

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

The Special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Metamora was called to order at 5PM.

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Present were: President Cummings

Trustees: Nauman, Schierer, Glueck, Bowers and Alig

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cummings asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Surplus Village Personal Property (2007 Ford F-550 Dump Truck). Trustee Bowers made the motion for approval with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Tina Wilson, owner of the General Store on the square, addressed the Board. She and two other businesses are wanting to hold an event on the square called "Metamora Hometown Christmas" on December 8, 2022, from 5 to 8PM. She explained the plan is to have the businesses open during these hours, bring in food and beverage trucks, have horse and carriage rides and more to celebrate the season. She was asking the Village for a donation of \$2500.00.

A discussion was held with Trustee Schierer saying he felt a donation for an event would set a precedent for the future and he was against the idea. Other members asked for estimates she had received for the costs. After a lengthy discussion, the Board thought it was a good idea to have this event and it would bring people to the square. They felt if this event was well received, "Metamora Hometown Christmas" could become an annual event and perhaps grow each year. Something the people of Metamora could look forward to and be proud of.

It was suggested instead of a donation, the Village could sponsor this event covering the costs with a budget of \$1500.00. Tina and the other businesses would still do the planning and make arrangements and then submit the billings to the Village. With the decorations in the gazebo, the Christmas trees lining the sidewalks in the square that the Metamora Park Dist. is doing, the Courthouse and all the other businesses decorating, the square should be a beautiful place to celebrate the holiday.

Mayor Cummings asked for a general consensus from the Board to sponsor this year's "Metamora Hometown Christmas" with a budget, not to exceed, \$1500.00. All 5 Trustees agreed, but Trustee Schierer said he disagreed with the amount thinking it was to high.

It was decided to put this on the agenda for the meeting on November 15, 2022, for a motion to approve.

With no more to discuss, Trustee Nauman made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:51PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk