

Metamora Village Council met in regular session Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Council members in attendance: Council president Karon Lane, John Hudik, Richard Sauerlender, John Pupos, Justin Kreischer with Suzie Stough absent.

Other officials present: Mayor Ken Wysong, VFO Sue Clendenin and Village Solicitor Alan Lehenbauer.

Guests: Donna Tills & Gary Loar

Mayor Wysong opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Donna Tills addressed council. She questioned the locking of the park gate behind the north ball field bleachers. With the gate opened, it provides safe passage for her and others to walk through the park, because it is paved and much safer than walking through the stoned parking lot. She recently noticed someone with a stroller unable to get over the concrete lip located in front of the bleachers and had to back up and push the stroller through the stoned parking lot; which was not an easy task. Council informed Ms. Tills the gate is locked to prohibit cars from entering in that area and driving on the grass and suggested she walk through the stoned parking lot instead. Ms. Tills said the stoned parking lot is not that easy to maneuver through and the entrance off the lot is very low and frequently muddy. Richard Sauerlender asked if something happened recently to precipitate locking the gate. John Hudik said last week he informed the mayor he observed on two occasions cars opening the gate and driving through the park; where they shouldn't be driving. Sue asked if we could put a walkthrough in the gate. Justin Kreischer suggested modifying the gate to allow individuals to pass through; in addition he would like Chip to put gravel in the area of the gate entrance off the stoned Garnsey parking lot. John Pupos offered to meet Ms. Tills in the morning in the park to discuss user friendly options. Lands & Building will review options.

Minutes – Justin Kreischer moved to approve September 19, 2016 council minutes as written. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

Bills- Presented for payment

Reading of Bills	10/3/2016	
Bills previously paid:		
Treasurer, State of Ohio	Interest for late payment on state & school tax	0.38
Bills to be paid:		
Tom Bivins	Wages 9/15 to 9/28	633.75
Angie Smith	Wages 9/15 to 9/28	688.50
Chip Vance	Wages 9/15 to 9/28	1,502.24
Andrew Carr	8 Special Meetings	200.00
Advanced Sanitation	Curb Side Pick-up - Sept 17	1,500.00
Petty Cash	Batteries, stamps, office supplies, Park-O-Rama price and food permit	88.57
Sue Clendenin	Kids Halloween treats	32.93
Mika Construction	Stone for park fountain	357.49
T-Mart	Ice for Park-O-Rama	27.00
Toledo Edison	Village electric use	1,385.15
Treasurer, State of Ohio	Operator Certification Renewal	35.00
Trisha Gleckler	Office Cleaning - Sept	40.00
John Deere Financial	Tractor/mower repairs	651.49

Kuhlman	Float-laminated canvas resin	22.00
VISA	Wrenches, bearings, copy paper, printer ink	298.10
Jeff Simon	Straw	20.00
WEX Bank	Fuel	222.63
Mike's Repair	Repair tires on roto-tiller	32.00
Habitec Security	Security monitoring	243.06
EFTPS	Village Sept. match for Medicare & Soc.Sec.	154.24
Tri-State Fuels	Fuel for village equipment	64.42

Karon and Justin questioned mower expenses. After discussion Richard Sauerlender motioned the Exmark mower is for park use only and should be stored in the park. Second of motion by Justin Kreischer and approved by all council. Justin Kreischer moved to pay bills as presented. Second of motion by John Pupos and approved by all council.

Solicitor's report – nothing at this time

Old Business – Council has scheduled an informational meeting for village residents to share any concerns or questions they may have in regards to the .5 mill park levy on November's ballot. Gary Loar said he was asked why the village hasn't pursued acquiring Park-O-Rama funds. John Hudik said Park-O-Rama has concerns with back taxes if tax exempt status cannot be reinstated. Gary Loar said the fire station had a similar situation when they forgot to refile the exemption status paperwork and consequently lost exemption. They hired a tax attorney to refile tax exemption status. It was at a cost of \$4000 but tax exempt status was reinstated and noncompliance years were also Ok'd. After discussion, Richard Sauerlender motioned to allow the village solicitor to contact Cathy Mossing and offer assistance with remedying the out dated non-profit status. Second by Justin Kreischer and approved by all council. The park levy informational meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the village office. Public is invited and encourage to attend.

Reviewed \$2,362.35 road work quote submitted by Premier Patching for spray patching and crack repair on Garnsey Ave., Cornflower Dr., Wildflower Dr., Buckeye Dr. and CR2/Parker Rd. After discussion, Richard Sauerlender motioned to approve Premier Patching's quote, not to exceed \$2,500 payable from the B1-6-C-235 account. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all of council. Chip asked if council would approve the purchase of a back-pack blower at an approximate cost of \$500 to help in cleaning off streets prior to patching. Purchase not approved. Employees to use leaf blowers. Richard Sauerlender said his committee had discussed adding the back pack to next year's budget requests. Mayor Wysong to schedule road work after October 10 to allow for Chip's return from vacation.

New Business – Justin Kreischer reported that Personnel and Finance members interviewed Mr. Whalen and recommend hiring Robert Whalen as village zoning inspector. Mr. Whalen will work as an independent contractor at \$15 an hour, 4 hours a week. Karon Lane motioned suspend the rules for ordinance #939 to hire Robert Whalen as an independent contractor to perform village zoning, nuisance and maintenance code regulations. Second of motion by Justin Kreischer. Roll call: Karon Lane-Yes, John Hudik-Yes, Richard Sauerlender-Yes, John Pupos-Yes, Justin Kreischer-Yes. Motioned passed. Karon Lane motioned pass ordinance #939 under emergency measure. Second of motion by Justin Kreischer. Roll call: Karon Lane-Yes, John Hudik-Yes, Richard Sauerlender-Yes, John Pupos-Yes, Justin Kreischer-Yes. Ordinance #939 passed.

P&F recommend council approve revisions/updates they made to the "Zoning Enforcement" job description. Justin Kreischer motioned to approve the "Zoning Enforcement" job

description. Second of motion by John Pupos and approved by all council. Mr. Whalen will hold regular office hours on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Fiscal Officer's report – The recent Solar Bee maintenance report indicated no problems with units. Village office will be closed Thursday, October 13 to allow clerks to attend a mandatory state auditor training session in Perrysburg. Chip installed the new “Rules and Regulations” sign at the entrance of the reservoir. Several council members had a change of heart and want holiday light put up this year. Swanton was in town today sweeping streets to prepare for road work. Sue was notified by Swanton that street sweeping has increased to \$125 an hour, including travel time. Council provided EPA notice of NEXUS Clean Water Application for EPA review. Written comments accepted until October 26. **Trick-or-Treating** will be held in the village **Monday, October 31, from 5:30 to 7:30**. The Community News inadvertently said it was being held Friday, October 31. Recv. thank you card from the CWV for recent village donation in memory of George Flack.

Mayor's report – Recd. notice of an upcoming Urban Forestry Seminar Thurs. November 3 in Bluffton, OH. Fulton County EMA dinner November 10th at 5 p.m. at Northwest Community College. Mayor will attend. In light of some of the issues we had with curbside pickup this year, the mayor would like the semi-annual curb-side trash pick-up reviewed and further defined for next year. Many villages do not provide curbside pickup but rather just provide a drop-off site. NEWS will pay to replace two sections of sidewalks on north side of East Main Street due to water valve related issues. The village will pay for sidewalk replacement at 338 East Main Street. John Pupos suggested NEWS check on other taps in town.

Adjournment – Justin Kreischer moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

Mayor – Ken Wysong

VFO – Susan Clendenin