

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD JANUARY 06, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Metamora was called to order at 7:00 PM

Deputy Village Clerk, Katie Garber, called the roll call.

Present:

President: Deeb

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

All present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held December 16, 2025, were reviewed. Trustee Nauman made a motion for approval with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays, and 2 abstain from Schierer and Bowers the motion passed.

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

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

Donald Bryant – (408 Ashland Circle) Donald raised multiple questions regarding the solar farm in Metamora. Katie Garber stated she would get him in contact with the Village of Metamora's solar company representative.

Maggie Whittington – (211 S. Lafayette St.) On behalf of her parents' home, Maggie raised concerns about two Village of Metamora trees dangerously dropping limbs. She inquired about these trees being trimmed.

Mayor's Report

President Deeb presented Jason Jones with a plaque for twenty-five years of service to the Village of Metamora. She expressed the board's sincere gratitude to Jason for his dedicated service to the Village of Metamora with a short tribute to Jason's career.

Treasurer's Report

CASH BALANCES

Cash balances as of November 30, 2025, increased \$54,428, a .67% increase from October 31, 2025.

MAJOR RECEIPTS

- Illinois Taxes	\$108,118
- Motor Fuel Taxes	\$14,850
-Woodford County Real Estate Taxes	\$31,175
- Goodfield State Bank CD Interest	\$20,366

MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS

- Ameren	\$48,645
- BlueCross Blue Shield	\$18,845
- Brenntag	\$10,429

INVESTMENTS

Funds were invested during the month of November 2025 in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at .4%. The Goodfield State Bank Money Market earned interest at .15% and CDs earned 4%. The Insured Cash Sweep Account at Goodfield State Bank earned interest at 1.65%. US Treasury Bills earned interest at 4% and 4.15%.

Administrative Report – Cole McDaniel

Cole McDaniel was not in attendance, but a paper report was provided to all trustees to review. Katie highlighted one item from Cole's report stating that the four million dollar grant request through Congressman LaHood's office is in the approval/finalization process. Coordination is underway with LaHood's office for announcement in February with more details to follow in the coming weeks. It was noted that the original meeting date with Congressman LaHood scheduled for January 16, 2026, had to be rescheduled due to schedule conflicts with the congressman.

Trustee Weyeneth mentioned that there is a firehouse in Fairbury that is similar to what Metamora is looking to build. He stated he could set up a showing of this firehouse for any of the trustees, fire department, or EMS representatives that may be interested.

Katie Garber stated that Cole will be in attendance at the next regular board meeting.

Economic Development – Katie Garber

Katie stated that Shine a Light on Metamora was a huge success this year. President Deeb mentioned that she received compliments from residents and nonresidents regarding Shine a Light.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Brunton presented an ordinance for the sale of an ambulance used by Emergency 116 to Illinois Central College for \$9,999.00. He informed the board that when Emergency 116 gets an ambulance it is put in the Village's name and is subsequently owned and insured under the Village. Given that the ambulance is Village property, the sale of an ambulance must be approved by the Village board. Brunton stated that when a titled vehicle is being sold, it is best to do this by ordinance which protects all involved parties and ensures the sale is being done the proper way.

Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval of the ordinance authorizing the sale Village property, specifically the Emergency 116 ambulance, to Illinois Central College in the amount of \$9,999.00 with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Attorney Brunton gave an update on the enterprise zone expansion stating that a capital infrastructure improvement plan for the next five to ten years needs to be prepared for the enterprise zone application. Cole McDaniel will be heading up the creation of this plan. He stated a public hearing will also be necessary in the future as part of the enterprise zone application process.

Brunton stated the farmland lease needs to be reviewed and prepared for 2026.

Discussion occurred regarding a proposed gift of land that was offered to the Village. The specific piece of property offered included the drive lane and a small amount of grassy area behind McDonalds that connects to Progress Street. The board was fully in agreement that this property would provide no benefit to Metamora but rather an extra maintenance burden. Given this, the board determined there would be no benefit to accepting the property.

Engineer's Report

There was no report.

Committee Reports

Public Works Department

Trustee Nauman stated that now that the snow is gone, public works has had the leaf vacuum back out to collect the remainder of the leaf piles around town.

Trustee Bowers highlighted a meeting he has set with Cole McDaniel and Jason Jones for January 16th to discuss the capital improvement plan.

Police/Fire/ESD

Nothing to report.

Finance/ Economic Development, Insurance, Special Project

Nothing to report.

Old Business

President Deeb presented a letter and map from a gentleman who visited Metamora in relation to the “Looking for Lincoln” movement.

Deeb has been working with members of the Metamora Association for Historic Preservation to archive historical records housed within Village Hall.

An invitation was presented for the Woodford County Sheriff’s Department quarterly municipality meetings and information regarding Woodford County Sheriff’s Department was presented.

The voluntary pledge discussed last meeting to Greater Peoria Economic Development (GPEDC) was brought up by Mayor Deeb. She stated an amount needs to be decided and voted on at the next meeting. The amount of \$500 was suggested.

The Metamora Emergency Management Plan has been updated and given to the county.

Deeb stated letters of support have started coming in for bathroom facilities on the Square on the former legion lot.

It was stated that a committee meeting needed to be set. A committee meeting was set for January 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Opterra will be in attendance at this meeting to give a presentation of their findings following the Village facilities assessment.

New Business

Garber presented a logo sheet with new Village logos to be considered. The team with Hometown Consulting created these logos within their current contract free of extra charge. The current logo reads Metamora Courthouse, and it was stated it may be a good idea to refresh it and make sure it includes “Village of Metamora”. The trustees weighed in with opinions on the logos presented.

Executive Session – If Requested

There were no requests.

Adjourn

With no more to discuss, Trustee Nauman made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Katie Garber

Deputy Village Clerk

