

Metamora Village Council met in regular session Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Karon Lane, Suzie Stough, John Hudik and Justin Kreischer. Others present: Mayor Ken Wysong, VFO Sue Clendenin, Deputy Clerk Angela Smith, Village Solicitor Alan Lehenbauer and Zoning Inspector Bob Sabo.

Guests: Andrew Carr, John Pupos, Richard Sauerlender, Gary Loar, Renee and Olivia Wysong

Oath of Office – The Village Solicitor Alan Lehenbauer swore in Ken Wysong as Mayor, Karon Lane and John Hudik to Village Council, with all elected officials beginning four year terms.

Appointment and swearing in of newly appointed council members - John Pupos, Richard Sauerlender and Andrew Carr voiced their interest to fill the two open council positions. By a majority vote of council; Andrew Carr and Richard Sauerlender were appointed to fill the two available council seats. Mr. John Pupos was thanked for his interest. Newly appointed council members will each have terms expiring December 31, 2017. Mr. Sauerlender and Mr. Carr both took the Oath of Office and were sworn into office by the Village Solicitor.

Election of 2016 Council President- by majority vote, Karon Lane was elected council president.

Established 2016 meeting dates and times- Council to meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the third Monday of each month at 8:00 with committee meetings beginning one - hour prior. Council decided to meet Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 8:00 p.m. instead of Monday Jan. 18th due to Martin Luther Jr. King's Day celebrated Monday, Jan. 18. Council to meet Tuesday, Feb. 16 instead of President's Day, Monday, Feb. 15. Will meet Monday, July 11 instead of Monday July 4th. Will meet Monday, September 12 instead of Labor Day Monday, September 5. Year-end council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes – Karon Lane motioned to approve December 21 and 28, 2015 council minutes as written. Second of motion by Justin Kreischer and approved by all council.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Ohio Treas., Josh Mandel	OPWC Loan payments	\$ 7329.53
Treas., State of Ohio	WWTP Annual Discharge Fee	200.00
Treas, State of Ohio	Interest on State & School withholding	.50
Medical Mutual	Chip's monthly Health Ins. Premium	2186.42
Petty Cash	Straw, postage, meals, supplies	99.62
WEX Bank	Fuel for Village Trucks	115.00

Bills previously paid:

Richard Sauerlender	Reimbursement for fuel	49.00
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Suzie Stough moved to pay bills. Second by Justin Kreischer and approved by all council.

Solicitor's report – working on property purchase paperwork. Sue asked Alan to check the of property tax classification for a one acre parcel next to the recycling center. Village now paying commercial taxes on the parcel that should be taxed agriculture.

Old Business – none at this time

New Business – Village Zoning Inspector, Bob Sabo has some concern with his zoning hours reduced in 2016 from 10 to 5 hours per week. Through reading village minutes it appears the zoning inspector in Lyons issued six zoning permits last year, the same number of permits Bob issued last year for Metamora. Lyons zoning inspector was paid \$60 last year to issue the six permits, and Bob makes more than that in one week. Mr. Sabo asked if the reduction in his hours was based on Lyons issuing the same number of permits as he did. Personnel & Finance chairman Karon Lane responded that was part of the decision but not the only reason. Over the years the number of permits issued has decreased. Bob explained what he does for the office in addition to issuing permits. To date, he has issued 106 violations with all but 8 complete. Last year he had 21 violations, still have some pending and going to court on one and probably another one. He doesn't just send out violation letters, he visits the property takes pictures and documents all correspondence. This all takes time way beyond 5 hours a week, sometimes he takes calls at home in the evening. Last Thursday, the village prosecutor called him after hours to discuss a couple cases we had. Going to court also takes time, he's been to court for us a couple times and several in the past and has never lost reason for that, and he collects appropriate evidence and documentation. He has cancelled zoning magazines because he doesn't have time to read and they cost money. Has brought 30 issues in front of council, one was sign code because ours is obsolete. He used some information from Chicago's zoning code because its's free online. He had the sign code proofed and approved by Fulton County. Bob took the Sign Code to council five years ago, it was several pages, too long for council to read and tabled indefinitely. Village Sign Code is still out of date. This all took a lot of time. He also looks into any complaints coming in and follows through. Also, in charge of the Flood Damage Prevention Regulations, had one of those but last few years haven't had problems with flooding and building on them. Suppose to enforce the zoning code as it exists in the books and correct codes as necessary. Bob put together a "Standard Operating Procedures" to help someone fill in the zoning position if need be. Suggested council considers increasing his hours back to 10 per week. Personnel & Finance was asked to revisit the issue.

Fiscal Officer's report – nothing at this time

Mayor's report – Mayor Wysong presented former mayor Gary Loar with a gift of appreciation from the village for all his years of service. Mayor Wysong announced committee members for 2016. Karon Lane, Suzie Stough and Justin Kreischer to be on the Personnel & Finance committee, with John Hudik, Richard Sauerlender and Andrew Carr on the Land & Buildings committee. Mayor Wysong thanked village residents for their support and looks forward to his term serving the community as mayor.

Adjournment – Suzie Stough moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council.