

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR  
THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD MAY 19, 2020**

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, Schierer, Weyeneth and Cummings

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of the regular meeting held March 3, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Kamm made a motion to approve the Minutes with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant Lists of March 18, April 7, April 21 and May 5, 2020 were reviewed. These Lists had been previously approved each date by consensus via phone because meetings were canceled due to Coronavirus. Trustee Kamm made a motion to approve the Lists with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant List of May 19, 2020 was reviewed. Trustee Schierer made a motion to approve the List with Trustee Kamm seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

**Recognize Guests/Public Comment**

John and Helen Heinz, 304 N. Knollaire, addressed the Board regarding a drainage problem behind their home. Several other residents from the area were present with the same concerns. Cindy Garber, 318 Knollaire, was concerned with the problem and said the mosquitos would be a major problem. A short discussion was held to inform them of what is causing the problem and what the Village is doing to try to eliminate it. They were informed more information would be forthcoming, hopefully, from the engineer at the next Board meeting.

Stan Deatherage, representing the Old Settler's committee, spoke to the Board. He said because the Old Settler's celebration has been canceled, Bowdan Entertainment had asked if they could place a couple of their food trucks on the square during that time to help them recoup a little of the loss they are incurring. The Board said they had no problem with the request.

Thomas Wester, 121 S Morgan, spoke to the Board. He purchased the property at 504 E. Mt. Vernon and wanted to update the Board on his plans for use of the property. He intends to put a small car dealership on the lot. He is fixing up the house for office use now, but hopes in the future to build a mechanics garage for service.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Maurer announced that Dan Ford was planning to serve patrons on the sidewalk in front of Hanover's. He had permission last year and everything went well. He would like to use a smoker for meat and also was asking for permission for a band, possibly in the park, for entertainment during the week Old Settler's was scheduled. The Board agreed for his outdoor service but was against the band as they felt it would draw a crowd and under the circumstances with coronavirus, that would not be a safe thing to do. They suggested he check with his neighbors regarding the use of a smoker.

It was also a consensus of the Board that all band concerts in the park this season would be canceled.

Mayor Maurer stated the 2020/2021 Fiscal Budget needed to be approved. All Trustees had reviewed the budget. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to approve the Budget with Trustee Cummings seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Brunton was not present but was available by phone if needed.

### **Engineer's Report**

Bob Kolhaus was not present.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Garber was not present, but Mayor Maurer read the report as follows:

## CASH BALANCES

### MAJOR RECEIPTS

For February:

State of Illinois – Total Taxes	\$90,087
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For March:

State of Illinois – Total Taxes	\$46,277
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Building Sale Proceeds	\$32,800
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### MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS

For February:

Ameren	\$15,100
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Compass Minerals of America	\$12,197
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For March:

Ameren	\$12,350
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Farnsworth Group	\$21,914
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### INVESTMENTS

Funds were invested during the month of February in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at a rate of .85%. Goodfield Bank Money Market earned interest at a rate of .25% on a balance as of February 29, 2020. Goodfield Bank Insured Cash Sweep Account earned interest at a rate of 1% on the balance as of February 29, 2020. Goodfield Bank 36 Mo. CD earned interest for the quarter ending February 14, 2020 at a rate of 1.49% and the 24 Mo. CD earned interest for the quarter ending February 22, 2020 at a rate of 2.35%.

Funds were invested during the month of March in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at a rate of .45%. Goodfield Bank Money Market earned interest at a rate of .25% on the balance as of March 31, 2020. The Goodfield Bank Insured Cash Sweep Account earned interest at a rate of 1% on the balance as of March 31, 2020

## **Public Works Dept.**

Trustee Nauman reported the engineer and Jason had looked at the drainage problems on Coal Bank Rd. and Brighton Park. They are trying to come up with plans to eliminate both problems.

He also said the monies for the Rt 89 water project have been approved and the engineer said the project may still get started before the end of 2020 or early 2021.

Stop sign on Susan Lane and Arthur Lane has been reviewed. Trustee Nauman made a motion to have the attorney draw up an ordinance for placement of the stop sign.

Trustee Kamm seconded the motion and with a vote of 5 yeas and 1 nay (Schierer), the motion passed.

Trustee Nauman also discussed the issue of Special Use Permits. Jason has had a few requests for permits from residents that wish to build structures bigger than the 900 sq. ft. allowed in the Village. Once he receives plans from the residents, it was decided he should call the attorney for clarification.

The discussion of non-union employee raises was put off till the next meeting.

## **Police/Fire/ESD**

Trustee Schierer said the union negotiations for the police are ongoing and the next meeting would be in June.

## **Finance/Economic Development/Insurance**

Trustee Weyeneth reported that Geo's have paid off their loan to the Village and Precision Technology made a payment on their loan.

He then gave an update on talks regarding the company interested in putting up a solar farm on the acreage the Village owns on the east end of town. They are very interested in renting the majority of the acreage for 35-40 years. If they did this, we would generate income, and possibly be able to offer free electricity to the community at no cost. It was agreed that this was worth pursuing discussions with this company. Trustee Weyeneth will keep the Board informed as talks progress.

## **Special Projects, Buildings**

Trustee Hutchens had nothing to report.

## **Old Business**

There was none.

### **New Business**

There was none.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Kamm requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

### **Adjourn**

With no more to discuss, Trustee Kamm made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30.

### **Resume Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting resumed at 9:05 PM with previous roll call present.

Trustee Nauman set a committee meeting for May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6PM for the Public Works Dept. Trustee Kamm set the Police Committee meeting at 5PM on the same date.

### **Adjourn**

With no more to discuss, Trustee Nauman made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:07PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk