

Metamora Village Council met in regular session Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office. Council present: Karon Lane-pres., Karen Noward, Cindi Pawlaczyk, with Cathy Mossing and John Hudik attending through Zoom. John Pupos was absent.

Other officials present: Mayor Richard Sauerlender, VFO Susan Clendenin, Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Ryan and Village Solicitor Alan Lehenbauer

Guests- Scott Butterworth District Manager ODNR Division of Wildlife, Cheryl Geer and Rebecca Miller with Village Reporter

Mayor Sauerlender opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – Karon Lane motioned to approve Feb. 22, 2021 minutes as written. Second by Cindi Pawlaczyk and approved by all council.

Bills presented for payment-

CHECK#	Payroll Payments	February 22 2021	
24613	Karen Noward	Feb Council Wages	150.00
24614	Sue Clendenin	Wages 1/28-2/10	659.75
24615	Jeff Pawlaczyk	Admin and Zoning Wages Feb	150.00
24616	Steve Venia	Wages 1/28-2/10	1,624.00
24617	Rick Meiring	Feb Sewer Wages	550.00
24618	Elizabeth Ryan	Wages 1/28-2/10	615.00
24619	Richard Sauerlender	Feb. Mayor Wages	350.00
26420	Cathy Mossing	Feb Council Wages	150.00
24621	Cindi Pawlaczyk	Feb Council Wages	150.00
	CHECKS:		
24622	Advanced Sanitation	FEB GARBAGE	50.00
24623	Alice Snyder	Dial in support to fix printer	30.00
24624	Storm Ridge	Christmas lights up and down	500.00
24625	Lowes	Supplies/tools	186.74
24626	Ohio Gas	Heat	165.87
24627	Oh Utilities Protection Service	2021 Governmental Assess.	75.00
24628	TMACOG	2021 Membership Dues	150.00
24629	Century Link	Village Phone and Fax	271.98
24630	Verizon	Maintenance cell phone	58.31
24631	Perry ProTech	copier maintenance	53.76
24632	Toledo Edison	electricity	1455.77
		TOTAL	7,396.18
	ACH Payments		
	Deluxe Business	500 checks	256.50
	EFTPS	Village Match SS and Medicare	132.11
		TOTAL	388.61
	CARE ACT ACCOUNT		
100027	John Deere Financial	4 turf tires w/ rims	1054.06
100028	FIC Dealerships-Berkey	Gator	19119.00
		TOTAL	20173.06

Karen Noward moved to pay the bills as presented. Second by Cindi Pawlaczyk and approved by all council.

Solicitor's Report – Will record the sewer easement on the owner's deed for 289 Swanton Street. Working on the easement regarding the dry hydrant at the reservoir. Will review legality of asking "If you have ever been convicted of a crime" on the current Solicitor's Permit.

Old Business- Scheduled maintenance was performed on the two Solar Bees located out in the sewer lagoons. A complete inspection of both machines and all electronics was performed, as well as general maintenance and cleaning. Everything was confirmed to be operating properly and in good condition. No replacement parts needed. Due to wind and ice the crew was unable to perform water quality testing.

New Business- The District Coordinator for the Joint Solid Waste Management District of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams Counties is requesting the village take action supporting or rejecting the adoption of the Solid Waste Management District Plan update. The clerk read highlights of the updated plan. Karon Lane moved to approve **Resolution #1048** the adoption of the updated Solid Waste Management Plan for the Joint Solid Waste Management District of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding and Williams Counties. Second by Karen Noward and approved by all council.

Fiscal Officer's Report – Tom Carr said he will volunteer again this year to mow the village park. Sue asked council if they had any revisions or changes to the Spring Newsletter. Approved to form. Cindi Pawlaczyk asked if branches would be picked up prior to April 5 as stated in the newsletter. Village brush policy states that in the event of a major storm a special collection of brush may take place. Council would like Steve to pick -up storm brush as needed.

COVID update from Governor De Wine. Sporting and entertainment events will be able to reopen with 25% maximum indoor capacity and 30% maximum for outdoor capacity provided they follow established precautions such as mandatory mask wearing. General admission, including lawns, standing room and infields, will be permitted if masks are worn and if six-foot distancing can be marked and maintained. It was also announced that new guidance for proms, banquets, wedding receptions, fairs, festivals, and parades is forthcoming.

Mr. Scott Butterworth District Manager of the ODNR Division of Wildlife was given the floor. Last year Amanda Kovach Watershed Coordinator with Partners for Clean Streams; with council's approval submitted the Metamora Reservoir Restoration Design Concept plan created by Mannik& Smith for potential funding through the Great Lakes Area of Concern Program (Maumee Area of Concern). One of the priority areas identified included the stretch of Tenmile Creek that runs along the Metamora Reservoir. The basic project ideas are summarized: instream (fish) habitat, streambank stabilization (where needed) as stream side tree/vegetation plantings (up to 50ft. in width). Unfortunately, the project was not chosen but was passed on to the Governor's H2Ohio Program for possible funding. H2Ohio is a program to improve water quality across Ohio. The Division of Natural Resources involvement is to try and develop wetlands and riparian buffers to improve water quality. Accepted projects by H2Ohio are funded at 100%. If council decides to pursue potential funding with H2Ohio, they will need a signed agreement, including scope of work and basically a commitment on the part of the village to get the project accomplished. There is no time -line to get projects completed, but a smaller one like this could be completed in a year. Funds would be available to the village to hire a consulting firm to be the project manager. Financial reporting will be due on a quarterly basis and monthly progress reports required. The village would be reimbursed project expenses. The state's fiscal year begins July 1, so there is a potential for the project to begin this year. Funding is available for these type of projects for the next three years. Council does not have to decide tonight. Mr. Butterworth offered to attend another council meeting if needed. The grant for this project would be up to \$500,000, if needed.

Mayor's Report – Nothing at this time.

Adjournment- Karon Lane moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Second by John Hudik and approved by all council.