

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD JUNE 16, 2020**

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

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Present were: President: Maurer

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

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held June 2, 2020, were reviewed. Trustee Kamm made a motion to approve the Minutes with Trustee Cummings seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant List was reviewed. Trustee Kamm 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

Mark Nauman and Bob Garber both asked the Board for an update on possible remedies for the drainage problem they and other residents are having along Knollaire Drive. Bob Kolhaus of Farnsworth, presented 5 options for the Board to consider to try and alleviate the problem. The question of getting a grant to help fix the problem was brought up, but the Mayor said the property is not owned by the Village. It is actually the Metamora Park District that owns the property. The Village will have to speak with the Park Board to discuss possible remedies and costs to fix the problem.

Ronald Robison Jr, 916 Crestview Drive, spoke of water drainage on Crestview. He says it comes from the high school and is causing problem. Bob Kolhaus said he would look at the situation.

Next, Dustin Schierer, 825 W Progress, presented pictures of his yard with severe water issues. This has been an ongoing problem with the drainage from McDonalds, Casey's, the Medical Center and Rt 116. Again, Bob Kolhaus said he would look at the situation and see what could possibly be done.

Steven and Leslie Smith, 412 S. Davenport, informed the Board they are interested in purchasing the railroad property behind their home. Mayor Maurer said there is a resolution on the agenda tonight authorizing the sale of excess Village property.

Stephanie Jones, 123 S. Hanover, addressed the Board with her concerns and opinions of a confrontation in the park over the week-end between Brent Rohman and Trustee Nauman. A video of the incident was posted on social media and has been viewed by many, but does not portray the Village or Board members in a positive way. Her concerns were the images of leadership, verbiage used and threats that were made along with the treatment of Mr. Rohman and his rights to be in the park with the sign.

Trustee Nauman responded saying he supported the police wholeheartedly, but does not want any signs in the park as they could lead to other signs, including those that may say defund the police. He wants to avoid any situation that would escalate future problems. He denied saying some of the things he was accused of until he was told it was on the video. He then apologized for the confrontation but said his issue is still with any signs in the parks.

Mayor Maurer said he spoke with the Village attorney and signs in the park are legal as long as a person is with the sign and it is not affixed in the park in any way. It is a person's constitutional right to have or carry signs on public property.

Chief Brad Reman addressed all in attendance to thank them for the support of the police department.

Brent Rohman, 307 S. Davenport, spoke to the Board about the encounter he had with Trustee Nauman. He said he was threatened with fines and arrest for sitting next to his sign in the park. Trustee Nauman interrupted several times while Mr. Rohman was speaking and was asked by the Mayor to let Mr. Rohman continue. Mr. Rohman spoke of the past police department and the problems the Village had in comparison with the police department the Village has now, how amazing it is and how much respect it has gained from the community. He said we should all be proud and he just wanted to say he has their back.

Mayor Maurer thanked everyone for coming and said he was sorry Mr. Rohman had to endure the situation.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Brunton was not present but Mayor Maurer presented the following for approval:

1. Resolution authorizing sale of excess Village property off S. Davenport St.

This was discussed at length as to how the Village could sell the property, with or without an appraisal and/or the possibility of Steven and Leslie Smith taking ownership of the property because they have maintained the property for the last 13 years. It was decided to table this resolution until more information could be gathered on the options available.

2. Approve Ordinance authorizing placement of additional Stop Sign at intersection of Arthur and Susan Lane.

Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve the Ordinance with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 1 abstain (Schierer) and 0 nays, the motion passed

3. Approve Ordinance updating Sexual Harassment Policy in Personnel Policy Manual (and other Updates)

Trustee Cummings made a motion to approve the Ordinance with Trustee Hutchens seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

4. Approve Resolution authorizing sale of mixed drinks to go by Liquor License holders.

Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve the Resolution with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 1 nay (Kamm) the motion passed.

Engineer's Report

Bob Kolhaus of Farnsworth gave updates on the following:

1. Drainage Improvements on Oakwood Cemetery/Coal Bank Storm Drainage
2. Drainage issues on 500 block South Menard
3. Coal Bank/Santa Fe Property Utility easement and road ROW plats
4. Water Treatment Plant 500K Ground Storage Tank – waiting for shop drawing
5. MFT funded oil and chip program – seal coat bid to be approved.

Also noted: The North Lagoon – compliance agreement completed with U.S.E.P.A. Good performance by staff.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Garber gave the following report:

CASH BALANCES

Cash balances as of May 31, 2020 decreased \$5,360 about a .11% decrease from April 30, 2020

MAJOR RECEIPTS

State of Illinois – Taxes	\$ 74,173
Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 50,722

MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS

Ameren	\$ 10,345
Farnsworth Group	\$ 11,144
IEPA	\$ 98,284
Metamora Fire Dept.	\$11,085
Woodford County Communications	\$12,000

INVESTMENTS

Funds were invested during the month of May in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at a rate of .05%. The Goodfield State Bank Money Market earned interest at a rate of .15% on the balance as of May 31, 2020. The Goodfield State Bank Insured Cash Sweep Account earned interest at a rate of 1% on the balance as of May 31, 2020. The Goodfield State Bank 36 Month CD interest was re-invested for the quarter at 1.49%. The interest for the quarter was re-invested in the CDARS 24 Month CD through Goodfield State Bank earning a rate of 2.35%.

Public Works Dept.

Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve the bid for sealcoating from Stephens 3-D in the amount of \$55,120.00. Trustee Cummings seconded the motion and with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Next, he said the Board needs to have job descriptions for the PW Director and all street and water/sewer positions.

Trustee Nauman set a committee meeting for June 30th, directly following the police/fire meeting at 5PM.

Police/Fire/ESD

Trustee Cummings suggested the Village look into getting body-cams for the police department. With situations like they are in the world now, it may behoove the Village to invest in them. It was decided to discuss this at the next committee meeting.

Trustee Kamm had nothing to report.

Finance, Economic Development, Insurance

Trustee Weyeneth said he had been approached by residents regarding a cheaper way of garbage collection for the village. He asked if he should pursue the possibility.

Special Projects – Buildings

Trustee Hutchens had nothing to report.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none

Executive Session

There were no requests.

Adjourn

With no more to discuss, Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk

