

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD FEBRUARY 17, 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 were present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held February 3, 2026, were reviewed. Trustee Alig made a motion for approval with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstain by Trustee Schierer, the motion passed.

Minutes of the special meeting held February 6, 2026, were reviewed. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Bowers seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

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

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report

President Deeb stated that the Mayor's Association Meeting is upcoming and she will be attending.

She informed the board she is continuing to receive letters of support for bathrooms on the Square.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

Administrative Report – Cole McDaniel

Cole McDaniel was not in attendance. Cole sent a report to be printed for the board. Due to a printer error, she would be emailing them the reports rather than printing.

Economic Development – Katie Garber

Katie informed the board that she will be attending a rural development conference in Springfield. Her admission was sponsored by Hometown Consulting. She stated she would not need a hotel room as she would be staying with a friend local to Springfield. Katie received a contact with Representative Tipsword's office. They informed her that they would like to nominate her for an award for their district called "Women to Watch".

Katie mentioned that she is researching a small placemaking grant through T-Mobile. She thought with this grant she could write for the repair of the sign on the VFW lot and add a small pavilion for extra seating.

Saturday night concerts were brought up. Katie stated that Hanover's had contacted her to inform her of how impactful the Saturday night concerts have been for Hanover's and other businesses on the Square. Katie mentioned that even though there are less concerts on the event calendar that the board had already approved, it would be a good idea to still bring out one of the more expensive bands that often bring out a very large crowd. Dawn stated that she is open to however the board would like to approach the four concerts. She also mentioned that Hanover's had contacted her to inform her of the impact the concerts have had on their business. Trustee Bowers stated that he thought it would be beneficial to add more concerts to the calendar in June. John Cummings, former mayor, spoke about prior years and the impact of the Saturday summer concert series and expressed that he thought there should be more than four concerts. Attorney Brunton stated that the board approved the current events calendar and that discussion of adding more concerts should be discussed at a committee meeting.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Brunton stated that now that the farmland lease has been passed, he needs to have Joe come in to sign it.

He is working with Katie to get the sales tax ordinance sent down to the Department of Revenue.

Brunton stated that a meeting occurred between Village, Rural Fire Department, and EMS 116 to go over details following the announcement of the firehouse grant. A proposed timeline for the public safety building was presented to the board. This

timeline will soon be available on the website to keep interested parties aware of where the Village is at in the process.

Katie is currently Deputy Village Clerk and will be appointed to Village Clerk at the next meeting.

Katie's job description and title was brought up. Brunton stated a formal job description will be emailed to all trustees to be discussed and approved at the next meeting.

Trustee Nauman inquired about the sidewalk agreements. Garber stated that she has spoken to multiple businesses several times and that she is still waiting for replies.

Engineer's Report

Bob Kohlhasse presented documents related to the development of the 135 acres with timelines and next steps for site development for the public safety building site and future development.

Bob presented documents related to the salt storage building. President Deeb stated she would like to revisit the idea of leaving the salt storage on the existing site depending on what Metro is planning to do with their building near the current site.

Bob stated that planning is underway for the 2026 MFT Program.

Streetscape planning is continuing so that ITEP grant funds can be applied for in the fall of 2026.

Committee Reports

Public Works Department

Trustee Bowers brought up the Backflow Connection Control Program which requires mailers to be sent out every three years as well as an annual mailer. This program costs \$3,600.

- Bowers made a motion to approve the contract with Aqua Backflow for the Backflow Connection Control Program not to exceed \$3,600. Trustee Schierer seconded the motion. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Bowers stated that the board needed to get a committee meeting on the calendar. They will be scheduling a committee meeting at the next regular board meeting.

Police/Fire/ESD

Nothing to report.

Finance/ Economic Development, Insurance, Special Project

Trustee Weyeneth expressed the need for an executive session related to the renewal of the employees' healthcare plan.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Executive Session – If Requested

Trustee Schierer made a motion to enter executive session under Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) to discuss collective bargaining matters between a public body and its employees or their representatives at 8:04 PM with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Adjourn

The board entered back into regular session at 8:21 PM. With no more to discuss, Trustee Weyeneth 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 8:21 PM.

Katie Garber

Deputy Village Clerk