

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Metamora was called order at 6:00PM.

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: President: Cummings

Trustees: Nauman, Weyeneth, Glueck, Bowers and Alig

Also present were attorney Jeff Gastor, members of E116, Public Works Director Jones, rural board members, Jim Springer and Bill Alread.

Present from Farnsworth were Bob Kohlhaus and Paul Kouri.

Paul Kouri addressed the Board saying the three things he wanted to discuss tonight regarding the firehouse were the schedule, building site and building and the budget.

1. Scheduling: He went over the steps necessary to get the new firehouse on the ballot as a referendum in the spring if the Village and Rural Fire Dept. wish to do so. A discussion was held regarding this option and the Mayor said he supposed the Village would put this on the ballot and he asked the rural board members if they would consider doing this also. Bill Alread said they would do so if they had to but they would not endorse it. The rural did raise their multiplier at their last meeting, but by not endorsing a referendum, means it likely would not pass. Then the question remains as to how they plan on finding the funds or if they would even support building a new firehouse. The conversation that followed on how the parties planned to pay for this got contentious with the Mayor saying if the rural would not support and commit to their share of the project, then perhaps they would have to find their own facility for their equipment. With that being said, both Bill Alread and Jim Springer walked out of the meeting.

2. Building site and design: This presentation was not available due to computer problems.
3. Budget: This conversation consisted back to the possibility of the Village going forward on its own to build the firehouse. But it was stated that perhaps, in the future, a discussion with attorneys present for both sides would be a benefit to both parties.

The meeting continued with the question of cost per square foot. Paul said on a 19,000 square foot building the ballpark figure would be \$350.00. This would be a goal for the Village.

With no more to discuss at this time. Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Gleuck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

Bylle Long
Village Clerk