village Police**

Township Government

- Township board
- Township appointed officials
- Tax Collection
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Items in Red Duplicate Services

Village of Sebewaing
Government if village became a City

- City Council
- City administration & Clerical staff
- **<u>*Elections (State & Federal)</u>**
- **<u>*Property tax assessment</u>**
- Tax collection
- Electric utility
- Water department (two towers)
- Department of public works(road maintenance, snow removal)
- Sanitary sewers and lagoons
- Garbage collection and leaf and brush removal
- Zoning Ordinance
- Parks (22 Acers)
- Public Safety

Note: * are added service upon incorporation

Village of Sebewaing current and future cost

	Current cost	Additional cost
City Council	$10,500 Est.	$10,500 Est.
City Administration	$0	$0
Elections	$0	$3000.00
Assessment	$0	$10,000 one time and $10.00 per parcel as needed
Library	$17,269	$0
Emergency Service Fire / Ambulance	$43,974	$0

Village of Sebewaing
Millage Rates

	Village	Township	County	School
2005	17.4870	6.9838	6.26470	35.2506
2006	17.4870	6.9838	6.34470	35.2409
2007	17.4870	6.9838	6.34470	35.2409

Village of Sebewaing
Proposed City millage rate

Current	46.52590 millage
Proposed	41.27170 millage
Net Difference	5.82 Mills

Effect on Village residents

Elimination of Township rate of	3.0116 mills
Elimination of road tax	3.9722 mills
Addition of rate to City	1.7296 mills
Addition of road tax to City	O mills
Total estimate savings	5.2542 mills

Effect on Township

Current Township Taxes Collected in the Village	$243,224
Total Township taxes collected	$541,371
Anticipated taxes collected by the Township after incorporation	$298,147

Tax Implications

- If the Village were to become a City all City taxes would be used for services and projects within the City.
- City Taxes can be used for in a broader manner rather than the earmarked funds of a village government.
- Tax millage rate cannot be raised with out a vote of the city residents.

Tax Implications

- All property assessments would be made considering like properties within the City limits.
- Taxable assessed values would not "uncap" by becoming a city.
- Current Village residents would no longer pay Township taxes. The citizens steering Committee has recommended to the village council that the present structure / millage rate should remain unchanged. Therefore, it is anticipated the total tax obligation of city residents would decrease while the current services would remain the same.

Sebewaing Village Services

With the services that are owned in whole by the Village of Sebewaing, we the City Committee feel confident that Sebewaing, as a City, can meet any current and future needs in an urban role.

The Current Township and Village Government Situation

- Township taxes Village residents 3.97220 mills on a road tax but does not share this money with the residents of the Village for any of the Village streets

- Since the Township is on the edge of Huron County, the Village of Sebewaing provides most of the police coverage to the Township. This has been done with out the reimbursement to the Village taxpayers for many years.

- Village residents pay 2/3rds of the cost of any joint Township and Village projects as the Village residents pay both Township and Village taxes.

General Effect on the Community

The City Committee feels that after the initial change period, the relationship between the Village and the Township of Sebewaing will continue to be the same or improve.

Sugar Factory
On The North Edge
Village of Sebewaing Boundary

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Sebewaing, MI 48759
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Unionville Road
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Thank you for your time and attention.

Sebewaing Village Services

The Village taxpayers currently pay 1.23380 mills to the Township for these safety services. When the Village becomes a City, we anticipate collecting 1.23380 mills for these services and will pay this amount to the Safety Authority.

Survey by the Township for the Master Plan 2008

"More than 65% of respondents felt that residential growth should be encouraged or greatly encouraged in Sebewaing Township. Most felt that new residential growth should be within or around the Village of Sebewaing (79%) or near the Unionville-Sebewaing Schools complex (19%)."

Note: Printed from the Township Master Plan

The Current Township and Village Government Situation

The Village has worked hard to negotiate a fair solution to the roads, police and 2/3rds shared cost agreements. After not being met halfway, the City Committee has moved and received support of the Village residents to become a City.

Multiple Family Residential

"Sebewaing Township currently has identified one small area on its future land use map for high-density residential use. This is an ell shaped area around Myers and Liken Roads that abuts the village limits. This future land use will help meet the need for retirement housing or condominiums as expressed in the community input survey. It could also be used for duplexes or multi-family apartment buildings. Its location was chosen because of availability of existing water and sewer utilities and its proximity to the village. The density of the area would typically be 5 - 10 dwellings per acre."

Note: As printed in the Township Master Plan 2008

Sebewaing Annexation

"The Village of Sebewaing has been exploring the possibility of annexing from the township and becoming a city. Question 24 asked Sebewaing Township residents their opinion on this matter. The responses were different depending on if the respondent was a village or non-village resident. Village residents were more favorable to this idea. More than half of them strongly agreed or agreed that the village should be allowed to annex from the Township. Only 10% of non-village residents strongly agreed or agreed with annexation. Conversely, more than 45% of non-village residents disagreed or strongly disagreed with annexation. Only 19% of village residents strongly disagreed or disagreed with annexation."

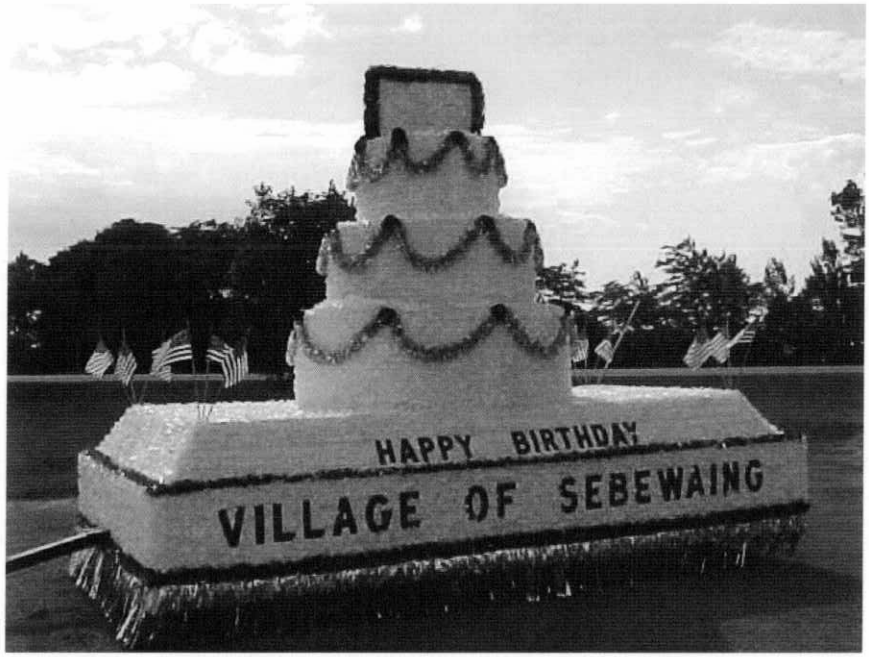
Note: As printed in the Township Master Plan 2008

Sebewaing a leader of the Thumb

Sebewaing has long been a leader of the Thumb. Now is the time to allow Sebewaing to move forward as the State law makers intended. The Township/Village systems have ceased to work effectively resulting in villages moving to become cities. We, the citizens of Sebewaing, stand ready to move the Village of Sebewaing into the new century as a viable city entity ready to serve our citizens.

Sebewaing 125th Anniversary

This celebration was recognized during the 2004 Sugar Festival.



The Village of Sebewaing was incorporated on March 13, 1879.

Sebewaing Village Services

- Electric Department
- Water Department
- Department of Public Works
- Police Department with three Police Officers
- Sebewaing has two water towers
- Sanitary sewer lagoons
- Adopted zoning ordinance
- 22 acres of parks systems
- Marina
- County Park for RV's and campers

Sebewaing Village Services

The Village of Sebewaing anticipates the development of a Safety Authority between the Township of Sebewaing and other possible entities.

Possible services

- Fire
- Police
- Ambulance

Township Master Plan

"While the Village of Sebewaing is legally part of Sebewaing Township, the plan focuses primarily on the area of Sebewaing Township that is not part of the Village of Sebewaing. This is because the Village of Sebewaing has its own governing body and zoning ordinance. It should be noted, however, that Village residents were included in the community input survey for the Sebewaing Township master plan."

Note: As printed in the Township Master Plan of 2008