

Metamora Village Council met in regular session Monday, October 21, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Office. Council present: John Hudik, Karon Lane, Karen Noward, John Pupos, Richard Sauerlender with Brooke Smith absent. Other officials present: Mayor Ken Wysong, VFO Catherine Vorst, Deputy Clerk Susan Clendenin and Village employee Steve Venia.

**Guests:** Yvonne Trevino L.P.A., Debbie Campbell, Fulton County Sanitary Engineer Ziad Musallam and Fulton County Commissioners Jeff Rupp and Jon Rupp.

Mayor Wysong opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Yvonne Trevino L.P. A. was given the floor. Attorney Trevino gave a brief summary of her legal background. Attorney Trevino is currently the prosecutor for the Village of Swanton, and has been for five year. She would like council to consider hiring her to replace prosecutor Gary Smith who is retiring at the end of the year. Council will inform Attorney Trevino of their decision at a later date.

Ziad Musallam Director Public Utilities was given the floor. The mayor asked Ziad and the County Commissioners to attend tonight's meeting to discuss the current water contract the County Commissioners have ventured into with Toledo. Ziad distributed copies of the proposed Uniform Water Contract Summary from Toledo. Several entities have individual contracts with Toledo; this contract will group all entities together under one contract. City of Toledo will continue to supply water to all contracted communities as long as Toledo has surplus water. Toledo will own, manage, operate maintain, control and plan and finance the water system. A Regional Water Commission will be established by Toledo Charter and will consist of one member from each contract community and two from Toledo. The Commission will review water system CIP, recommend water rates; plan for adequate system redundancy and reliability. During the term of this contract, Toledo is the sole provider of water to each community service area. Each community will identify its initial service area, subject to change as needed. The contract has a two rate system: wholesale and retail. Community's water is based on wholesale and Toledo/Lucas County rate is based on retail. Water rate Sur-charge will be eliminated over a transition period of up to eight years. Contract modification/assignment subject to parties consent. This is a 40 year term contract. Notice to not renew the contract is due by the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of this contract. During the term of the contract, all contract communities will be responsible for common-to-all-water system debt. Communities can terminate contract but will be required to pay proportionate share of common-to-all outstanding debt. Supply of water upon expiration of the contract will be based on then wholesale rate plus 50% surcharge. Contract materials breach remedy applies to all parties of the uniform water contract. Current water contract will become void and replaced with the uniform contract. The contract is between several entities including the Fulton County Commissioners. Metamora belongs to the Northeast Water System and is in contract with the Fulton County to purchase water from them; they in return buy it from Toledo. Metamora entered a 20 year contract with Fulton County, beginning in 2009. Metamora does have the option of terminating the 20 year contract with a 90-day written notice; however, Metamora would still be responsible financially for the debt service existing on the NEWS. Debt service began in 2010 as a 30 year, 0 (zero) interest loans of which 20 years remain.

Mayor Wysong in regards to the debt service, Fulton County came to us. Ziad said “No, Metamora asked the county for assistance finding an outside waster source.” Mayor Wysong said the county asked us to join them with the new system mainly to get water to AI, coming at a time when we were having some issues at the reservoir. So it was a mutual agreement, with Metamora owning much of the infrastructure. It has come up at the local mayors meeting that the mayors of Fulton County were not asked to be involved with discussions about keeping water within Fulton County. Why wouldn’t we just get water from ourselves and not rely on Toledo. Leary of Toledo Water since nothing has been done since the water crises several years ago, other than spending lot of money on studies. The mayors feel there is plenty of water in Fulton County to serve Fulton County, between Wauseon, Archbold, Delta and even Swanton.

Commissioner Jeff Rupp introduced himself; he has been in office going on five years. Water distribution in Fulton County has been a topic the whole time he’s been in office. They explored working with Archbold to tie-into Wauseon to provide water to North Star. They looked at Wauseon and Archbold, Swanton was never included in their studies, not sure why. North Star uses an enormous amount of water; about 95% of the water purchased from Toledo. Toledo water works well for their use. North Star would have to make a lot of changes to use reservoir water; a big issue for North Star. Also, there is an issue with quantity of water available to satisfy North Star. Archbold would have had to invest in building a huge new reservoir. John Pupos said why couldn’t just North Star purchase Toledo water and not the community’s? Commissioner Rupp said this would require additional infrastructure creating additional debt. The contract offered by Toledo puts all those involved on equal playing fields, which they weren’t before. Commissioners looking favorably on the proposed water agreement with Toledo. We could see a decrease in water rates in a few years. Mayor Wysong said our water rates have doubled since we went with Toledo water. Concerned this will be the future trend. We were told our water rates would not go up unless Toledo rates went up; and they have. More options to look into, local options.

Mayor Wysong agrees North Star needs a lot of water and they should stay with Toledo Water. But the mayors of Fulton County are in agreement, we are able to supply each other water, within Fulton County and not relying on Toledo. Have the commissioners looked at all the entities in Fulton County when it comes to suppling water to Fulton county entities? Commissioners have looked into local options and found it not to be cost effective. New infrastructure would be very costly. A mile of new waterline runs about \$500,000. Just not as easy as it seems and quantity of water is an issue. The commissioners said they are willing to sit with the mayors and further discuss.

**Minutes** – John Pupos motioned to approve October 7, 2019 council minutes as written. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

**Bills -**

DATE	CHECK#	Payroll Payments	10/21/2019	
10/15/19	23956	Sue Clendenin	Wages 09/26 - 10/09/19	725.00
10/15/19	23957	Steven Venia	Wages 09/26 - 10/09/19	1,600.00
10/15/19	23958	Catherine Vorst	Wages 09/26 - 10/09/19	800.00

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10/21/19	23959	Sue Clendenin	Halloween Supplies, Mileage, Bug Spray, ++	59.20
10/21/19	23960	Habitec	Security Monitoring & Maint	90.00
10/21/19	23961	Ohio Gas Company	Heat	19.06
10/21/19	23962	John Deere Financial	Repair Mower	68.20
10/21/19	23963	Perry Protech	Copier Maintenance	42.39
10/21/19	23964	Poggemeyer Design Group	Design Services Thru 09/24	1,210.38
10/21/19	23965	Sam's Club/SYNCB	Office Supplies & Training	223.66
10/21/19	23966	Century Link	Village Fax and Phone	275.76
10/21/19	23967	Verizon	Maint Cell Phone	50.18
10/21/19	23968	Nicholas Szentendrey	Replace Leg Thigh Check	500.00
				<b>5,663.83</b>

Karon Lane moved to pay bills as presented. Second of motion by Karen Noward and approved by all council.

**Personnel & Finance Report** – will make a motion later in the meeting to increase accounts.

**Lands & Buildings Report** – Park to be fertilized as weather permits. Country Mark said too risky to spread grass seed at this time, suggested waiting till spring. Smoke testing sewer lines next week, with direct calls going to Steve. Worked on updating 2020 calendar of events. It was suggested to move up town garages sales a week and have curbside pick-up the following Saturday. Working on 2020 budget items. Spending \$800 on a new drive shaft to repair the large John Deere mower. Steve will install. Recommend person from Cardinal Temp Service works two days a week starting next week; even if leaves aren't down. Steve can get new person acclimated to equipment and job expectations.

**Old Business** – Letters were mailed out last Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, informing residents of the upcoming smoke testing October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**- Catherine Vorst provided a brief update from the last Park-O-Rama. The general consensus appeared to be doing the event differently or not having it at all. Some thought a block party with music and BBQ chicken would be fun. A 501(c) 3 group willing to take over the event would be very beneficial on many levels. The state auditor agrees. Pastor Amanda will no longer be able to chair the 5K race. Mayor Wysong suggested asking Kate Fischer if she would take it back over. It is getting harder every year to get people/volunteers to help. The group of volunteers is getting smaller. Sue would like to scale down her involvement. Floyd Hite still will run bike swap.

Park to be closed down and winterized next week. Tara, the concession person, was asked to remove her items from kitchen, so fridge can be cleaned and turned off. Ball games are done and no more rentals scheduled.

**Fiscal Officer's Report** – John Pupos motioned to suspend the rules on **Ordinance #1006** entering into contract with Cardinal Staffing Services. Second of motion by Karon Lane. Roll call vote taken: Lane-yes, Noward-yes, Sauerlender-yes, Pupos-yes and Hudik-yes. John Pupos moved to pass Ordinance #1006

under emergency measure. Second of motion by Richard Sauerlender. Roll call vote taken: Lane-yes, Noward-yes, Hudik-yes, SauerlenderOuyes and Pupos-yes. Ordinance passed.

Richard Sauerlender motioned to suspend the rules on **Ordinance #1007**, approving a supplemental appropriation ordinance amending 2019 appropriations and approving transfers made August 26, 2019 through September 23, 2019 as requested by the Fiscal Officer. Second of motion by Karen Noward. Roll call vote taken: Pupos-yes- Sauerlender-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-yes and Noward-yes. John Pupos moved to pass Ordinance #1007 under emergency measures. Second of motion by Karen Noward. Roll call vote taken: Pupos-yes, Sauerlender-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-yes and Noward-yes. Ordinance passed.

VFO requested the following 2019 Appropriations amendments:

Increase A1-7-D-220 Clerk's mtgs. by \$100, Decrease A1-7-D-220-1 Deputy Clerks' mtgs. by \$100, Increase A1-7-I-234 State Audit cost by \$1,480. Increase account A1-7-X-235 Service Contracts by \$1,000, Increase B1-6-C-239 Misc. Contractual by \$5,000, Decrease B1-6-B-230 Contractual by \$5,000. John Pupos motioned to approve the VFO's requests. Second of motion by Karen Noward and approved by all council.

**Mayor's Report-** Mayor Wysong read the Sheriff's report for September. Deputy's spent a total of 20 hours patrolling the village in September, spending 6.5 hours on the morning shift, 7.5 hours on the afternoon shift and 6 hours on the midnight shift. Officer's handled 3 complaints.

**Adjournment** – John Pupos moved to adjourn at 9: 05 p.m. Second of motion by Richard Sauerlender and approved by all council.

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**Mayor – Ken Wysong**

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**VFO – Catherine Vorst**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Clendenin, Deputy Clerk