

Metamora Council met in regular session Monday, October 17, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

**Council members present:** Council president Karon Lane, John Hudik, Richard Sauerlender, Justin Kreisler, John Pupos and Suzie Stough.

**Other officials present:** Mayor Ken Wysong, Street Superintendent Chip Vance and Deputy Clerk Angie Smith.

**Guests:** Rob Krain, Sally Gladwell, Ray Kelble, Gary Loar, Cheryl Geer, and Donna Tills.

Mayor Wysong opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rob Krain, Executive Director of Black Swamp Conservancy- a regional non-profit organization working to protect farmland and set up park lands. The conservancy has been approached by a land owner willing to donate their farm to the conservancy in hopes it would be developed into a nature preserve. Historically, the conservancy works together with local park districts, townships and villages to help establish a park and then hand it off to them. He approached Amboy Township trustees who weren't interested in the donated land being developed into a park, but did pitch an option of acquiring the Metamora reservoir and running it as a park; naming it after the donor and maintaining it with proceeds from the sale of the donated farm land. The land owner has yet to be involved with this option. Alternatively, could look at the idea of the village retaining the reservoir, the conservancy would facilitate the donation of the farmland to the village with restrictions that it would have to be farmland forever or turned into for natural habitat. Rental proceeds from the donated farm have to be used exclusively to operate the park. If village would prefer selling the reservoir, the conservancy, through grant programs they work with are generally able to pay 70% of the appraised value. Council member Sauerlender not sure village wants to be landlords, but could see the plus side of selling the reservoir. Conservancy would pay costs to appraise reservoir and all associated selling costs. Council member John Hudik asked council to step back from making a decision now and take time to review all options. Hudik had some concern with giving up a source of water, in the event someday the village would produce water again. Most thought it would be economically impossible for Metamora to restart the water plant at a later time.

Richard Sauerlender motioned to allow Mr. Krain with the Black Swamp Conservancy to pursue viable options for the sale of the reservoir. Second of motion by Justin Kreisler. Stough-yes, Lane-yes, Hudik-no, Kreisler-yes, Pupos-yes and Sauerlender-yes.

**Fire Chief Ray Kelble** – is concerned with recent information provided him that involved closing off access from park to Garnsey Ave. and Shawnee Drive. If bridge were to go out how would fire and emergency vehicles get to Garnsey and Shawnee residences? Access from Memorial Drive. Mayor Wysong said the back of the park would always be accessible to

emergency vehicles from Memorial Drive to Garnsey. Our only discussion was to close parking lot behind left field on the north ball field. Access would remain north along Shelter C around backside of north ball field to Garnsey. Fire Chief Kelble questioned closing parking lot, he would like to see it extended with road base all the way around to Garnsey, thus permitting fire access during all types of weather. Mayor Wysong said the purchase of the 5 acres on the west side of the park, allows for most of the parking to occur there, thus keeping most of the park traffic free, and pedestrian safe.

Richard Sauerlender said a fire lane may be fitting, will be included in development plans.

**Minutes** – Justin Kreisler moved to pass October 3, 2016 council minutes as written. Second of motion by John Pupos and approved by all council.

**Bills-** Presented for payment:

<b>Bills previously paid:</b>		
EFTPS	Village match for Medicare & Soc. Security	154.24
OPERS	Village contribution for September	1,165.41
SHOP Marketplace	Health & Dental Insurance for Chip & Family	1,762.25
<b>Bills to be paid:</b>		
Tom Bivins	2 weeks wages 9/29 to 10/12	629.00
Angie Smith	2 weeks wages 9/29 to 10/12	689.00
Chip Vance	2 weeks wages 9/29 to 10/12	1,743.50
Sue Clendenin	October Salary - VFO	2,256.97
Jeff Pawlaczyk	October Salary - Village Admin	105.00
Ken Wysong	October Salary - Mayor	350.00
Justin Kreisler	October Salary - Council	104.17
Suzie Stough	October Salary - Council	104.17
Alice Snyder	Maintain Website for 1 year	420.00
Luckey Farmers	Grass Seed	70.00
Fastenal	Bolts for Sign & Bit	44.97
Ohio Gas Company	Gas Utility	10.90
Premier Patching	Street Patching and Sealing	2,362.35
Century Link	Village Phone & Fax	230.45
Cinta's	Chip's Uniforms	58.26
		9,178.74

Suzie Stough moved to pay bills. Second of motion by Justin Kreisler and approved by all council.

**Personnel & Finance Report** – Justin Kreisler reported. Committee reviewed 2016 year to date cost of \$2,700 to pick up brush on a weekly basis and agreed to continue weekly service. Refuse franchise agreement up for renewal the end of March of 2017. The committee recommends retaining Advanced Sanitation for a 2-year agreement if prices remain same as they are now. John Pupos said Sue told him it hadn't been out for bid in 5 years or more and legally

we may have to put it out for bid again. The current franchise agreement provides village use of two free dumpsters. Sue to ask solicitor if village legally has to bid out “Refuse Franchise Agreement.”

Employee evaluations are done; committee would like to meet individually with employees to go over evaluations, tentatively on Monday October 24 after 5:30 p.m. Will discuss 2017 employee compensation at next meeting. Suggest Lands & Buildings finalize 2017 budget requests in November. Recommend business cards for Zoning Inspector w/o name.

### **Lands & Buildings Committee Report – John Hudik reported.**

- **I&I** – Rich unable to see all sewer lines in videos. Chip used tape to locate sewer line and an infiltration.
- **Road Repair** – Reviewed additional \$695 quote from Premier Patching to make large crack repairs on Wildflower Drive and Swanton Street. Justin said some repair locations were missed and would like Chip to make sure they are taken care of before the additional 500 #'s is used. John Hudik moved to approve Premier quote. Second of motion by Justin Kreisler and approved by all council.
- **Wood Chipper** – using chipper and truck from Village of Delta, going well.
- **Play Ground Equipment** -Merry go round repaired. No price on posts yet. Park water will be disconnected this week.
- **Ohio Rural Water** -Don't recommend membership, not applicable.
- **Park Gates** –recommend installing removable bollards to open gates for pedestrians. Richard Sauerlender motioned to spend up to \$300- to revise gate. Second of motion by Justin Kreisler approved by all council.
- **Employee Training**- made recommendation Chip's driving time to and from training is credited at straight time; approx. 6 hours. P&F also discussed training compensation at their meeting and agreed not to pay for travel time, but rather pay 8-hour day (as employee handbook states for educational seminars) and reimburse for meal on drive home. Chip said the training is not mandatory but the training will not only help him gain better understanding of the electrical components of the sewer pumps but access to professionals that can answer questions. Justin Kreisler said if the training class was for sewer license credits then it would warrant re-evaluating drive time pay, but it's not. Richard Sauerlender motioned to allow Chip to attend training and pay comp time for drive time and reimburse up to \$30 for evening meal on way home. Second of motion by John Pupos. Vote: Stough-no, Pupos-yes, Sauerlender-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-no and Kreisler-no. Tie vote. Mayor Wysong broke the tie with a no vote. Council agreed to pay Chip 8 hours straight pay to attend seminar and up to \$30 for evening meal and drive village truck.
- **Bridge** – John Hudik inquired about weight limits on bridges in town. ODOT just completed bridge inspections this year, but yet to receive report. Village didn't receive 2015 bridge report, Chip asked for 2015 report when they were in town doing this year's inspection. Can

review prior bridge reports for weight limits. Hudik suggested load limit signs posted on bridges.

### **Street Superintendent Report –**

Verbal quote from Mike Anderzack for \$50K to \$100K remove clear well.

Council approved \$175 to replace light on park entrance.

Recommending village reimburse Tom Bivins \$35 to replace pants soiled moving trash off residential property.

### **New Business –**

Ziad forwarded info on a Lagoon Workshop offered in Defiance by the Ohio Water Environment Association. Registration fee \$50, offers six contact hours for the operator. Chip said it would be beneficial to attend. Council agreed to allow Chip to attend workshop and village to pay \$50 registration fee. In addition Chip will receive 2 hours of travel time (at straight pay) and 8 hours of straight pay to attend the all day workshop.

Fulton County Health Department would like to give council a presentation on the impact of marijuana dispensaries. Council agreed to schedule presentation at a future date.

### **Old Business – none**

### **Fiscal Officer's Report – Angie Smith reported.**

- Request moving \$780 from Zoning Wages (A1-4-A-211) to Zoning Consultant (A1-4-A-230) John Pupos moved to approve appropriation transfer. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved all council.
- Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance #940- Richard Sauerlender motioned to suspend the rules on Ordinance 940, approving supplemental 2016 appropriations. Second of motion by Suzie Stough. Roll call vote taken: Sauerlender-yes, Hudik-yes, Pupos-yes, Kreischer-yes, Lane-yes and Stough-yes. Sauerlender motioned to pass Ordinance 940 under emergency measure. Second of motion by Suzie Stough. Roll call vote taken: Sauerlender-yes, Stough-yes, Lane-yes, Kreischer-yes, Hudik-yes, and Pupos-yes. **Ordinance 940 passed**

### **Mayor's Report**

- **Sheriff's Report** – Deputy's spent a total of 43 hours patrolling in Metamora during the month of September. Spent 14 hours in the morning, 13.5 hours in the afternoon and 15.5 hours on the midnight shift. Officers handled 13 complaints and 1 accident.
- **EPA** sent approval notice of PTI for solar bee.
- **Swanton Village-** offering tree bio-mechanics program Tuesday October 25, 8:30 to 12:30.
- **Pipeline Safety Survey** – mayor will complete
- **Halloween Party-** at fire hall Monday October 31, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with treating in town from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Adjournment** – John Pupos motioned to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Second of motion by Justin Kreisler and approved by all council.

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Mayor – Ken Wysong

Deputy Clerk – Angela Smith