

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE  
VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2022**

The Special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Metamora was called to order at 6PM.

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Present were: President: Cummings

Trustees: Nauman Weyeneth, Schierer, Glueck, Bowers and Alig

Present from the Rural Fire Dept.: Jeff Bernitt and Jim Springer

Also present to listen were members of E116.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Kouri was not present but had submitted the latest floorplan for the new firehouse for everyone to review. This plan was approximately 19,620 square feet, down from the last plan which was 21,000 square feet.

Discussion followed with everyone's input on their impression of what was presented. There were questions on why certain rooms were necessary and how many bays were actually needed for the equipment now and in the future. Some thought the plan could be trimmed down, but others said in order to do that we would lose space and that would prompt the need to expand the building in a few years which may in turn be a tough sell to the public. Jeff Bernitt stated he thought several things in the floorplan could be eliminated and he said he would draw up a plan he thought would work and present it at the next meeting.

Trustee Glueck had been to the Township building and was impressed with the open floorplan and thought, with revisions, a similar build for the firehouse could be possible. Trustee Schierer stated he thought a metal structured building would be cheaper than the present proposal from Farnsworth.

The discussion went to how and who was going to pay for the firehouse. President Cummings stated the two parties (Village and Rural) would have to try to pursue grant monies as well as a referendum on the ballot. Both parties would have to back a referendum to make it successful.

The discussion covered many possibilities for changes and the idea of just building a new facility for the ambulance and remodeling the fire department where it is was also brought up. The possibility of building new garages on S. Niles for the public works vehicles was also brought up.

Discussions are still ongoing and the next Special meeting will continue to pursue the answers to many questions.

With no more to discuss, Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:06PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk