

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

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, Schierer, Weyeneth, Bowers and Alig

Approve Minutes (Regular and Executive)

Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the regular Minutes with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to approve the Executive Minutes with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Approve Warrant List

The Warrant List was reviewed. Trustee Alig made a motion for approval with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Acknowledge Guests

Don Hutchens, 520 W Michigan, addressed the board with his concerns over several areas in town where the weeds have not been mowed for some time. Mayor Cummings said he would have Jason Jones check it out.

Amanda James, 1501 Elizabeth Lane, addressed the board regarding the issue of feral cats that are roaming her neighborhood. They are getting out of control in the area and she was asking the board for ideas and help in eliminating them. Others from a group called Top Notched Community Cats were there and explained what their mission is to take care of the problem. They have a trap and release program but funding is an issue to keep up with the problem. After a short discussion, the board took a general consensus and decided, for the health and safety of residents, especially children in the area, they would donate \$2000.00 to the group to help eliminate the problem. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting for approval.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cummings asked for opinions from the board regarding the issue of Prairie Hills water rates. Residents pay double the water rate there but no sewer as they are on septic systems. They also pay no real estate taxes to the village as they are not annexed. Because of this, the board feels being the water department still has to maintain the service there and repair any water problems that arise, the rate being charged should stay as is. Trustee Nauman made a motion to leave the rates as they are with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Brunton gave a few updates on several issues including:

1. Extension of the Enterprise Zone through Northern Tazewell Enterprise Zone
2. Acquisition of the property at 121 S Nile St.

Engineer's Report

There was no report.

Public Works Dept.

Trustee Nauman said there were several things discussed at the recent committee meeting that needed approvals tonight.

First, he made a motion to approve the roof repairs at the Village Hall by New Heights Roofing in the amount NTE \$30,000.00. Trustee Schierer seconded the motion and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Next, he made a motion to approve the breaker replacement for wells # 7 & 8 in the amount of \$4000.00 by Kennell Electric. Trustee Weyeneth seconded and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

He made a motion to approve Second Sight Systems to troubleshoot well #6 for \$4395.00. Trustee Bowers seconded and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

He made a motion to approve Jason Jones to attend the water/sewer conference in Springfield, Trustee Bowers seconded and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

He then made a motion to approve Motion Industries for sewer blower parts in the amount of \$5800.00. Trustee Bowers seconded and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Police, Fire/ESD

Trustee Schierer had nothing to report.

Finance, Insurance, Buildings

Trustee Weyeneth said the digital sign should be installed and running within the next week or two.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Executive Session – If Requested

Mayor Cummings requested a Session to discuss personnel.

Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Resume Regular Meeting

The regular meeting resumed at 8:07PM with previous roll call present.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

With no more to discuss, Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:08PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk