

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

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

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Present were: President: Maurer

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

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held October 15, 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 October 15, 2019, were reviewed. Trustee Nauman 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 Hutchens seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

**Recognize Guests/Public Comment**

Tiffany Stanley, representing the 1<sup>st</sup> Lego League, which consists of Metamora Grade School students, 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, addressed the Board. She explained the students have a project theme this year called "City Shapers". She introduced Kate Shoff who informed the Board the project they picked was the crosswalks on Rt. 116 in Metamora. She said research was done and they hope the Village would work with them to get a grant from IDOT, which would allow them to make the crosswalks much safer for students and residents to cross. The Board was very receptive to the idea and agreed to help in any way possible.

Jeffrey Norris of Morton, spoke to the Board. He paints house numbers on the curbs for residents. He had checked with Chief Redman for approval, but wanted to inform the Board of how and when he would be doing this. He goes door to door getting

permission from the homeowner to do this for the price of \$18.00. The Board had no objections as long as there were no complaints from any homeowners.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Maurer asked the Board for their approval on a request received last meeting from Dan Ford, representing Hanover's Pub, to extend the business hours to 2AM on both Thanksgiving Eve and New Year's Eve.

After a short discussion, determining this would include all bars in Metamora, Trustee Schierer made a motion to approve the request and Trustee Kamm seconded. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Mayor Maurer said Trustee Weyeneth and he had a met with a solar company that may be interested in renting land for a solar farm on the property the Village just purchased. The Mayor said this is a preliminary conversation and would take an extended amount of time to put a proposal together. He stated there would be public meetings in the future to gather input on suggestions for the use of the 135+ acres.

Mayor Maurer said the 3-year contract the Board had put together would be presented to Chief Rebman and, if he accepts, will be on the agenda for Board approval at the next meeting.

### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Brunton gave updates on the following:

1. True Value Property – Status of the sale of this property, per Mayor Maurer, is that one bidder on the property is still interested, but is trying to gather more information on the costs necessary to refurbish the building.
2. Closed Session Minutes – Motion to approve their release needs to be on the agenda for approval.
3. Land Acquisition - Closing on the property was October 30<sup>th</sup>. Next step includes entering into farm cash lease for 2020 growing season and annexing property into Village.
4. Recreational Marijuana – Updates of Village Ordinances on possession will be necessary. Employee Policy Manual needs to be reviewed to provide the Board with overview of monitoring pre-employment testing when new recreational marijuana law becomes effective on Jan. 1, 2020. Discussion of allowing a recreational cannabis business within the Village is still ongoing.

5. Tax Levy Ordinance – Discussion to be held and Levy presented to Village Board for approval at December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Ceiling of Levy to be \$900,000.00.

### **Engineer's Report**

There was no report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Garber gave the following report:

#### **CASH BALANCES**

Cash balances as of September 30, 2019 increased \$490,787 about a 9.83% increase from August 31, 2019.

#### **MAJOR RECEIPTS**

MTHS – Resource Office	\$ 16,875
State of Illinois – Total Taxes	\$ 75,964
Woodford County Collector	\$416,756

#### **MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS**

Ameren	\$ 18,368
Farnsworth Group	\$ 13,743
Fred Schrepfer Concrete	\$ 18,658
IEPA	\$ 31,329

#### **INVESTMENTS**

Funds were invested during the month of September in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at .85%. The Goodfield State Bank Money Market earned an interest rate of .25% on September 30. The Goodfield State Bank Insured Cash Sweep Account earned 1% on the balance at September 30.

### **Public Works Department**

Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to approve gift cards for employees from IGA for the Thanksgiving holiday, repeating what was done last year. Trustee Kamm seconded and with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

A short discussion was held regarding the issue of raw water payments from Metamora Fields. They have not paid the amounts due according to their contract even though discussions are being held for future usage. Mayor Maurer said he would call the accountant to pursue the payment issue.

### **Police/Fire/ESD**

Trustee Kamm said he and Trustee Schierer are working on an evaluation sheet for yearly evaluations.

### **Finance, Economic Development, Insurance**

Trustee Weyeneth reported on his conversation with Rick at Precision Tech. regarding the loan payments to the Village.

### **Employee Relations, Long Term Planning/Zoning, Special Projects**

Trustee Hutchens gave information he gathered at a meeting of the Tri-County Planning Commission regarding the hiking/biking trail between Metamora and Germantown Hills. A preferred route and the possibility of a grant are both being discussed.

### **Old Business**

There was none.

### **New Business**

There was none.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Schierer made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation and Trustee Weyeneth seconded. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

### **Regular Meeting Resumes and Adjourns**

The regular meeting resumed at 8:25PM with previous roll call present. With no more to discuss, Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Nauman seconding.

With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk