

Metamora Village Council met in regular session Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office's. Council present: Ken Wysong-pres., Suzie Stough, Ned Monroe, John Hudik, Cheryl Geer and Karon Lane.

Other officials present: Mayor Loar, VFO Karin Sauerlender, Village solicitor Alan Lehenbauer and Deputy Clerk Sue Clendenin

Guests: Rose Gleckler, Carolyn Simon and Donna Sutherland

Mayor Loar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

Rose Gleckler was recognized. Mrs. Gleckler along with neighbors Carolyn Simon and Donna Sutherland wanted to express their concern with the poor roadway condition of Shawnee Dr. Several potholes exist, with overall deterioration of the pavement. Mrs. Gleckler said this isn't the first time residents on Shawnee Drive have asked council to make roadway improvements, but to date nothing has been done. Gleckler asked if the village had an ordinance on file as far as upkeep of properties. Wysong said the village does have regulations pertaining to weeds, tall grass and a general maintenance code. The guests were also disappointed with the run-down appearance of the neighborhood, especially garage at 218 Garnsey Avenue where eaves have been hanging down off the garage roof for some time, and the general unsightliness of the property. She also suggested council take action to preserve the front door to the village office; "It's a very unique door and would hate to see it deteriorate further." Ken Wysong said he will ask the zoning inspector to inspect properties in the Shawnee Drive area. Mrs. Sutherland asked if the zoning inspector routinely drives the village looking for maintenance and zoning violations. Wysong said sometimes he does, but most issues are reviewed and dealt with following complaints received by the office. Mrs. Gleckler said poor yard conditions aren't just isolated to Shawnee Drive, it's throughout much of the town and some are repeat complaints. Wysong said repeat violators can be fined.

Wysong said most village roads have been maintained in recent years, with the exception of some alleys, Shawnee Drive, Harvest Lane and Wildflower Drive in Ten Mile Meadows. Council had discussed improvements to Shawnee Drive but Parker Road improvements was put in front of Shawnee because Amboy Trustees wanted to improve their share of CR2 and state money was more accessible if two entities filed jointly for State Issue 2, which we did and received funding. Gleckler asked if there is a chance something will be done to improve Shawnee Drive in the near future. Wysong said council has yet to decide whether it would be best to repave or widen Shawnee. Carolyn Simon and Donna Sutherland said we're not asking to have entire road repaved, just want potholes filled in, especially the large one in front of Carolyn's mail box. Cheryl Geer asked for the residents of Shawnee their opinion on making Shawnee one-way. Gleckler not sure of advantage of limiting traffic to one way. John Hudik against making Shawnee one-way and suggested grinding and repaving, also ask residents to park as close to their rear-yard garage as possible. Cheryl Geer said repaving won't make

Shawnee wide enough for two-way traffic. Wysong said you need 22 feet for two lanes. Hudik said we don't need it to be two-lanes; traffic flow doesn't support two lanes. Hudik measured 14 foot width on Shawnee, and thinks there's plenty of room for a school bus.

Wysong not sure the state will allow the road to remain the same if we get state funding to improve, not sure what requirements if any the state will enforce. Gleckler asked if the village could fund improvements without asking the state for assistance. APC gave the village a quote of \$82,000 in 2010 just to install 3" asphalt pavement, Mannick & Smith provided a quote of nearly \$650,000 to widen, move poles and purchase easements. Village budget will not support that kind of a project without looking for funding opportunities. Gleckler said meanwhile, couldn't the village just fill in ruts and pot holes? The street superintendent did get bids for crack sealing in the village and some roadway repairs, which included Shawnee Drive. Karon Lane said road damage near Carolyn Simon's was made during a NE Water District waterline repair and they should be responsible to fix. Chip said they are. Mayor Loar suggested getting cost from APC to pave Shawnee Drive with grindings removed from Parker/CR2 road project to get by for a couple of years, until Issue 2 funds are investigated. Wysong offered to discuss with Mike Anderzack. Office to get specific bid from J&B or Premier Patching for Shawnee Drive.

**Minutes** – Cheryl moved to approve minutes from August 19, 2013 council meeting with noted typo to be corrected. Second by Ken Wysong and approved by all council.

**Bills**—presented for payment.

Bills paid previously:

Karon Condon	Recycling Manager—Qtr 1&2	\$ 480.50
The Metamora Post Office	2 rolls of stamps	92.00
Robert Sabo	Wages paid 08-27-13	321.40
Steven Mack	Wages paid 08-27-13	475.00
Norman Vance	Wages paid 08-27-13	1761.05

Current bills to be paid:

Robert Sabo	Wages paid 09-10-13	\$ 321.40
Steve Mack	Wages paid 09-10-13	399.00
Norman Vance	Wages paid 09-10-13	1,365.31
DGL Consulting Engineers	Engineering for Parker Road	13,755.00
EK Computers	Tech support to fix computers	170.00
Civitas Media	Legal ad for Parker Road	154.55
Fresh Cut Lawn Service	Mosquito spraying	286.00
Fred Ott, Inc.	Forks for tractor	1,095.00
Gary Smith	Prosecutor	280.00
Habitec	Security & maintenance for park	192.51
Gary Loar	Mileage	51.98
Lowe's Home Center	Street lights, wire for sewer pumps	72.07
Karin Sauerlender	Mileage to Wauseon for Budget Hearing	25.99
WexBank (Marathon)	Gas for village equipment	188.72
Medical Mutual	October insurance	1,848.59

VISA (Office Max)	Paper	22.48
Toledo Edison	Village electric use	1,464.84
Auditor of State	Required fiscal officers training	65.00
Trisha Gleckler	Cleaning fee for August	40.00
Cintas	Uniforms & restroom supplies	58.60

Bills to be paid later:

EFTPS	August medicare match	\$ 133.36
OPERS	August village match	1,039.78
Gary Loar	September salary & 2 meetings	400.00

Ned Monroe moved to pay bills. Second by Ken Wysong and approved by all council.

Mayor Loar approved purchase of loading forks for backhoe to assist Chip with removing tress behind maintenance building.

**Solicitor's report-** approved farming lease, reviewed and made a few changes to the Parker Road contract with township trustees. Mayor Loar said Mr. Shull already has plowed the rental property.

**Old Business** – Wysong inquired on the status of Parker/CR2 Road project. Mayor Loar provided update. Contracts ready to be signed. APC to begin work in a week or two and should just take a week or two to complete.

Hudik inquired about emergency funding for SR 64 culvert repair. Mayor Loar provided update. Poggemeyer came out for measurements, site pictures and videos to pursue Issue 2 emergency funding request. Poggemeyer to submit application, hopefully by the end of the week.

Karon Lane asked if the county commissioners had approved funding the Storm Water Master Plan for the village. Mayor Loar said Poggemeyer has necessary paperwork to complete the fund request, but will complete Issue 2 application first.

**New Business** – Unlimited curbside trash pick-up scheduled for Saturday, September 28 for village residents more information will be in fall newsletter. Discussed hiring William Ziss as a back-up to help Chip with leaf pick-up in case Steve Mack finds full-time employment elsewhere. Council agreed to ask Mr. Ziss to proceed with drug testing prior to beginning formal hiring process. Wysong wanted clerks to find out if Mr. Ziss has snowplowing experience. Council agreed to set hourly rate for this on-call position at \$9.50.

Water Testing – reviewed email dated September 9 from Ziad Mussalam, Fulton County Public Utility Director. Mr. Musallam informed effective immediately no longer will he allow Metamora to perform weekend and holiday chlorine monitoring. The Village performed the testing in exchange for free water service and turn-on/off service for the village. Mayor Loar said he would offer Ziad the option of the village designating one person to perform chlorine testing and see if he agrees. Karin said she would be willing to take tests. Ask a commissioner to attend next council meeting to further discuss testing protocol.

Sewer Cleaning - Street Superintendent asking if he should have sewer lines cleaned before or after smoke testing. Refer to BPA. Asking permission to hire RJ Lumbrezer to remark survey pin behind maintenance building. Approved.

Council agreed to Chip's request to turn-off park water.

**Fiscal Office's report** – Requested the following transfers:

To:	From:	Amt:
B1-6-B-271 Transfer to Capital Imp.	B1-6-B-250 Capital Outlay	\$13,110.00

Increase Revenues

D1-I-191	Transfers	\$13,110.00
D1—I-193	Township Reimbursement	9,890.00

Increase Appropriations

D1-7-A-230	Pave Parker Road	\$23,000.00
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Ken Wysong motioned to approve transfers as requested Second by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

Reviewed draft copy of fall newsletter. Ok to inform residents of unlimited curbside trash pick-up through the fall newsletter instead of sending out individual postcards.

**Mayors' report** – First Energy has been ordered to refund 43 million dollars back to Ohio rate payers, not sure if it affects municipalities. More information can be found @ [theworstenergysolution.com](http://theworstenergysolution.com). Karon Lane asked if anyone on council has spoken to individuals opting out of First Energy and went with another provider. Mayor suggested the area First Energy representative Gary Keys is invited to a meeting to further discuss. Mayor had spoken with council pres. Ken Wysong about possibly doing away with the Board of Public Affairs and in their place hiring a village administrator. BPA member John Vershum didn't get his petition in to the Board of Elections, no one turned in a petition for Vershum's expiring term, but a write-in petition was submitted for the 4-year term by Carl Pope. Ken Wysong said council had previously discussed disbanding the board and hiring an administrator, especially now the water plant is shut down. Wysong doesn't see the need to hire another employee, suggested adding the responsibilities to someone already working for the village. Ohio Revised Code requires municipalities to have either a BPA or an administrator. The solicitor said it takes an ordinance of council to hire an administrator at which time the BPA automatically ceases to exist. An administrator doesn't have to be a resident of the village. Council able to set up the job description as they see fit. The Village of Lyons, Swanton, Delta and Fayette all have administrators instead of BPA boards, appears to work well for them. Wysong said maybe an administrator from another village would be willing to work part time for Metamora. Will discuss further.

**Adjournment** – Ned motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Second by Ken Wysong and approved by all council.

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Mayor- Gary Loar

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VFO – Karin Sauerlender

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Clendenin  
Deputy Clerk