

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

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, Nauman, Schierer, Weyeneth and Cummings

Trustee Kamm was absent.

Those present recited to Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held November 4, 2020, were reviewed. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to approve the Minutes with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant List was reviewed. Trustee Hutchens made a motion to approve the List with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

Rita McDannald, 320 N. Tazewell, addressed the Board with issues regarding the burning ordinance for the Village. She says the neighbor at 314 N Tazewell has been burning large tree limbs and trash in his back yard and leaves the fires unattended. This is a rental property and the tenants have now moved out, but she feels the owner should be made aware of the ordinance so he can inform his tenants of the rules. She did make complaints, but didn't feel they were sufficiently addressed. The Mayor said he would follow up with the Chief regarding the situation.

Mayor's Report

The 2021 schedule for Board meetings was reviewed. Trustee Schierer made a motion to approve the schedule with Trustee Cummings seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

MABA is planning on having a "Village Christmas on the Square" on Dec 6th from 12-3pm. They are wanting to know if the Village Board is okay with this event going on at this time due to COVID and the amount of people it may bring to the square. It will be

outside only in the square. Tables will be 20ft. apart in most cases. All items will be take and make – there will be no crafts done at the tables.

Discussion was held regarding an offer from Dollar General for property the Village owns on the corner of Rt 116 and Niles St. They are looking for a location to build a new store in the heart of the Village. The Board was not in favor of the location in question, and will follow up with Dollar General on other possibilities.

Attorney's Report

There was no report, but a draft ordinance for the Tax Levy was presented and discussed. The Ordinance will be presented at the meeting December 1st for approval.

Engineer's Report

Bob Kolhaus, Farnsworth Group, gave updates on the following:

1. RLF Funding Program and Watermain Project - Almost a green light from DCEO to begin design phase. Indicated to DCEO that construction will be in 2021.
2. Drainage Improvement Projects-Oakwood Cemetery/Coal Bank Road Storm Drainage = Easement agreement language being finalized. Ready to bid project. The Board agreed to proceed with the bidding.
3. 826 Progress Street – Researched detention basin designs and possible way to reduce water encroachment on private property. Discussion was held regarding ideas to alleviate the problem.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

Public Works Dept.

Trustee Nauman gave an update on items to purchase in accordance with the Cure Program. This is for COVID protection purchases throughout the Village and schools that will be reimbursed by the program, up to \$149,900.00.

Trustee Nauman asked for a motion to approve gift cards for the Village employees. Thanksgiving gift cards from IGA in the amounts of \$25 for part-time and \$50 for full time. Also to include the Christmas bonuses for employees same as 2019.

Trustee Schierer made the motion to approve the gift cards and Christmas bonuses with Trustee Cummings seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Police, Fire/ESD

Trustee Schierer stated the possibility of a meeting being scheduled for discussion with the police union hopefully before the end of the year.

Finance, Economic Development, Insurance

Trustee Weyeneth said the fire dept. had asked if the Village would donate \$500.00 like they had in the past. The consensus was to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Employee Relations, Long Term Planning-Zoning, Special Projects

Trustee Hutchens had nothing to report.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

The was none.

Executive Session

There were no requests.

Adjourn

With no more business to discuss, Trustee Schierer made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:28PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk