

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD FEBRUARY 3, 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, Weyeneth, Glueck, Bowers, Alig

Absent:

Trustee: Schierer

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held January 20, 2026, were reviewed. Trustee Bowers made a motion for approval with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant List was reviewed. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

Maggie Whittington – (211 S. Lafayette) Spoke on behalf of her parents' home. She spoke during public comment at a prior meeting regarding Village of Metamora trees that are dangerous and need trimmed. She inquired about these trees again and asked if anything was scheduled to be done about them.

Don Hutchens – (520 W. Michigan) Brought up a sidewalk concern regarding accessibility to the larger sidewalk system on Washington Street.

Mayor's Report

President Deeb gave an update about a meeting she attended with team members from Home Depot. She provided handouts to the trustees informing them of the discussions at the meeting. Deeb stated that she attended FEMA training.

Treasurer's Report

CASH BALANCES

Cash balances as of December 31, 2025, increased \$19,523, a .24% increase from November 30, 2025.

MAJOR RECEIPTS

- Illinois Taxes	\$105,139
- Motor Fuel Taxes	\$15,236
- US Treasury Bills	\$63,404

MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS

- Ameren	\$23,818
- Brenntag	\$19,444
- Farnsworth	\$33,957
- Flock Group	\$12,000
- Dinges Fire	\$18,636

INVESTMENTS

Funds were invested during the month of December 2025 in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at .35%. 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 3.5%.

Administrative Report – Cole McDaniel

Cole McDaniel attended this meeting and presented a report to the trustees. The key items from this report were the following:

- The Village website launched successfully. Katie Garber attended training for website management. McDaniel encouraged board members to visit the economic development section of the website to see what this new section of the website offers.
- Work is underway for an event application for outside events on the Square.
- The press release for the public safety building is scheduled for Friday, February

6th. More meetings are scheduled following this announcement to begin the necessary conversations internally to continue moving forward. The next steps for the grant have started with the USDA which is the grant management agency which will be handling the four-million-dollar grant.

- Highlighted the streetscape conceptual plans and how important the next step of receiving cost estimates will be for moving forward.
- The discussions regarding the logo were brought up. Cole mentioned that Hometown Consulting's goal with the logo was to provide a logo to match whatever vision the trustees have. They provided these logos within the current contract at no extra cost to the Village.

Economic Development – Katie Garber

Katie asked which trustees were planning to be in attendance at the press release with Congressman LaHood. She needed to know if there would be a quorum at the press release. It was decided that there would be a quorum present, so an agenda needs to be posted to ensure open meeting act guidelines are followed.

A new Village logo sheet was passed out to the trustees with the requested changes from the board. The new logo sheet included the current logo refreshed with a crisper image with the correct branding. Mayor Deeb mentioned that this logo doesn't need to be decided on at this meeting and that this could even be made into a contest to involve the community. The board will be submitting ranked logo sheets to Garber to poll which logo is the favorite.

A consulting contract with Vickers Consulting was presented for assistance writing a grant for air packs for the fire department for \$1,500.

- Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Garber informed the board about a two-day, rural economic development conference in Springfield she would like to attend. Cole McDaniel with Hometown Consulting stated they would like to cover Katie's registration fee. Garber stated if a hotel stay would be necessary for this conference she would make sure to get it on the next agenda.

Attorney's Report

Brunton brought up the annual cash rent lease of the Village of Metamora farmland with J&D Farm Partnership. The per acre payment is \$275 per acre.

- Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to approve the 2026 farmland lease with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

A resolution for the road closure of a portion of IL Route 116 for 2026 Old Settlers was discussed. This needs to be done and submitted to IDOT yearly. Deeb inquired if there was a way to request if both lanes can be reduced to one lane rather than just one side. Brunton stated that this can be requested with IDOT and they are at liberty to approve or not. The board members agreed that the lane closure should remain as just the one side reduced to one lane as it has been in the past.

- Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve the resolution for temporary closure permit for IL Route 116 for 2026 Old Settlers with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

An ordinance establishing the rules and requirements for use of the Village Square was discussed. This ordinance would work in conjunction with the event application that is being worked on for the Village Square. Rules defined within this ordinance will be stated on the events application. Brunton informed the trustees that the presented rules are very standard.

- Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve the ordinance establishing regulations for use of the Village Square in Village code with Trustee Bowers seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

An ordinance implementing a 1% non-home rule sales tax was presented. Brunton stated that this is an ideal revenue source for the Village to be able to use for infrastructure costs. This revenue source is significant when trying to implement improvements within the Village and helps with bond issuance.

- Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to approve the ordinance implementing a 1% non-home rule municipal sales tax within Village of Metamora with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Engineer's Report

There was no report.

Committee Reports

Public Works Department

Laura Tobben with Farnsworth presented a brief summary of their conceptual streetscape plan to the trustees. Several trustees had some questions regarding the design which Laura addressed. Garber stated that this portion of the design needs to be approved by the Village trustees before Farnsworth can move on to the next phase of the design.

- Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the conceptual streetscape design from Farnsworth Group with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Police/Fire/ESD

Nothing to report.

Finance/ Economic Development, Insurance, Special Project

Trustee Weyeneth mentioned that he met with Goodfield State Bank and they expressed interest in funding the other portion of the public safety building not covered by the grant.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Cole mentioned that the ITEP grant needs to be explored for the streetscape. Garber stated this is one that has been on her radar to apply for in the fall.

Deeb shared an invite for a gala fundraiser for Camp Dallas.

Executive Session – If Requested

There were no requests.

Adjourn

With no more to discuss, Trustee Glueck made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Katie Garber

Deputy Village Clerk