

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD JULY 6, 2021**

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

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Present were: President: Cummings

Trustees: Nauman, Schierer, Weyeneth, Glueck and Bowers

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held June 15, 2021, were reviewed. Trustee Nauman made a motion for approval with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Minutes of the Executive Session were reviewed. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant List was reviewed. Trustee Nauman made a motion for approval with Trustee Schierer seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

Nathan Henricks of Genesis Group Consulting addressed the Board. He advises the Village of the energy supply (aggregate) rates so the Board can choose the best company to benefit the residents in their energy source. Right now, our supplier is Homefield Energy, but Mr. Henricks says with the fluctuation of rates so dramatic, he recommends the Village go back with Ameren. After a short discussion, the Board decided to take his recommendation.

Kory Coouse, 419 W. Walnut addressed the Board next. He has an issue with his neighbor across the street putting a large solar panel in her yard that faces his home. He stated he feels the panel will devalue his home if he were to sell and says looking out his front door is not a pleasant sight anymore. He asked if there were any ordinances against this, and if anything could be done to stop her. At present, there are no ordinances regulating the installation of solar panels, but the Board said they would look into it.

Joe Alig, W. Mt. Vernon, addressed the Board regarding a water line in his yard that needs to be buried. He has been waiting for this work to be done for quite a while. Trustee Nauman said he would talk to Jason and get the work done.

Bill Alread, 1679 Coal Bank Rd., owns the corner lot at 1500 & 875E. He is requesting the Village help maintain the ditch along his property and get it cleaned up to make it more presentable for him to sell. After a short discussion, the Board agreed to have the public works dept. help in the work.

Mayor's Report

First the Mayor asked for a motion to approve Monica Camper and himself as users for the security lock box at Commerce Bank. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Next, Mayor Cummings said he is very interested in social media options for the Village to be able to inform the residents on schedules, events and any other information regarding the Village. He then introduced Elijah Surratt from Metamora. He is a young man capable of setting up Facebook, Instagram and other accounts on the web, as well as keeping the Village website up to date. After discussing the options, the Board decided to go forth with Mr. Surratt's ideas to take the Village into the future with these options.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Scott Brunton gave updates on several issues from the past.

He presented the 2021 Appropriation Ordinance for review. There will be a public hearing at the July 20th Board meeting, and then the Ordinance will be up for approval.

Next, he presented an Ordinance Establishing New Chapter 32 of Title 5 of the Village Code to Permit the Operation of Licensed Raffles within the Village of Metamora with Amendment to Prize Limitation to \$100,000.00.

This is necessary because the State changed the control of raffles from the counties back to the municipalities.

After a short discussion, Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstain (Schierer), the motion passed.

Engineer's Report

There was no report.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

Public Works Dept.

Trustee Nauman set a committee meeting for July 13, 2021 starting with the Police committee at 5:00PM.

Then he asked for approval to accept the new 3-year contract with the Laborer's Union (Public Works employees). After a short discussion, Trustee Nauman made the motion for approval with Trustee Bowers seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

He gave quick updates on several other projects around the Village.

Police/Fire/ESD

There was no report.

Finance, Economic Development, Insurance, Special Projects

There was no report.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Mayor Cummings presented the Comprehensive Plan for the Village that was put together in 2014. There are several things that could be re-addressed in the future for the benefit of the community.

Executive Session

Mayor Cummings asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

With that request, Trustee Nauman made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:54PM

Resume Regular Meeting

The regular meeting resumed at 9:20PM with previous roll call present.

A short discussion was held regarding the use of Village equipment by an employee for a personal project. It was decided to not allow or set precedent in this matter.

Adjourn

With no more to discuss, Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:25PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk