

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE  
VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD APRIL 5, 2022**

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

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Present were: President: Cummings

Trustees: Nauman, Schierer, Glueck, Bowers and Alig

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held March 15, 2022, were reviewed. Trustee Alig made a motion for approval with Trustee Bowers 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 Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

**Guests were invited to speak.**

Lance Fandel, 1534 Clover Leaf, addressed the Board. He is a volunteer firefighter and wanted to know what was said by the Mayor to Chief Sluga regarding the situation that arose with comments made to the EMT's about the new firehouse.

During the March 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting, it was stated that information had come to the Mayor's attention that some of the firefighters had approached the EMT'S and blamed them for decisions the Board was making about a new firehouse. The Mayor stated that verbal attacks directed at the ambulance people was not acceptable behavior by the firefighters and he would do what it takes to see this doesn't happen in the future. He stated if people do not like decisions being made they should come to the Board meetings and express those concerns.

Lance continued to say at a fire department meeting they were told if they said anything they would be thrown off the department. (Chief Sluga denied that was said.) Lance stated he and others would not be threatened and about 8 of the men were going to quit anyway. He stated the men were not wanting a new firehouse unless they were involved with the process.

Mayor Cummings said at this point in the process, some of these concerns were premature as we haven't even decided on an architectural firm. Once this happens, many opinions will be heard, many discussions will be had before a site and design will be chosen. Trustee Bowers assured the firemen that their opinions are valued and would be listened to. The conversation continued and at times got a little contentious, but will be one that is continued in the future.

Next, Ethan Volz, another firefighter, voiced his opinion on the need for small inventory items, parts and equipment needed by the fire department and not getting it. He wanted to know what the process was to get these things. The Mayor explained the requests have to be brought before the Board by Chief Sluga and the Board will approve them, but the Board has not seen any requests brought forth and some of the things requested were to be purchased by the rural fire department.

Chief Sulga commented the rural fire department has public meetings, but they are at 9AM on a Tuesday morning when most people are working. He would like to attend but can't miss work to do this. They should have them of an evening when the public would be more likely to attend and people would be able to know more of what goes on with the rural fire department.

Amanda Higura, 218 W. Rohman, addressed the Board with her traffic concerns at intersections near her home. The Board said they would take a look at the problem.

Scott Schierer, 1007 Haymeadow Ln., along with Josh Springer, 701 Eastmoor, were both concerned with traffic around their homes. The Board will investigate both areas.

Daryl McCullough gave his opinion saying he thinks the new firehouse should stay at the present location in town.

### **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor asked the Board and others for their opinions at this time, of what they felt about the three presentations we heard last night. The majority of those who answered seemed to think Farnsworth and Archimages, Inc. are the frontrunners.

Kiersten Sheets of Trajectory Energy Partners, addressed the Board with interest in leasing property to install a solar farm on 35 acres of the village property east of town. She explained the process of what and how this would be accomplished and how it would benefit the residents of the Village.

### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Gaster gave short updates on several issues and then presented the following:

#### Ordinance Adopting Solar Energy Code

Trustee Nauman made a motion to approval the ordinance with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 4 yeas and 1 abstain (Schierer), the motion passed.

#### **Engineer's Report**

Zach Knight, from Farnsworth, gave short updates on ongoing issues. He then gave a report on the bids received for the Niles St Watermain Project. Low bid was from G.A Rich in the amount of \$1,208,567.50. He stated Farnsworth had checked the bid and they recommended the Village accept it.

Trustee Nauman made a motion to accept the bid from G.A. Rich & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,208,567.50. Trustee Alig seconded and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

There was no report.

#### **Public Works Department**

Trustee Nauman talked of the public works truck that was totaled in the wreck and the replacement Jason had found. The Village received an insurance check in the amount of \$36,000.00 and Jason has found one at Uftring Auto Group to replace it.

Trustee Schierer made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 Chev. K3500 HD Double Cab in the amount of \$41,081.00. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays the motion passed.

Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve the purchase of a new KMNO chemical feed pump for \$2000.00 from Hawkins Water Treatment Group. Trustee Schierer seconded the motion and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve the purchase of a #1 VFD pump, Toshiba remote keypad and Toshiba 15' cable for keypad from Foremost Industrial Technologies in the amount of \$2499.00 plus labor. Trustee Glueck seconded the motion and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve the purchase of a transfer switch for Wells # 7 & 8 from Kennell Electric in the amount of \$6800.00. Trustee Bowers seconded the motion and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Trustee Nauman set a date committee meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 5PM.

**Police/Fire/ESD**

There was nothing to report.

**Finance/Economic Development/Insurance/ Special Projects**

There was nothing to report.

**Old Business**

There was none.

**New Business**

There was none.

**Executive Session – If Requested**

There were no requests.

**Adjourn**

With no more to discuss, Trustee Alig made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Bowers seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:03PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk