

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, ILL., HELD JANUARY 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Metamora was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Present were: President: Maurer

Trustees: Hutchens, Kamm, Nauman, Thompson, Schierer and Weyeneth

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held January 2, 2019, were reviewed. Trustee Kamm made a motion to approve the Minutes with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Minutes of the Executive Session held January 2, 2019, were reviewed. Trustee Thompson made a motion to approve the Minutes with Trustee Kamm seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant List was reviewed. Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve the List with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Recognize Guests / Public Comments

Matt Bidne, representing the Metamora Park District, asked if the Village was considering annexing Black Partridge Park. The Park District is planning their summer events and would need to know where and who to talk to for a liquor license. The Board asked if the Park District was interested in the annex at this time. They suggested Mr. Bidne find out from the Park Board and let the Village Board know.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Maurer said MTCO has asked for a sign limiting parking to two hours, Monday through Friday in front of their business. Apparently, MTHS students are parking there and MTCO customers are having trouble finding a space. The Board said they would draft an ordinance to do so.

Next, Mayor Maurer said MABA is discussing the town sign and the problems it always seems to have. They are considering a new sign and perhaps even a new location to be able to advertise local businesses. The Board may be asked to help with the cost and/or location in the near future.

Mayor Maurer then spoke of the characteristics the Board is looking for in the person to be hired as police chief for the Village. He explained the factors important in determining who will be the best candidates and final choice for the position. He announced a Special Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday night, January 17, 2019, at 7:00 P.M., to take the vote, approve the contract, introduce and swear in the new police chief for Metamora. The agenda has been posted on the window of the Village Hall and is also on the website. If no decision has been made by then, the meeting will be cancelled.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Brunton gave the following updates:

1. Sara's True Value Property – Deed is recorded and property tax exemption certificate has been issued.

Mayor Maurer stated that he has shown the property and the people are interested in purchasing property, but the Village needs to get it appraised as soon as possible.

2. Mt. Vernon Commercial Strip Center – Property owner is working on corrections of noted violations and staying in contact with J.Jones and Fire Chief Sluga to clarify issues.
3. Referendum to Move to Non-Partisan Elections – Ordinance approved at December 18th meeting authorizing submission of proposition to electors of the Village on question of whether the elected positions of Village President, Clerk and Trustees should be elected in non-partisan elections is ready for passage; certified Referendum Ordinance has been filed with Woodford County.
4. Police Chief Position – Employment contract has been prepared for new Police Chief and presented to Mayor Maurer.

Engineer's Report

Bob Kolhaus reported on the following:

1. RLF Funding Program and Watermain Project – Waiting on approval from DCEO to proceed with required Environmental Review and Engineering Procurement. Need official notice from DCEO before design can begin but still hopeful for construction in 2019.
2. North WWTP – USEPA Compliance. USEPA has accepted sampling plan for management of sampling springtime startup. With minor operations startup and sampling changes should meet standards. Meeting with Jason and Zach to review plan.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Garber gave the following report:

CASH BALANCES

Cash balances as of December 31, 2018, decreased \$200,779 about a 4.39% decrease from November 30, 2018.

MAJOR RECEIPTS

State of Illinois - Total Taxes	\$ 71,713
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MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS

Brenntag Mid-South	\$ 10,978
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IEPA	\$ 28,171
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Steffens 3-D Construction	\$201,988
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INVESTMENTS

The Money Market at Commerce Bank earned an interest rate of .85% on December 31, 2018. Investments at Goodfield State Bank; the Money Sweep Account earned an interest rate of 1% and the Money Market earned an interest rate of .05% on December 31, 2018.

OTHER

The Water & Sewer Checking Account at Commerce Bank became compromised in December 2018 and was closed in January 2019. Commerce Bank detected two fraudulent checks and returned them the next day. The check made payable to IEPA in November was intercepted somewhere along the line and the payee was changed. The account information obtained from that check must have been used to forge a check earlier in December. Both checks seem to have been deposited by the same person. Investigations are ongoing.

Public Works Department

Trustee Nauman said the street department worked very hard on the snow removal and did a very good job.

Police/Fire/ESD

Fire Chief Sluga addressed the Board saying in the past the Village had donated \$500 to the Fireman's Ball, which is held every two years. This year it is February 9th at The FIELDS. He was asking if the Village would be willing to donate again this year.

Trustee Kamm made a motion to donate \$500 and Trustee Schierer seconded. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Finance, Economic Development, Insurance

Trustee Weyeneth reported Geo's had made two payments on their loan and Precision Technologies made a payment of \$7000.

Special Projects

Trustee Hutchens had nothing to report.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Executive Session

Mayor Maurer called for a Session to discuss personnel.

With that request, Trustee Schierer made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and Trustee Kamm seconded. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

Resume Regular Meeting

The regular meeting resumed at 8:52PM with previous roll call present.

Adjourn

With no more to discuss, Trustee Thompson made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:53PM

Bylle Long

Village Clerk

