

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD DECEMBER 17, 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: Mayor Pro-Tem: Trustee Nauman

Trustees: Hutchens, Kamm, Schierer, Weyeneth and Cummings

Mayor Maurer is still recovering from surgery.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held December 3, 2019, were reviewed. Trustee Kamm made a motion to approve the Minutes with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays and 2 abstains (Hutchens and Cummings), the motion passed.

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

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

There were none.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Pro-Tem Nauman asked for a motion to approve the employee Christmas bonuses set the same as last year. \$100 for full time and \$75 for part-time. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to approve the bonuses with Trustee Kamm seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Brunton presented the following for discussion and approvals:

1. Ordinance updating cannabis possession & paraphernalia possession in Village Code.

After a short discussion, Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending the Village Code to accommodate adult use of recreational cannabis as permitted under state law. Trustee Schierer seconded and with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

2. Discuss Zoning Regulation of Cannabis Business – a discussion was held regarding the Village allowing a recreational cannabis dispensary in the Village.

He explained the process necessary to allow a cannabis business to exist in the Village. He said the Village needs to have regulations if it was to allow such a business to come to town. At this time, he has no direction from the Board as to what he should or should not be doing.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked if we had to be in a hurry to make this decision and Attorney Brunton said no. Mayor Pro-Tem said the examples of business regulations could be turned over to the Zoning Board for their review and recommendations. A public hearing would be held for the opinions of the residents. A suggestion was also made to put it on the ballot in the November election for the residents to vote on it. Discussions on this matter will continue.

3. Employee Policy Manual – Completed review of employee policy manual. Provided Board with overview of monitoring pre-employment testing for Jan. 1, 2020 effective date: reviewed provisions of “trailer bill” to CRTA.
4. Stop Sign Location Review – At November Village Board meeting ,a citizen raised concern regarding three intersections with stop signs for traffic control (including 1500 CR North & White Horse); reviewed Village authority to place signs at intersections in compliance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and conferred with Village Engineer regarding intersections at issue.

After reviewing the situations, the Village has the legal authority to place stop signs on the Village roads. The Village must comply with the MUTCD guidelines which establishes standards for any traffic control device. Engineering judgements can and are used to determine placement of any stop sign, but a traffic study is not the only way to make that determination. With that being said, he turned the topic over to Bob Kolhaus of Farnsworth for further information on the subject.

Engineer's Report

Bob Kolhaus continued the conversation saying the judgements of the Village Board, police and engineer's on the placement of stop signs on any street or lower use road in the Village, where concerns of safety are considered, trumps everything. The decisions made are for the safety of the community as a whole. Vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and especially children, along with the visual effects of the surroundings are all taken into consideration.

He reported on the following:

1. RLF Funding Program & Watermain Project – Construction during late 2020
2. County DCEO – RLF Program – No further information. Will reach out to Chuck Nagle for updates.
3. Drainage Improvement Projects – Waiting for spring.
4. Well #7 – Electrical tested ok, may have clogged screen
5. North Lift Station Gen Set – Control panel to be replaced
6. Water Treatment Plant 500K Ground Storage Tank – Board gave authorization to proceed to request bids for full blast and repaint

At this time, Mayor Pro-Tem Nauman recognized Pat Schaidle, 118 Dutch Lane, who addressed the Board regarding the re-cycling program the Village used to offer. She voiced her disappointment that it was ended but also said she was not aware of all the facts and abuses the Board had to consider in their decision.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Garber gave the following report:

CASH BALANCES

Cash balances as of November 30, 2019, decreased \$52,375 about a 1.06% decrease from October 31, 2019.

MAJOR RECEIPTS

State of Illinois - Total Taxes	\$ 77,254
Metamora Township High School	\$ 16,875
Woodford County	\$ 24,960

MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS

Ameren	\$ 17,556
IEPA	\$ 98,284
Steffens 3-D Construction	\$ 27,604

INVESTMENTS

Funds were invested during the month of November in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at .85%. The Goodfield State Bank Money Market earned an interest rate of .25% on the balance at November 29th. The Goodfield State Bank Insured Cash Sweep Account earned 1% on the balance at November 29th. The Goodfield State Bank 36 Month CD earned interest for the quarter ended November 15, 2019 at 1.49%. The CDARS 24 Month CD earned interest for the quarter ended November 22, 2019 at 2.35%.

Public Works Dept.

There was no report.

Police/Fire/ESD

There was no report.

Finance, Economic Development, Insurance

There was no report.

Employee Relations, Long Term Planning-Zoning, Special Projects

There was no report.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Executive Session – If requested

There were no requests.

Adjourn

With no more to discuss, Trustee Schierer 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 8:05 PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk