

Metamora Village Council met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

Council members present: John Pupos, Cindi Pawlaczyk, Karen Noward, John Hudik and Cathy Mossing. President Karon Lane was absent.

Other officials present: Mayor Richard Sauerlender, VFO Heather Lumbrezer and Maintenance Employee Steve Venia.

Guest(s): Sheriff Deputy C. Hensley.

Mayor Sauerlender opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy C. Hensley read Sheriff's report. Report is from February thru May. Total of 26 calls reported. Only 1 non-injury accident back in March. The only continuing issue ongoing when looking thru the reports is the church next door with ongoing vandalism. Owner of property does not live local. Deputy advised owner to put up cameras. If public sees anyone on the property, advised to call Sheriff's Department.

Council advised Deputy of the continued problem with the ongoing 4-wheelers and few golf carts. Not only in town but also driving back at the reservoir. Council also made the deputy aware of our maintenance department finding garbage bags being thrown in the reservoir possibly containing cat litter and smells of chemicals. Concerned it could be drug related. Deputy will advise his office of the same and monitor the reservoir more closely. Any further items found, need to be reported to the Sheriff's Department.

Council concerned and asked about possible abduction they have heard about here in town about a week ago. Deputy was not aware of any such incident but will check into it and if any such occurrence has taken place, he will notify us.

Minutes – John Pupos motioned to approve the June 7, 2021 minutes as written. Seconded by Karen Noward and approved by council.

Personnel & Finance – Karen Noward inquired about still moving the T-ball field? Still in the plan? Proposal is to purchase new playground equipment and place at the current t-ball field. Also should consider adding a port-o-potty at the t-ball field for next year. When new area is built, suggestion to place the concrete tables we are receiving as donation from Parker Hannifin at the new playground area. Discussions had about "where" to move the t-ball field to. Council agreed to host July 7th meeting at the park to do a walk thru, take inventory and discuss further ideas.

Lands & Buildings Report – Toledo Edison LED lighting agreement – village has 3 proposals to choose from. Council agreed to go with Option #3 "replace the existing non-LED lights as the non-LED lights fail." Agreement signed and to be forwarded to Toledo Edison.

Basketball nets to be replaced. Agreed to purchase 3 chain nets due to the wear and tear of the current nets.

Dump truck – current truck needs a new pump and has started to need several repairs. Need to start shopping for something comparable to current truck either to purchase this year or next year. No plow or spreader will need to be purchased for new truck– can use existing that is on truck now. Agreed to start looking around at prices. Current truck has 9-foot bed w/ toolbox – seems to be reasonable size when looking to purchase new.

Church property next door – list has been composed for Heather to submit to Solicitor Al Lehenbauer to compose letter to property owner. Property is safety hazard to the public. Eminent domain discussed.

Pasternak's will begin work at the end of July. Additional quote came in at \$5300.00 for West Main Street and removing the 3 pine trees in front of the church and bank. The line item will need to be increased to open the PO.

Discussion made about re-establishing zoning committee or a planning committee due to the possible expansion of Ten Mile Meadow off Cornflower and Garnsey. Need to be proactive.

Reading of the Bills-

DATE	CHECK#	Payroll Payments		
6/17/2021	24779	Karen Noward	Monthly Payroll 6/1-6/30	128.59
6/17/2021	24780	Heather Lumbrezer	Weekly Payroll 6/3-6/16	799.97
6/17/2021	24781	Jeffrey Pawlaczyk	Monthly Payroll 6/1-6/30	129.29
6/17/2021	24782	Steven Venia	Weekly Payroll 6/3-6/16	1,271.32
6/17/2021	24783	Frederick Meiring	Monthly Payroll 6/1-6/30	471.13
6/17/2021	24784	Tiffany Venia	Weekly Payroll 6/3-6/16	455.72
6/17/2021	24785	Richard Sauerlender	Monthly Payroll 6/1-6/30	312.66
6/17/2021	24786	Catherine Mossing	Monthly Payroll 6/1-6/30	128.59
6/17/2021	24787	Cynthia Pawlaczyk	Monthly Payroll 6/1-6/30	128.59
6/9/2021	24770	Spectrum	village phone, internet & fax	322.95
6/16/2021	24771	Mersing Trucking & Excav	stump removal at park	425.00
6/16/2021	24772	Lowe's Credit Card	supplies, tools, etc	341.43
6/16/2021	24773	Ohio Gas Co	gas for E Main St & Mill St	32.19
6/16/2021	24774	Lyndsey Peebles	cleaning & supplies	65.86
6/16/2021	24775	Perry Protech	copier monthly maintenance	43.40
6/16/2021	24776	Sam's CC	charcoal, office supplies, memorial tree and home plate for ballfield	1,350.46
6/16/2021	24777	Treasurer of Fulton County	police contract for June	425.00
6/16/2021	24778	FIC Dealerships	replace voided ck# 24768	43.71
6/21/2021	24788	Co-Man	rental 326 W. Main - sewer issue	75.00
6/21/2021	24789	Eisel Construction	sewer repair - 326 W. Main St	1,756.00
6/21/2021	24790	Heather Lumbrezer	reimburse for criminal background check notary	33.00
6/21/2021	24791	Verizon wireless	monthly cell phone contract Steve	58.33
6/16/2021	100032	Sam's Credit Card	COVID supplies/disinfectants/etc.	690.11
** 6/21/2021	24792 & 24793	John Pupos Sr.	Continued brick repair to village office	760.00
			GRAND TOTAL	\$10,248.30

**Approved during meeting and added. Check cut following day on 6/22/21.

Karen Noward motioned to pay the bills as read. Seconded by Cathy Mossing and approved by all council.

Old Business - Tree trimming within the village. John Pupos makes a motion to increase line item # B10-6-B-239-00 by \$5500.00 for the additional quote received. Seconded by John Hudik and agreed by all council. Grand total for trimming the entire village and removing trees is around \$12,500.00 with Pasternak's.

Ordinance Number 1056 - Sewer credits – 2nd reading. Village will retain 25% of any sewer credit issued to residents for purposes of administrative costs effective 1-1-2022.

Parapet wall and chimney repair on the village office roof has been completed. Spectrum's cable is pushing up against the chimney causing it to lean. Need to contact Spectrum about possibly relocating the cable off of the chimney. Final bill has been presented for \$760.00. Motion to pay John Pupos Sr. made by Karen Noward and seconded by Cindi Pawlaczyk. John Pupos Jr. abstained.

New Business – Parker-Hannifin has reached out to the village asking if we want their used concrete benches and picnic tables that they are willing to donate as they are replacing theirs with new. John Pupos made a motion to accept their donation with Karen Noward seconding the motion. Steve and John P. to organize picking up the items. Question about mowing the ditches at Parker has also been raised by employee of Parker. It has been determined that it is the Village's responsibility, but the Township has used their mower in the ditches for us in the past. Steve will mow as much as he can, and John P. will ask the township if they can help out in the steeper areas.

Recognition plates for the park. Nominations have been made. Cathy Mossing is asking to re-visit this at the next meeting. She has a list from her father for individuals from years ago that should also be considered.

Healthy Choices Caring Community called to inquire about whether our village has any ordinances for/against marijuana dispensaries. Lyons, Fayette and Swanton have passed an ordinance prohibiting it. Council discussed whether to allow or deny the same. John Pupos made a motion to have Al Lehenbauer draw up an Ordinance "prohibiting" the cultivation, processing and retail dispensing of marijuana within the village. Seconded by Cathy Mossing. All members present were in favor – no one opposed.

Chicken BBQ wooden sign presented to be made to advertise for upcoming BBQ's. Council advised we currently have banners that we have purchased in the past. No need to purchase any additional or new signs. Discussions had about upcoming BBQ's: where to cook, where to sell chickens, supplies, etc. To be discussed further at upcoming meetings.

Fiscal Report – Reminder next council meeting is on a Wednesday – July 7th due to the holiday. Meeting to be held at the park. John Pupos and the Mayor will not be in attendance at the July 7th meeting.

Reminder that the volleyball league is starting up July 7th – bathrooms to be opened/closed on Wednesday nights and sand tilled one more time before league begins.

Town Garage Sales – 20 permits were purchased this year. Last town garage sale was in 2019 and 25 permits were issued. Heather made council aware of an elderly gentleman falling leaving the office after purchasing his permit. Al Lehenbauer to be contacted to ask about adding handrails to the front of the building.

New zoning permit was purchased and approved for Michael Fischer for a shed on Harvest Drive.

PA system – appears to have a bad connection or loose wires when Amboy Township borrowed it for Memorial Day service. Need to either have serviced or start looking around for purchasing new. Council agreed with it being so old, its probably time to start researching purchasing new.

OPWC sewer bill for Swanton Street is the final payment for that portion of the loan. The amount due and the amount in our line item is short by \$.09 due to the amortization schedule changing as this can happen for the last payment. Cathy Mossing made a motion to approve raising the line item by \$.09 so that the OPWC bill can be paid. Seconded by Karen Noward. All council approved.

Mayor's Report – Letter received from Toledo Chamber of Commerce (not sure why us since we are in Fulton County) asking us if there are any priorities in items we need money for. Federal funding likely to be available. Believe its more for big city but wanted to make us aware.

Steve Venia – maintenance department voiced some concerns about our volunteer help borrowing his equipment and tools and not returning them. Steve would appreciate at least being asked if they can borrow the village's stuff and then returning it when they are done.

Juneteenth was asked about. Council members stated that all other businesses in town were open. To be looked at next year for the Holiday schedule.

Steve also inquired about the current access from the driveway to the park for the handicap and what we will need to consider if and when making renovations to the t-ball field to include handicap access.

Cathy Mossing saw where the Village of Delta had extra Covid money to spend, and they helped out their fire department. She inquired about helping out our fire department if anything was needed. John Pupos indicated Amboy Township had already done so and some of the unused monies had been returned.

Adjournment- John Pupos motioned to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Cathy Mossing and approved by all council.

Mayor- Richard Sauerlender

VFO – Heather Lumbrezer