

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE  
VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD OCTOBER 5, 2021**

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: Cummings

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

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held September 21, 2021, were reviewed. Trustee Nauman made a motion for approval with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Minutes of the Executive Session held September 21, 2021, were reviewed. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Bowers seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

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

**Recognize Guests/Public Comment**

Tom Thomas, 1265 Willow Glen, addressed the Board. He said his neighborhood was having trouble with PDC/Area garbage pickup. The company is not picking up everything the residents are putting on the curb and he wanted to know if the Village would consider putting the company under contract. The Board stated at this time, it is up to the resident to contact the garbage company they wish to have. They did suggest contacting a company, K&T out of Washburn, which many residents of the Village have already switched to and seem very satisfied with their service plus their rates are a little cheaper.

Don Hutchens, 520 W Michigan, addressed the Board regarding a letter he received from Ameren. Mayor Cummings told him that would be addressed under the Mayor's report.

## **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor asked our social media coordinator, Elijah Surratt, to give a quick update on the progress and acceptance of the official Metamora facebook page that has recently been set up. Elijah also said the Village of Metamora website has been updated with new information and businesses. He said anyone that has information they wish to add to either site can contact him via his address on the web.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the codification of Ordinances with Municode in the amount \$4675.00. This codification is for 3 years and has the Village current to the end of 2020. Trustee Nauman made the motion for approval with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Next, he asked for a motion to set Trick or Treat hours on October 31, 2021, from 5PM to 8PM. Trustee Schierer made the motion for approval with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Mayor spoke of letters residents are receiving from Ameren stating they are now the residential electrical carrier. As of September 30, 2021, the Village's contract with Homefield Energy expired. Ameren offered the cheapest rate going forward at .04841 per kwh. This was according to Nathan Henricks who is our consultant for the energy prices.

At this time, Mayor Cummings made a statement on tape regarding the subject of the Lincoln Courthouse and repairs being made. He stated the Courthouse is under State control and the Village has no control over what, when or how it is handled and/or cared for. But he has been trying to push the state to do what is necessary to keep the building in good repair. He said because a lot of misinformation is out there he wanted to clarify what he has done and who he has been in contact with regarding the work needed. As of last June, he has been in contact with Ryan Spain's office as well as Win Stoller's regarding the condition of the Courthouse. He received calls from the Department of Natural Resources and Matt Middlestat, who is in charge of the Lincoln Log Cabin in Springfield as well as the other Lincoln sites in the state. He is also in charge of the inside of the Courthouse. He and others are here once a week, sorting things in the Courthouse and removing things that are not related to Lincoln. The mayor has met with them and is being informed of what the State plans to do in the future. The Mayor has been in the basement, which shows no signs of water leaks, and the upper floor which has no roof leaks. The roof was inspected last fall and found to be fine. He said the rumor of a \$150,000 grant is just that. No one he's talked to from the State knows anything about it. A new curator will be hired soon according to the State. People are looking at the windows to measure and redo them. The State is mowing once a month, which may or may not be enough at times. The State does hope to re-open the

Courthouse once a curator is hired. Mayor Cummings said it takes time and the State moves slow, but progress is being made and he and Matt Middlestat have had discussions on what is best for the Courthouse and Metamora. He also said anyone who wishes to write letters to the State regarding this issue is more than welcome to. All addresses can be found on the website. He hopes this clears up any and all confusion as to what is being done at the Courthouse.

### **Attorney's Report**

Mayor Cummings asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance Granting a Variance for Property Located at 1048 Hay Meadow Lane ( Bowald Property)

Trustee Schierer made a motion for approval with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Garber gave the following report:

#### **CASH BALANCES**

Cash balances as of September 30, 2021 increased \$415,594 at a 6.67% increase from August 31, 2021

#### **MAJOR RECEIPTS**

American Rescue Plan	\$251,429
State of Illinois	\$ 84,778
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$ 13,119
Woodford County	\$408,764

#### **MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS**

BlueCross/Blue Shield	\$ 12,085
Brenntag Mid-South	\$ 17,823
Constellation New Energy	\$ 11,590
IEPA	\$ 31,329
Emergency 116	\$ 56,967
Steffens 3-D Construction	\$176,252

## **INVESTMENTS**

Funds were invested during the month of September 2021, in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at .05%. Funds were invested during the month of September 2021, in the Insured Cash Sweep Account earning interest at .25%. The Goodfield State Bank Money Market earned interest at a .099% for the month of September 2021.

### **Public Works Department**

Trustee Nauman, as per discussions in Executive Session, made a motion to approve a \$2.00 per hour raise for the 3 employees in the administration department. Trustee Schierer seconded the motion and with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

### **Police/Fire/ESD**

There was no report.

### **Finance/ Economic Development, Insurance, Special Projects**

Trustee Weyeneth reported information from the library. The current square footage they have is about 6000 and they wish to double that in size +. This was not the info previously stated to the Village. This new amount 13,000-14,000 is the amount they now desire.

### **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 Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Bowers seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:57PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk

