

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE  
VILLAGE OF METAMORA ILL., HELD JANUARY 16, 2018**

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

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Present were: President: Maurer

Trustees: Hutchens, Kamm, Nauman, Thompson, Vericker and Schierer

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting held January 2, 2018, were reviewed. Trustee Kamm made a motion to approve the Minutes with Trustee Vericker seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant List was reviewed. Trustee Thompson made a motion to approve the List with Trustee Kamm seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

**Guests were invited to speak.**

There were none.

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At this time, Mayor Maurer turned the meeting over to Trustee Vericker who stated that Chief Mike Todd had three (3) Commendation Awards to present to our officers for work they performed that had a great impact on our community. The three officers were:

1. Officer Darren Donald – who, in late December 2017, stopped a vehicle which had crossed the center line, driven on the sidewalk and was swerving on the road. Upon this stop, the driver was given a DUI, and it was discovered the car contained drugs, drug paraphernalia and cash. It was obvious this was an individual who was making and selling drugs in this community.

2. Officer Pete Merkle – who, in September 2017, received a complaint of a smell coming from an individual's apartment. Upon getting a search warrant, a search was performed of said apartment which found a large amount of drugs, cash and other items which were used to sell drugs in this community. Felony arrests were made and one person is now serving three (3) years in prison.

3. Sergeant Tim Ford – who, along with his K-9 partner, Oz, has visited many schools, clubs, nursing homes and other facilities in our community. In October, 2017, he received a call to check on a subject in our community. Knowing the history of this

subject, he called for back-up from Woodford County. Upon finding and stopping said subject on a traffic stop, he was found to be in possession of two (2) loaded handguns, as well as loaded magazines. While being questioned at the department, the subject agreed to a search of his apartment in which a loaded AR-15 rifle, several rounds of ammunition and a ballistic vest were recovered. It is believed the subject was possibly intent on committing a shooting in or around our community. This felony arrest by Officer Ford prevented this from occurring.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Maurer announced that the auditor for the Village, John Meister, is retiring. John has recommended another firm and the Trustees can approve and appoint this recommendation or interview another firm. Trustees felt they could trust the recommendation made by John Meister. Mayor Maurer said he would put this on the agenda for the next meeting to hire a new auditor.

Next, he spoke of the issue of the hardware store and the loan to the Village that is still owed. The loan was from money the Village received from the State for the Revolving Loan Fund. The State is changing their regulations to municipalities for this fund. There is a meeting the end of the month and our Treasurer, Joan Garber, will be attending, to get more information from the State. Attorney Tibbs will also investigate the legalities regarding the hardware store and the options the Village will have with that issue.

Mayor Maurer stated the property at 115 S Niles is now owned by the Village. He said it was in much better shape than the house next door. He asked the Board if they wished to rent it out or just wait till they could both be torn down.

### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney's Tibbs reported on the following:

1. Serpette Property – Purchase was completed on January 3, 2018. The keys are now at the administration office.
2. Sexual Harassment Policy – The sexual harassment policy adopted on January 2 has been incorporated into the Village's personnel policy manual.
3. Closeout of Revolving Loan Fund – The Village should identify one or two projects capable of consuming the entire balance of the fund. We are investigating various possibilities with respect to outstanding loans.

### **Engineer's Report**

Eric Bachman reported on the following:

1. He said he would revisit the plans his firm has for shovel ready projects.

2. Has been staying in touch with Jason on the rehab of Well #8

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Garber was not in attendance due to illness.

### **Public Works Department**

He said Jason Jones was not able to take all his vacation time last year due to the Village overburdening him. This will be discussed at the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> as it's really not fair for him to lose the time when it was for the Village's benefit that he did not take the time off last year.

The update on Well #8 included options to be discussed for repair and/or replacement of motor on the submersible pump. These will be discussed in depth at the committee meeting.

Next, he said the John Deere 2355 was in need of some repairs. Jason will explain in detail at the committee meeting.

### **Police/Fire/ESD**

Trustee Vericker reminded everyone of the committee meetings on January 23, 2018, starting at 5 PM.

### **Finance, Economic Development, Insurance**

Trustee Kamm said the business with the overdue loan payments had now caught up with their payments, but not the late fees. He said he would look into how to handle collecting them.

### **Employee Relations, Long Term Planning-Zoning, Special Projects**

Trustee Hutchens inquired as to who now owned the house on the corner of Partridge and Rte. 89. It has a lot of trash on the premises and needs to be cleaned up.

He said at the next committee meeting the ex-mayor of North Pekin will come and speak as to how North Pekin received monies to help build a new firehouse. He said the need for a new firehouse in Metamora is important because the one we have does not meet the size and needs of our equipment.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Executive Session**

There was no request for a session.

### **Adjourn**

With no more to discuss, Trustee Nauman made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Schierer seconded. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk