

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA, ILL., HELD DECEMBER 7, 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, Bowers and Alig

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held November 16, 2021, were reviewed. Trustee Nauman made a motion for approval with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Minutes of the Executive Session held November 16, 2021, were reviewed. Trustee Alig made a motion for approval with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 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 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

Mayor's Report

Because of the discussions being held on a possible contract with PDC, the Mayor again combined the Guests/Public Comment portion with the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Cummings opened the discussion by asking that comments be kept to 1 minute per resident. There were many residents present to voice their opinions. With standing room only, the majority of people who spoke were against the idea of a contract with PDC with the reasons being the same as the previous meeting. Poor service, broke and busted cans, discourteous on the phone when calls were made to the company. Many spoke of the fact that signing a contract with Area Disposal Service, a subsidiary of GFL Environmental, which is a company based in Canada, would push a local disposal company (K & T) out of business in Metamora. Some were very dissatisfied with the fact of being told what and who they had to do business with. The Mayor stated he and other Board members had received calls from residents in favor of the contract and someone in the hall asked where these people were because the only ones showing up

to voice their opinions were the residents that were against PDC. Someone asked if there were other bids for this service and Mr. Shane Krowlek, President of K & T Disposal, stood up and presented his proposal for service to the Board for consideration. (This will be posted on the website and facebook page) There was an outburst of applause at this time. Many people stated they would rather stay with a local company that gave excellent service than go with PDC no matter what their rates were. Mayor Cummings said other disposal companies are welcome to submit bids to the community. Trustee Alig addressed the crowd saying the Board has not made a decision and is trying to get opinions from the residents and this is why these meetings are being held with open forums. Mayor Cummings said, by legal definition, the Board could have voted on this back in November, but instead, opted to put this out to the residents so they could see what has been proposed and gain the opportunity to voice their opinions. In closing, the Mayor said the Board would vote on this issue at the next meeting, December 21st. They would basically have four options: vote in favor of one of the two contracts, vote for no contract or vote to put this issue as a referendum on the ballot in the primary election in June.

At this time, the meeting continued with Guest Comments.

Stan Deatherage, of the Old Settlers Committee, spoke to the Board regarding the need to replace the bleacher seats in the park. He wanted to know the procedure to follow to start this project. He was told to draw up plans of what they wanted to do and submit them to the Board for review.

Next, Matt O'Shea asked if the Board was not seeking bids for electrical service as he noticed the Village was back with Ameren. He was told that our negotiator for electrical service had advised us that Ameren was offering the best rate at the time our contract with the previous supplier expired.

Mr. Jerry Wolf, 900 Belsley Way, addressed the Board with his concerns at the corner of Coal Bank Road and Johanna. He said it was a dangerous intersection as vehicles parked on both sides of Johanna were making it unsafe for vehicles turning off Coal Bank. Visibility is terrible for safety reasons and pedestrians are not looking and are hard to be seen by vehicle drivers. When there are athletic meets at Black Partridge Parks, parking overflows down Johanna and is again, making a dangerous situation. He was told the street dept. and police would take a look and see what could possibly be done.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Metamora Township regarding snow removal and use of equipment.

Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Next, the Mayor said he was looking into the possibility of having Saturday night concerts in the park for the younger people to enjoy. He has spoke with a couple of bands that play to the younger generation and hopes he could get something scheduled for next summer.

The Mayor announced the H.S. Girls Varsity Basketball Team decorated the Christmas tree in the Village Hall, hung Christmas wreaths and done some work in the town square. He wanted to acknowledge and thank them for their volunteer work. It is much appreciated.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Jeff Gastor gave updates on the following:

- 1.Revenue Bonds for Snyder Village have been signed.
- 2.Lease Renewal for farmland to be signed before January 2022

Next, he presented the 2021 Tax Levy for approval.

Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval of the Tax Levy with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Engineer's Report

There was none.

Treasurer's Report

There was none.

Public Works Dept.

Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve Christmas bonuses for full and part-time employees in the amount of \$250.00 and \$150.00 respectively. Trustee Weyeneth seconded the motion and with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Trustee Nauman said after detailed discussion at the last committee meeting, he was ready to make a motion to approve the purchase of a new Ford 1-Ton Diesel truck from Uftring for the Public Works Dept. in the amount of \$114,296.00. Trustee Schierer seconded the motion and with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Police/Fire/ESD

There was nothing to report.

Finance/Economic Development

Trustee Weyeneth had nothing to report.

Old Business

Bob Murphy presented a redo of the original plans for the new firehouse. The rural fire dept. was present for their input on the plans. Mayor Cummings is wanting to be “shovel ready” with these plans for if and when the government releases the monies available.

New Business

There was none.

Executive Session

There were no requests.

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 8:43PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk