

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD MARCH 1, 2022**

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: Cummings

Trustees: Nauman, Weyeneth, Schierer, Glueck, Bowers and Alig.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held February 15, 2022, were reviewed. Trustee Alig made a motion for approval with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 1 abstain (Bowers), the motion passed.

Minutes of the Executive Session held February 15, 2022, were reviewed. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 1 abstain (Bowers), the motion passed.

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

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

There were none.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cummings said he and Trustee Weyeneth will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8th at 7PM here at the Village Hall with local businesses, schools, park board members and other interests in Metamora to discuss ideas of what to do on the 135 acres the Village owns. This will be the first of many meetings that will be open to the public.

Next, he said we received 8 RFQ's for the firehouse. A special meeting will be set up for the top 3 to introduce themselves and each will have one hour to present their ideas to the Board. This meeting will be scheduled for April 4th, 2022, starting at 6PM. This will be open to the public and an agenda will be posted.

Mayor Cummings asked each Board member and the 2 representatives from the rural fire dept. (Jim Springer and Jeff Burnett) to express their opinions on the need for a new

firehouse. Each individual agreed a new firehouse was necessary as the one we have does not meet OSHA standards, the living quarters for the full time EMT's are not adequate for male and female persons, emission standards are not up to code and many other problems with the old building not meeting the needs of the departments.

An in-depth discussion was held with ideas of where to build, pros and cons of available sites and what the range for costs will be. Options of how to fund the project were discussed and several ideas were expressed. Many opinions and concerns were brought forth and at times the discussion became quite heated and it was obvious not everyone is in agreement on how to go about this and many more discussions will be necessary.

Mayor Cummings said he had received information that some of the rural firefighters had approached the EMT's and blamed them for the decisions the Board is making. He was very upset over this and said if people do not like what is being decided they need to come to a Board meeting and express their opinions here, not verbally attack the ambulance people. He said this is not acceptable behavior from the firefighters and he will do what it takes to see this does not happen in the future.

The one thing all agreed on is the definite need for a new firehouse that meets the requirements of the departments to enable them to serve the safety and welfare of the community.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Jeff Gaster presented the draft for a solar ordinance for the Board to review.

Engineer's Report

There was no report.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

Public Works Dept.

Trustee Nauman reported the hand rails have arrived and will be installed at the post office in the near future.

Police/Fire/ESD

There was nothing to report.

Finance/Economic Development/Insurance/Special Projects

Trustee Weyeneth gave updates on his discussions with the solar company interested in putting a solar farm on the east edge of town. He explained the potential revenue the village would receive by land rental and the advantages for residents who

would receive a credit on their utility bill from Ameren for the energy. More information would be forthcoming as talks progress.

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 Nauman made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk