

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

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, and Alig

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the regular meeting held October 17, 2023, were reviewed. Trustee Schierer made a motion for approval with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Minutes of the Executive Session held October 17, 2023, were reviewed. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant List was reviewed. Trustee Alig made a motion for approval with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 1 abstain (Schieerer) and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

Jeff Geibelhausen, owner of Civic Digital Displays, addressed the board with updates on the digital sign being proposed at the corner of Niles St. and Rt 116. Attorney Brunton is to review the lease and it will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

Dawn Smith gave updates on the progress of the renovations at the library. She then spoke of the walking/bike trail that would connect Germantown Hills and Metamora along Rt 116. The board has already committed \$26,400.00 for the feasibility study and engineering studies, which have since increased in costs. The board is being asked for another \$8000.00 to cover this increase for phase one and two of the engineering study. Trustee Nauman said he is against the idea and asked if it would be possible to rescind the motion for approval of the original \$26,400.00. His thoughts were to spend over \$34,000.00 outside of the village is not a wise decision when there are many other projects in the village that the money could be used for. Trustees Schierer and Glueck agreed with him. Attorney Brunton said he would have to research whether the board

could rescind the motion or not, but he felt it would not be possible. The village has committed the \$26,400.00, but could vote on whether or not to pay another \$8000.00 at the next meeting.

Stan Deatherage from Old Settlers presented pictures of the benches they are going to purchase for the park and asked if the village would order and pay for them to save on sales tax. Old Settlers would then reimburse the village. The issue will be on the next agenda for approval.

Mayor's Report

He gave an update from Farnsworth on the Niles St. sidewalk issue and the progress to finish the work.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Brunton presented the following for approval:

Ordinance providing for Annexation of Property Owned by Lacy and Jake Wall, located at 826 W Santa Fe Trail. Trustee Nauman made a motion for approval with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

There were two other ordinances on the agenda for approval but they were tabled at this time.

He spoke of the 2023 tax levy and the increase to 4.95% that Treasurer Garber has recommended. He will present the tax levy at the Nov 21st meeting for more discussion and/or approval.

Public Works

Trustee Nauman made a motion for Thanksgiving gift cards from Kirby for the employees. Full time \$100.00 and part time \$50.00. Trustee Weyeneth seconded the motion and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Trustee Nauman then made a motion to purchase service meters and software for the water dept. from Ferguson in the amount of \$40,212.34. Trustee Schierer seconded the motion and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Trustee Nauman made a motion to pay Jason Jones \$1300.00 for the fuel depot oversight he performs every year. Trustee Weyeneth seconded and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Police/Fire/ESD

Trustee Schierer made a motion to approve the updates in the police contract with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The donation to the Park District for the pool was tabled at this time.

Finance/ Economic Development/Insurance/Special Project

Trustee Weyeneth gave updates on the research he is doing on the sports dome being considered on the farm ground the village owns.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Executive Session

There were no requests.

Adjourn

With no more to discuss, Trustee Weyeneth 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 8:22 PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk