



Sebewaing Light and Water Department

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On March 26, 2024, the Village of Sebewaing became aware of an article from a local news source which indicated that Sebewaing Light & Water was the subject of a “probe over missing funds.” The article, which has since circulated on social media, cited an unknown source in support of its claim that “funds were reported missing, allegedly siphoned off through fraudulent means.” The article mischaracterizes the situation and warrants clarification.

On or about January 23, 2024, Sebewaing Light & Water was the victim of a “phishing” scam. An unknown third party, likely located in a foreign country, posed as a legitimate vendor and received funds from Light & Water through fraudulent means. When the fraud became known, Light & Water staff immediately contacted the appropriate authorities to report the crime. On advice of law enforcement and the Village attorney, details of the situation were not made public as it could jeopardize the ongoing criminal investigation. In light of yesterday’s article, however, the Village wants to reassure its residents and the public that it can continue to trust the Light & Water Department and all Village employees. There is absolutely no evidence that any member of the department’s staff acted unlawfully.

The Village would also like to take this opportunity to caution its residents to be wary of fraudulent emails and other online scams as they are becoming more and more prevalent. Should you or a loved one fall victim to an online scam, you should contact law enforcement immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlene Hudson".

Charlene Hudson
Superintendent
Sebewaing Light and Water