

Metamora Council met in regular session Monday, January 23, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Council members present: Council president Karon Lane, John Hudik, Richard Sauerlender, Suzie Stough and John Pupos. Justin Kreischer absent due to military training.

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

Guest: Mike Vaculik

Mayor Wysong opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Vaculik was recognized. His parents reside at 211 West Main Street and recently had a waterline break under their home. Consequently losing nearly 50,000 gallons of water before break detected and repaired. The Vaculik's are asking council to consider a sewer credit on their water/sewer bill. Technically, lost water didn't enter the village sewage system. They pumped water out onto the backyard. Vaculik's provided water bills from the last year. The bills reflected an average use of 3,000 gallons of water a month. The bill for use during the break was for 50,000 gallons and totaled \$800. The breakdown of the bill was: \$464.64 for water, \$286.40 for sewer and \$50 for disconnect fee. Council agreed to reduce sewer charges to the Vaculik's average use. Karon Lane moved to reduce the sewer charges to reflect the Vaculik's average use. John Hudik seconded the motion and all council voted approval. Sue will call in Vaculik's credit to NEWS.

Minutes – Suzie Stough moved to approve minutes from January 9, 2017 council meeting as written. Second of motion by John Pupos and approved by all council.

Bills- Presented for payment:

Bills to be paid:		
Sue Clendenin	January Salary - VFO	2,279.54
Jeff Pawlaczyk	January Salary - Village Admin	105.00
Angie Smith	Wages 1/5 - 1/18	824.16
Chip Vance	Wages 1/5 - 1/18	1,794.90
Ken Wysong	January Salary - Mayor	350.00
Justin Kreischer	January Salary - Council	104.16
Suzie Stough	January Salary - Council	104.16
Storm Ridge	Pu up & Take down Holiday Lights	400.00
Habitec Security	Security Monitoring & Maintenance	276.06
Ohio Gas Company	Heat for Office & Mill Street	220.52
Ohio Treasurer, Josh Mandel	OPWC Loan Payments	7,329.53
Treasurer, State of Ohio	2016 Annual Discharge Fee	200.00
Trisha Gleckler	January Office Cleaning Fee	40.00
Century Link	Village phone & fax	238.59
Village of Swanton	January Sewer Testing	73.00
Treasurer, State of Ohio	Annual Sewage Sludge Fee-2016	100.00

Bob Whalen	Zoning Consultant-Jan 1 to Jan 18	120.00
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Suzie Stough motioned to pay bills. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

Personnel & Finance Report – Suzie Stough nominated 2017 P & F chairman. Instead of hiring independent contractors to jet out the storm drains the committee prefers we hire the Village of Swanton; at a cost of \$150 an hour, due to less travel; time. They recommend we look into what other communities charge to rent out ball fields before we quote a price to Mr. Dixon. The committee suggests looking into hiring a high school student, youth or resident to prepare ball fields for \$10 a diamond. Both Lyons and Berkey hire youths to prepare ball fields.

A reminder to newly elected officials it would be a benefit for them to attend TMACOG’s free Sunshine Law certification program scheduled Friday, April 7th at Owens Community College. Officials are required to complete the three-hour training for each term of office for which they are elected or appointed. Officials may send a designee to the training but the Attorney General strongly recommends officials attend in person. P&F also recommend hiring Fresh Cut Lawn service again this year for mosquito control. Suzie Stough made a motion to hire Fresh Cut Lawn Service to provide mosquito spraying for 2017. Second of motion by Richard Sauerlender and approved by all council.

Lands & Buildings Committee Report – John Pupos nominated 2017 L&B chairman. The street superintendent recently attended a continuing education certification for pesticide application. Seeking bridge “load limit” clarification on the DGL bridge report. Prepared 2017 “Calendar of Events” all council will be given a copy of the calendar. Council agreed to change curb-side pick up to Saturday, May 13. Town Garage Sales will co-inside with the 120 Mile Sale on Saturday, June 24. Also, looking into bi-monthly leaf pick-up instead of weekly. With current pricing on new holiday decorations, it appears the budget will allow us to replace about twelve. Looking at charging everyone but the EYA \$75 to rent out ball diamonds, cost does not include ball lights. Park Planning Committee meeting scheduled for February 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the village offices.

Discussed meeting with EYA to discuss some kind of compensation for ball field and concession stand use. For several years the village allows the EYA to use our ball fields free of charge. This comes at a cost to the village we have to pay employees to mow and prepare fields for games, several days a week during the ball season. Village buys necessary supplies, i.e. lime, bases, etc. The village also provides the EYA (Evergreen Youth Association) inside storage space to store uniforms and equipment, at no cost. We also allow the EYA to operate and keep all profits from the concession stand, at no cost. Unfortunately we rarely get anything back in return for all we provide them. It’s time to sit down with EYA board members and discuss forms of compensation, whether it be help with park activities or monetary compensation.

Street Superintendent Report- nothing at this time

New Business – none

Old Business –

Fiscal Officer's Report –

Third Reading of Ordinance 950- John Pupos moved to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #950, establishing Compensation for Elected Officials effective 2018. Second of motion by Karon Lane. Roll call vote taken: Pupos-yes, Sauerlender-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-yes and Stough yes. **Ord. 950 passed.**

First Reading of Ordinance 951, Approving 2017 Appropriations. Karon Lane motioned to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 951**, approving 2017 permanent appropriations. Second of motion by Suzie Stough and approved by all council.

Fire Department invite for elected officials to attend the County Dinner Tuesday, Feb. 21, doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. County dinner will be held at Founder's Hall in Archbold. Dinners will be paid for by the Fire dept., they would like RSVP's on or before February 1st. Park-O-Rama meeting is scheduled for the same evening. Rescheduled Park-O-Rama meeting to Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. to allow elected officials to attend the county dinner.
Approve Calendar of Events.

Mayor's Report – Will ask Swanton if we can borrow their sewer camera. Karon Lane suggested clerks check village insurance policy for possible coverage on borrowed equipment. Mayor will be attending Regional Planning meeting Tuesday night in Wauseon. Sheriff's Report for December was read. Deputy's spent a total of 50.25 hours patrolling the village during the month. Officer's spent 15.5 hours in the morning, 17.5 hours in the afternoon and 17.25 hours on the midnight shift. Officers handled 6 complaints, and 1 accident.

Adjournment – John Pupos motioned to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Second of motion by Suzie Stough and approved by all council.

Mayor – Ken Wysong

VFO – Susan Clendenin