

Metamora Village Council met in special session Monday, December 23, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. in the Village Offices. Council members present: Cheryl Geer, John Hudik, Ned Monroe, Karon Lane, Suzie Stough (arrive 8:07) and Pres. Ken Wysong (arrive 8:27).

Other officials present: Mayor Loar and Fiscal Officer Karin Sauerlender.

Guests: none

Mayor Loar opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bills- presented for approval.

Bills paid previously:

Metamora State Bank	Stamps	\$ 46.00
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Current bills to be paid:

Cash/Petty Cash	Holiday supplies & postage	\$ 53.26
Fulton Co. Commissioners	Water to jet storm drains	77.18
Habitec	Security monitoring @ water plant	121.11
Medical Mutual	January insurance (advance)	1895.61
John Deere Financial	Fastening pin for tractor	2.92
VISA	Holiday supplies, spreader bar to lift leaf box & salt spreader, door sweep, gift certificates	370.68

Bills to be paid later:

Brent Geer	Salary as Town Marshall	\$ 337.50
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Cheryl Geer moved to pay bills. Second by Ned Monroe and approved by all council.

Mayor Loar commented on removing 1 ½ hours of sick time from Chip's time sheet that already included 24 hours of overtime. Overtime was primarily due to weekend snowplowing. Council agreed sick time is not to be used when 40 hours has already been worked in the week. Mayor Loar will discuss with Chip the need to flex his work time; i.e. try to cut back week-day hours worked when week-end storms are predicted, try to stay within a 40 hour work week. Chip to call in Bill Ziss when overtime is anticipated.

Ordinance 863 amending contract with Fulton County to provide Indigent Services for 2014. – Suzie Stough motioned to pass the third reading of Ordinance #863 under emergency measure. Second by Ned Monroe. Roll call vote: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Geer-yes, Lane-yes, Monroe-yes and Hudik-yes. **Passed**

Ordinance 864 hiring DGL to engineer road improvement projects on Shawnee and Wildflower Drive . Karon Lane motioned to table voting on Ordinance 865 until January council meeting for further discussion. Second of motion by Cheryl Geer and approved by all council.

Ordinance 865 increasing sewer rates 1.5% effective January 2014. Cheryl Geer moved to pass Ordinance 865 under emergency measure. Second of motion by Ken Wysong. Roll call vote: Geer-yes, Hudik-no, Lane-yes, Monroe-yes, Wysong-yes and Stough-yes. **Passed**

Mayor Loar appointed John Vershum as Village Administrator for 2014. Cheryl Geer motioned to approve Mayor Loar's appointment of John Vershum as Village Administrator for 2014. Second of motion by John Hudik and approved by all council. Motion carried. The clerk said town and fire marshal are salaried positions, but the positions don't pay enough to be pensionable. Under new pension rules for PERS members have to make at least \$1,000 a month in order to get service credit. One option would be to pay Brent per incident, making the position non pensionable, opposed to a flat salary. Or pay a minimal flat salary for the position with an additional fee per incident, avoiding village 14% share in PERS and

employee 10% share in PERS. Mayor Loar had appointed Brent Geer to fill both town and fire marshal positions, which pay \$450 each per year. Mr. Geer said he was not actively in PERS or any other state retirement plan. Council suggested discussing the option with Mr. Geer before making a decision.

Ordinance 866 establishing employee compensation for 2014, and increasing employee wages 2%. Ned Monroe moved to pass Ordinance 866 under emergency measure. Second by Suzie Stough. Roll call taken: Geer-yes, Hudik-yes, Stough-yes, Monroe-yes and Lane-yes. **Passed**

Ordinance 867 entering into Dog Warden services with Fulton County Commissioners commencing January 2014 and continuing to and including the 31st day of December 2014. Cheryl Geer motioned to suspend the rules on Ordinance 867. Second of motion by John Hudik. Roll call taken: Geer-yes, Hudik-yes, Stough-yes, Lane-yes, and Monroe-yes. Cheryl Geer motioned to pass ordinance 867 under emergency measure. Second by Suzie Stough. Roll call vote: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-yes, Monroe-yes. **Passed**

Ordinance 868 approving 2014 Appropriations – added \$25,000 for new truck purchase in general fund. Plan to spend \$10,000 of \$13,000 fund balance in sewer, may need to advance more next year. Ken Wysong motioned to suspend the rules on Ordinance 868. Second by Ned Monroe. Roll call: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-yes, Wysong-yes and Monroe-yes. Cheryl Geer motioned to pass Ordinance 868 under emergency measure. Second by Ken Wysong. Roll call vote: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-yes, Wysong-yes and Monroe-yes. **Passed**

Ordinance 869 approving 2013 transfers and amending 2013 appropriations and estimated revenues requested by the fiscal officer. Suzie Stough moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance 869. Second by Ken Wysong. Roll call: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-yes, Wysong-yes and Monroe-yes. Carried. Ken Wysong moved to pass Ordinance 869 under emergency measure. Second by Ned Monroe. Roll call vote: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-yes, Wysong-yes and Monroe-yes. **Passed**

Ordinance 864- Karon Lane uncomfortable at this time to hire DGL to engineer road improvements to Shawnee and Wildflower Drive with the engineering over-site on the Parker Road project. Wysong said was just a mathematical error, all they (DGL) did was leave off a zero in the bid specs on asphalt quantity, (should have been 2610 ton and they had 261ton), they didn't add anything the village didn't approve or would have paid for in the long run, it was an honest mistake. Lane said she realizes it was not done maliciously, however they (DGL) are in the business to draw up the specs and bid documents making them responsible for the language and accuracy of. What safeguards in place, or what can be done to prevent it from happening again on another project? Mayor Loar said as long as he has been mayor we've never had a project go perfectly, this one went very well, better than most. Ken Wysong said other than the change order to correct the error in quantities, (which was also overlooked by APC, the Village and DGL) no other change orders were requested and felt the engineering firm went above and beyond. John Hudik would like to ask additional engineer firms to submit RFQ's for the new roadway projects. Cheryl Geer said it will be an advantage to have the village administrator review and oversee projects. Ken Wysong moved to pass the third and final reading of **Ordinance 864**. Second by Ned Monroe. Roll call vote: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Hudik-no, Lane-yes, Wysong-yes and Monroe-yes. **Passed**

Mayor's report – Karon Lane asked how pumps were working in light of recent rainfall. John Vershum said minimal flow coming in behind T-Mart, felt capping 6" line behind Sullivan's' helped. Hudik suggested Chip check on large catch basin behind Flacks' on Shawnee Drive, thinks it could be an area of inflow. Amboy Township Trustees willing to loan village snowplow in emergency, next year may be willing to sell one of their two plow trucks. Wysong said might be more versatile for village to buy a three-quarter ton full size truck with plow option to replace the ageing Ranger. State recently delivered salt along with a backhoe.

Adjournment – Wysong motioned to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Second by Monroe and approved by all council.

Mayor – Gary Loar

VFO –Karin Sauerlender

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clendenin