

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD MAY 20, 2025

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 Deeb

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

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held May 6, 2025, were reviewed. Trustee Nauman made a motion for approval with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 1 abstain (Alig) and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Minutes of the Sine-Die held May 6, 2025, were reviewed. Trustee Bowers made a motion for approval with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 1 abstain (Alig) and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant List was reviewed. Trustee Nauman 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

There were none.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Deeb called for a vote to approve the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Audit with Gordon Stockman in the amount NTE \$24,000.00. This audit will take place in June.

Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the audit in said amount with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Mayor Deeb gave a quick update on the zoom meetings held every Tuesday at 11AM with Hometown Consulting.

She then stated she attended the law seminar held by Miller, Hall and Triggs. She came back with informational books for 2 committees but had additional books available for the remaining trustees if they wanted them.

She announced the formation of the Economic Development Grant team to help Katie Garber look for specific grants needed for projects in the future. The team will consist of Monica Camper, Village Administrator, Bylle Long, Village Clerk, Katie Garber, Economic Development Director, Mayor Deeb and Cole McDaniel of Hometown

Consulting. There will also be direct contacts with the public works director, water/sewer dept. and police chief.

Next, the village website was discussed. Mayor Deeb explained the importance of having an updated website for people to get correct information about our village and the advantages of living in our community.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Jeff Gaster presented a draft of the Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2025/26 for review. The public hearing for this will be held on June 3rd.

He also discussed the amendment in the village budget for the website update project in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Trustee Bowers commented the need to raise the appropriations for the storm sewer maintenance as with the last two projects worked on the department had already exceeded the amount in appropriations. He suggested raising the amount to at least \$50,000.

Engineer's Report

Bob Kohlhaus gave updates on several ongoing issues.

He also presented the awarded contract with JIMAX for the demolition of 121 S. Niles, which was accepted at the last meeting, for signatures. This work to follow within a month.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

Economic Development

Katie Garber gave a report on what she has been doing the last couple weeks. This included meetings she has attended, community outreach, on-going projects, one of which is to host a community meeting with a purpose of informing the community of what is being worked on and asking for input from those in attendance with a live survey. She is confirming small details and will then get the word out to the community of when this is scheduled, hoping for the end of June.

She also gave an update on the grant for the new firehouse. The process has started over again and will keep the board informed of its progress.

Public Works Dept.

Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve storm sewer repairs on S. Menard St. in the amount NTE \$6000.00. Trustee Nauman seconded and with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

He also gave the update on the solar farm saying the next step is waiting for Ameren to put up 3 poles and the schedule they gave was not until 2026, so the startup for the farm has been delayed.

Police/Fire/ESD

Trustee Glueck made a motion to approve the purchase of a Thermal Imager for the fire dept. in the amount NTE \$8343.00 (which the rural fire dept. would reimburse us for half the cost). Trustee Schierer seconded and with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

He then announced the newly elected fire chief is Mike Sluga.

Finance, Economic Development, Insurance, Special Projects.

There was no report.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Executive Session – Fire/EMT Personnel

Trustee Alig made a motion to enter the Executive Session with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed at 7:48PM.

Regular Meeting Resumes and Adjourns

The regular meeting resumed at 8:31PM with previous roll call present. With no more to discuss, Trustee Nauman made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk