

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD OCTOBER 4, 2022**

The Special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5PM, but was delayed until approximately 5:20PM for Attorney Brunton to arrive.

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Present were: President: Cummings

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

Present from the Rural Fire Dept: Jeff Burnett and Jim Springer

Also present to listen was Fire Chief Daryl McCullough and members of E116.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Cummings stated the meeting tonight is not an open discussion meeting and only the Village Board and Rural Fire Dept. will discuss the issues. He turned the opening statements over to Jeff Burnett.

Jeff opened his remarks by asking if the relationship between the Village Board and the Rural Fire Dept. is one both parties want to continue. Everyone agreed.

He asked for a consensus of everyone that the initial site #1 for the new firehouse on the east property the Village owns is the agreed upon site #1 presented by Paul Kouri at the last meeting. Everyone agreed to the initial chosen site #1. President Cummings also asked Fire Chief McCullough if he agreed with the chosen site and he said yes.

The next issue he talked about was the budget and how discussions of how to pay for this project should be considered. He laid out the vision the Rural Fire Dept. has for a new firehouse. He went into depth of research and data on the future growth of Metamora that he had investigated, which bears both the needs now and in the future for a firehouse. He talked of the monies available from both entities to pay for the project, the possibility of getting grants and/or a referendum put to the people.

He set out certain questions the Rural still feels need to be addressed and discussed before the next steps and decisions can be made.

From this point, the discussion involved perhaps the possibility of a referendum on the ballot and how would be the best way to present the need for approval to the public.

There are agencies for hire that specialize in ways to present the purpose and necessity of this project to our residents. This may be an option for both parties.

At this time, Paul Kouri, of Farnsworth, presented a plan for the firehouse. This initial plan was based on the information gathered at past stakeholder meetings. It starts at approximately 21,000 square feet with the possibility of still being trimmed down. He explained the footprint of the interior design for both depts. (fire and ambulance), still saying it can be tweaked as we progress.

Attorney Brunton said the primary need at this time is to get an agreed plan and present this to the elected state and federal officials as a plan that all parties agree upon and see what grants we can secure from those sources. Then we can go to our residents showing that we, as local officials, have done our due diligence to pursue all avenues of resources.

All parties were in agreement on these next steps and they will be discussed at future meetings and in order of priorities.

With no more to discuss at this time, Trustee Weyeneth made motion to adjourn with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the Special meeting adjourned at 6:58PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk