

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

Absent:

Trustees: Schierer

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held June 16, 2026, were reviewed. Trustee Weyeneth 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 Bowers made a motion for approval with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Public Hearing: 2026/27 Appropriation Ordinance

The public hearing was called at 7:02 PM for any comments or discussions. There were none. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Bowers seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the hearing was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report

President Deeb gave her report which included the following:

- Overview of meetings attended with the following: local boy scouts, Operation BBQ Relief, Ted Schierer and Jack Weddle
- Old Settlers
- Upcoming Mayor's Association meeting
- Declaration of Independence reading
- Upcoming meetings with the following: Schooley Mitchell, MABA, Knights of Columbus
- Volunteer Opportunity at Camp Dallas
- Code violations
- Lighting quote for Village Hall and admin building (**Trustee Schierer arrived at 7:09 PM**)
- Community bulletin board
- Hanover 190 t-shirts
- Art donation for the Village
- Hallmark farmland up for purchase

Treasurer's Report

CASH BALANCES

Cash balances as of June 30, 2026, decreased \$58,752, a .72% decrease from May 31, 2026.

MAJOR RECEIPTS

- Illinois Taxes	\$105,288
- Motor Fuel Taxes	\$14,882
- US Treasury Bonds	\$54,280

MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS

- Ameren	\$26,007
- Asia Motors	\$49,045
- Bluecross Blue Shield	\$25,309

- Gordon, Stockman & Waugh \$12,800
- Miller, Hall & Triggs \$13,246
- Mississippi Lime \$19,080
- WTS Network Services \$10,587

INVESTMENTS

Funds were invested during the month of June 2026 in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at .35% and US Treasury Bills at 3.6%. The Goodfield State Bank Money Market earned interest at .15%. The Insured Cash Sweep Account at Goodfield State Bank earned interest at 1.65%. CD's with Goodfield State Bank earned 4% interest.

Economic Development – Katie Garber

Garber highlighted the Declaration of Independence reading scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th in cooperation with America 250.

Garber gave the board a brief overview of some of the grant options she's looking at for the streetscape. She mentioned that the Village should explore options for the road in front of the library. Given the temporary ramp, she inquired with Attorney Brunton where the agreement with the library was left regarding the ramp and time frame for a more permanent solution. Brunton stated that there was not a time frame set, but language stating that when the road is redone, the ramp be included in that project.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Brunton brought forward the Appropriation Ordinance for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

- Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Brunton gave updates on the public safety building. He stated that interviews will be scheduled for the following week with the public safety building committee to select a construction manager for the project. He also shared that the agreement with Rural Fire Department is still underway but moving forward.

A brief update was given regarding the historic overlay district and the enterprise zone.

Engineer's Report

Kayse Doering with Farnsworth presented an invoice to Farnsworth Group for preliminary engineering services on the 2026 MFT Oil and Chip Program paid with MFT funds in the amount of \$9,718.50.

- Trustee Alig made a motion to approve the invoice to Farnsworth Group for \$9,718.50 with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Public Works Department

Trustee Bowers stated that a committee meeting needed to be set. Deeb agreed and stated it should be on Tuesday, July 14th at 5:00 PM.

Trustee Nauman commented on the bunting along the water tower and how nice it looks.

Bowers shared that Metro would like to close down the alley behind their business from July 24-26 for vehicle maintenance. The board didn't see an issue with this and gave permission for the closure.

Police/Fire/ESD

Fire Chief Sluga raised concerns about the Cheese Nuts storing wood in the back alley given the clearance around the wood and the fire hazard it causes. He stated that he has requested it be moved but they have not moved the wood. Attorney Brunton stated a letter can be drafted and sent to Cheese Nuts as a formal way to request it be moved.

Administrative Consultant – Cole McDaniel

Cole gave some updates on the public safety building and related meetings. He shared the work he has done so far reviewing applicants for the construction manager for the public safety building. He stated that Katie will be sending out more information to the public safety committee regarding the interviews for construction manager.

Cole also brought up the topic of FOIA requests and the recent uptick. Given this, he suggested it would be a good idea to look into Village-issued cell phones for certain staff or board members. Cole and Katie stated that they would do some research to provide to interested board and staff members that would like a Village-issued phone.

Finance, Economic Development, Insurance, Special Projects

Weyeneth gave an update on fireworks following a conversation he had with the company that had set up to sell fireworks in Metamora.

Alig inquired about the former Biscuits and Gravy building to see if anyone had any new information on the business. Nothing new was known at this time but the new chicken restaurant moving into the former Subway was mentioned.

Old Business

Trustee Bowers brought up the ditch on 1500 N. and shared that the estimate for regrading and new rock came in not to exceed \$9,000. Bowers asked for a consensus to get this done and be put on the agenda for the next meeting for approval. The board gave a full consensus in favor.

Village President Deeb brought up the drainage issues at Brighton Park and shared that the Park District cannot find the deed for the park. Brunton shared that he has documentation he can share with the Park District.

Cole McDaniel brought up Shell Station and some conversations he is having with them regarding a former alley behind the business and the request they have to expand their building. Within the conversation, Deeb shared that Kratom infused beverages are being sold at Shell Station and that the sale of this product within the Village concerns her. The full board agreed. Brunton stated that he can have an ordinance drafted for the next meeting prohibiting the sale of Kratom within the Village.

New Business

Trustee Bowers presented plans that Christian Union Church had brought to Jason for a proposed pickleball court. Bowers raised concern about them not planning to put a fence around it given the proximity to 116. Chris will be speaking with Jason more about this topic.

Police Chief Rebman shared that the oldest car in the police fleet broke down and the

cost of the repairs couldn't be justified given the wear on the vehicle. He found a Chevy Silverado at Green Chevrolet in Peoria \$26,450.63 that would be a good fit for the SRO vehicle. This amount fits in the current budget laid out for vehicle purchases. The board gave a full consensus in favor of Chief Rebman purchasing the vehicle to be put on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

Executive Session – If Requested

There was no executive session.

Adjourn

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 8:11 PM.

Katie Garber

Village Clerk