

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD AUGUST 18, 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.

Present:

President: Deeb

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

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held August 4, 2026, were reviewed. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention from Trustee Bowers, 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

Jill Fisher (323 N. Lafayette St.) – Fisher raised accessibility concerns regarding handrails on certain portions of the Square, stating they need extended to fully cover the stair steps. Fisher also shared that garbage is being discarded along the Square at local businesses in spots where trash should not be left. She also stated that dog owners are not picking up their dog's waste throughout town. She feels that cameras should be installed on the Square and around town to address the waste issue and that guidelines for fines should be implemented for those breaking the rules.

Charlie Zimmerman (Kiwanis Club of Metamora) – Zimmerman presented the Village Board with a sponsorship request for the annual "Boys of Fall" concert hosted by the Kiwanis Club at Black Partridge Park. He shared that the fundraising efforts would go towards inclusivity at Metamora's local parks as well as the MTHS scholarship fund. This will be added to the agenda for the board to vote on at the next meeting.

Rose Efaw (111 S. Hanover St.) – Efaw shared concerns regarding children on e-scooters and observations she has made regarding the dangers they present.

Jeff Koger (1012 Hay Meadows Ln.) – Koger shared with the board an agreement the Village has with the homeowners on Hay Meadows Lane regarding the maintenance of a retention pond. He stated that the Village maintains the pond and cleans it every fall. He expressed concern that the Village should be doing more maintenance on the pond to ensure it does not get overgrown.

Dennis Sievers (1000 Hay Meadows Ln.) – Sievers also spoke on maintenance concerns with the retention pond. He shared that he spoke with Jason Jones with the Village of Metamora and that Jones confirmed that it was on the schedule to be cleaned. Sievers expressed that he too feels the pond should be scheduled for maintenance more than once per year.

Mike Owens (112 S. Lafayette St.) – Owens urged the board to reconsider their contract with Flock Cameras, stating he has concerns with their access restrictions and system vulnerabilities.

Mayor's Report

President Deeb gave her report that included the following:

- Redbird Community Kickoff volunteer opportunity at MTHS
- The success of line dancing on the Square and the request to host again

Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

Administrative Consultant – Cole McDaniel

McDaniel gave a report that included the following:

- Upcoming meetings with taxing districts for the Enterprise Zone
- Contract with P.J. Hoerr for the public safety building
- Kickoff meeting with P.J. Hoerr for the public safety building
- Code enforcement and a new, free software technology for code enforcement tracking
- Planning and zoning
- Accessibility and safety on the Square

Economic Development – Katie Garber

Garber shared that she has been in conversation with the Park District and Illinois Prairie District Public Library about hosting another Halloween movie this year, with Black Partridge Park serving as the host location on October 17. Planned activities for the evening include a showing of *Hocus Pocus*, with popcorn sponsored by Conxxus, mini golf, and s'mores.

Garber shared that the Park District has the visual equipment needed for the movie, but the Village would need to acquire sound equipment. She stated that it may be more beneficial for the Village to purchase the equipment rather than rent it, as the equipment could also be used for other Village events. Garber said she would speak with Gina Jones with Old Settlers to see if they would be interested in partnering to purchase the equipment for both groups to use. Alig shared that he knows a DJ who may be willing to volunteer to oversee the sound for the movie.

Garber shared information regarding a promotional Metamora video created by Helwig Flightography. Deeb shared that the cost of the film was split with the Park District as they needed drone footage also. Helwig also created a YouTube channel for the Village, to which the video was uploaded. The video was shared with those in attendance.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Brunton gave a report that included the following:

- Contract form with P.J. Hoerr for the public safety building
- Enterprise Zone finalization steps

Engineer's Report

Kohlhase with Farnsworth gave a report that included the following:

- Kickoff meeting with P.J. Hoerr for the public safety building
- Roadwork completion and street sweeping to follow
- The streetscape project and redirection of ITEP application to the Metamora to Germantown trail project
- Completion of drainage project on 1500N
- Water tower paint coating

Committee Reports

Public Works Department

Nothing to report.

Public Health and Public Safety

Nothing to report.

Finance, Planning, and Zoning

Alig shared information about a zoning meeting from last week.

Employee Relations

Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement

Weyeneth reported on anticipated updates to Village code.

Economic Development and Special Projects

Deeb shared updates on new businesses coming to Metamora.

Old Business

Deeb gave an update on the removal of the sign on the legion lot. She also gave an update on cost-saving initiatives with Schooley Mitchell, which include evaluations of fuel, communication, and power.

New Business

Schierer gave an update on a property in town known to have code enforcement issues, sharing that this property will be improving in the near future.

Executive Session – If Requested

There was no executive session.

Adjourn

With no more to discuss, Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Katie Garber

Village Clerk