

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD APRIL 7, 2026**

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

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 March 17, 2026, were reviewed. Trustee Bowers made a motion for approval with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Minutes of the executive session held March 17, 2026, were reviewed. Trustee Nauman made a motion for approval with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

The warrant list was reviewed. Trustee Alig made a motion for approval with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

Shawna Ryan (100 W. Pine St., Metamora, IL) – Requested the boards' consideration to allow her to put a tiny house on her property to act as a private, secondary living space for her mother. The board had a draft of the home to review. She stated that she would not be requesting a separate address or utilities as everything could tie directly into her home. The zoning board had already met and discussed this request but denied it because they felt a decision could not be made without Village Board review and guidance. The trustees asked Shawna multiple questions related to the request. It was decided this topic would be brought up and discussed within old business.

Mayor's Report

President Deeb presented a report from Greater Peoria EDC of the Peoria Big Table. She reminded those in attendance of her and Katie Garber's participation in the Woodford County Rural Big Table and stated that the findings from this will be included in a larger, full report following this report. A few representatives will be in attendance at a later meeting to discuss this report.

Deeb gave an update on Hanover 190 with festivities on June 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 7th. She stated that the budget for this will be considered part of the yearly concert series budget, as this event fits within those parameters but just packaged differently.

Deeb brought up the consensus from last year for the former Metamora American Legion lot to make the lot a "pocket park" called Veteran's Park. Deeb stated that a decision needs to be made for the crumbling sign. She shared that it is a hazard as children often climb on it and it has sharp edges that pose a risk to anyone that may fall on or near it. She suggested that the sign either needs to be repaired or removed and replaced. The board agreed that, before a decision could be made, the pricing for both options needs to be investigated and considered.

Deeb brought back up the need for signage per OSHA standards at Village Hall for signs that direct the public to the exits and restrooms. Discussions occurred between the board on whose responsibility it should be to make sure these signs get ordered and hung. Deeb stated she will work with Jason to get it done.

The Metamora Park Foundation park map project was brought back up for approval to purchase.

- Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to purchase the Woodford County park map project materials from the Metamora Park Foundation with Trustee Bowers seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

CASH BALANCES

Cash balances as of February 28, 2026, increased \$111,215, 1.37% increase from January 31, 2026.

MAJOR RECEIPTS

- Illinois Taxes	\$123,724
- Motor Fuel Taxes	\$15,344
- Goodfield State Bank CDs	\$20,569
- US Treasury Bills	\$19,926

MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS

- Ameren	\$26,026
- Brenntag	\$11,126
- Bluecross Blue Shield	\$20,868

INVESTMENTS

Funds were invested during the month of February 2026 in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at .35% and US Treasury Bills at 3.5%. 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%.

Administrative Report – Cole McDaniel

Katie Garber provided Cole’s written report. Deeb highlighted the main points from Cole’s report and stated that he would be in attendance at the next meeting.

Economic Development – Katie Garber

Katie stated that concert planning is going well. She is actively working to book Luke Maurer for the Saturday concert during the Hanover 190 celebration, but this is uncertain due to some difficulties with him finding sound equipment. Katie stated once the remaining few items are in place for the concerts, she will be able to finish the marketing materials and release the concert schedule.

Katie shared an update with her continued grant work and the grants she is actively working on or researching.

Attorney’s Report

Attorney Brunton highlighted some items from his report. The following are the items he spoke on:

- The liquor code and liquor licensing updating and reclassification as well as the proposed historic overlay district. The moratorium is still in place as Cole, Dawn, and Brunton work on the updates.
- The fire station project and the behind the scenes work that is happening to continue moving forward.
- Update on the 1% non-home rule sales tax which was already approved by the board. The Village is still waiting on written confirmation of receipt from the state.

Engineer's Report

Joe Adams with Farnsworth gave the board an overview of the MFT Program being proposed for this year and how the program was developed. He also shared an update on the lane closures Farnsworth was working on for the Village related to multiple Village events for the year.

- Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Public Works Department

Nauman mentioned that a committee meeting related to the new budget needed to be set. A committee meeting was set for Tuesday, April 14th at 5:00 PM at Village Hall.

Police/Fire/ESD

Glueck brought up the Woodford County dispatching fees.

- Trustee Glueck made a motion to approve the Woodford County Communications dispatching fees in the amount of \$9,104 with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Bowers stated that contract negotiations are beginning soon for the police department.

Finance/ Economic Development, Insurance, Special Project

Weyeneth shared with the board that, following the rain, a lake formed in the farmland on the 135 acres. The pooling was due to the gravel drive installed by the solar company. He shared that the farmer that leases the property fixed the issue by trenching through the gravel drive and the water drained. He stated that the farmer will not be charging for labor but would like supplies reimbursed. Merle called the solar company to inform them of the issue but had not heard back yet. Attorney Brunton questioned if a culvert under the gravel road would be necessary and stated that this is something that should be installed for the solar company. Brunton mentioned that this is something that needs to be addressed.

Merle has continued researching different options for health insurance. He spoke with Chris Reatherford with Unland Insurance about an option of group health sharing. He concluded that this option would not be the best option for the employees or for the Village.

Old Business

The topic from public input from Shawna Ryan regarding the request to put a tiny home on her property was revisited.

- Attorney Brunton brought up some of the different necessary considerations as far as parking and short-term rental concerns. Brunton stated that the next step would be for him to draft up an ordinance regarding this matter for a special use basis. He shared that anyone wanting to do this on their own property would have to seek a special use permit rather than each circumstance being automatically approved. Brunton will have a draft ordinance for the trustees to review at the next meeting.
- Several trustees brought up different questions and concerns about allowing detached dwellings. Deeb shared that she is in favor of moving forward with the exploration of this idea, as is common in other places.
- Andrew Kamm, member of the zoning board, informed the board of the conversation they had at their meeting regarding this topic. Some of the topics that they talked about were emergency vehicle access, water/sewer tie-ins, separate/same address, and short and long-term rentals. The zoning board did not want to move forward with anything until the board could give their consideration and input.

Deeb stated that Opterra is following up seeking a contract with the Village of Metamora. Dawn has told Opterra that the Village is not ready for anything further given the other projects happening within the Village. Dawn shared that the information that was gathered is important and a plan needs to be made based on the information Opterra provided.

President Deeb brought up the topic of digitizing and archiving records. Paper copies of records need to be organized to ensure items can be located quickly and easily.

Weyeneth shared that Jack Weddle with the historical society spoke with him regarding America 250 and the potential to show a movie on the Square about the Melissa Goings that had been created in Metamora. Deeb stated that the historical society is welcome to participate and help make this happen, but that the Village will not be doing the work for it.

Bowers brought up the ongoing noise complaints regarding the emptying of dumpsters in the early morning hours. At the last meeting, this topic was left at revisiting if the issue hadn't been resolved and the complaints continued. Bowers said that the way the ordinance reads currently, the garbage company is within their rights to empty the dumpster when they are. Brunton stated that he would look into the current ordinance and speak with Jeff Gaster on what he has found related the ordinance.

Bowers requested an update on the business sidewalk agreements. Katie gave the trustees an update on the agreements and stated that she followed up again with multiple businesses that had not turned in agreements. These businesses told Katie that they would get back with her. Brunton advised giving a little more time for these businesses to get back to her before legal next steps are taken.

New Business

There was no new business.

Executive Session – If Requested

Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to enter executive session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) to discuss personnel at 8:55 PM with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Adjourn

The board entered back into regular session at 9:23 PM. With no more to discuss, Trustee Nauman made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Katie Garber

Village Clerk