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Metamora Village Council Meeting

Metamora Council met in regular session Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office. Members present: Ken Wysong, Tina Sullivan, Karon Lane, Barb Georgia, Eric Gonzalez and Cheryl Geer. Others present: Mayor Loar, VFO Karin Sauerlender, Street Superintendent Steve Kovar, Water plant Superintendent Rick Meiring and Deputy Clerk Sue Clendenin

Guest: Kent Helm

Mayor Loar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – Tina Sullivan motioned to accept August 18th, 2008 council minutes as written. Eric Gonzalez seconded motion. All council voted approval.

Water Plant Superintendent Report – Bonded Chemicals along with plant superintendent Rick Meiring did some jar testing at the plant using a variety of different chemicals to determine if any would lower THM levels. No notable changes found. Jones & Henry also did jar testing, which lasted three days. Samples were sent out for evaluation. Preliminary results conclude that considering the age of the plant, it's running at optimum capacity. The TOC results are back; J&H will make formal recommendations in a week or so. Findings, reports and recommendations will be sent to the EPA for review.

Requested in the Villages EPA Findings & Orders was to complete a Distribution System Optimization Plan. Rick has completed the plan and sent it on to the EPA

for evaluation and recommendation. EPA recommendations will have to be implemented within their set time frame. In the distribution plan Rick included flushing hydrants regularly especially dead-end hydrants and County Road 2. Assumption hydrants to be flushed quarterly. Flushing will need to be documented.

Alex Slawinski last day was yesterday. Rick said until we get someone hired and trained there will be some overtime at working the plant. He suggested we hire a part-time employee to work afternoons from (2 to 6) or (1 to 5) and every third weekend at the water plant. This would free up Steve to perform street duties. Unless Steve wants to work second shift at the plant the new hire could be trained to perform street duties. Steve said he would rather work streets and help out at plant as needed. Our water plant is considered a Class 2 plant requiring a Water One operator at the plant in the absence of the superintendent. Steve Kovar has a Water One license and has been filling in at the plant when needed. C. Geer thought it best to cross train new employee with both water plant and street duties.

Hydrant painting and servicing – T. Sullivan said Water Board indicated hydrants are in need of routine maintenance and painting before winter, she asked Rick if he thought it best to hire this out to be done by an hourly rate or per hydrant. Rick said it's probably something the new employee could do. K. Wysong said Water Board was thinking about contracting Larry Dunbar to work on hydrants, he is familiar with system and has plumbing skills. Rick suggested work on hydrants be paid out on an hourly rate, some will take more time than others. Hydrants should also be flushed at the time of servicing.

Street Superintendent Report – has hydrant paint available. Steve would like to replace broken air compressor at park. Claud uses compressor to blow out water lines when winterizing park. T. Sullivan motioned to allow Steve up to \$2000 to purchase a new portable air compressor. B Georgia seconded motion. All council voted approval.

As requested, Steve measured to see if dead tree in front yard of 425 Swanton Street was within village right-of-way. Front edge of tree is approximately 23 1/2 feet from center of road. Center of tree is 25 feet from center of road. His records indicate the right-of-way is 25 feet from center of road. Rick said Steve should locate surveyor pins in the road that mark the true centerline for right-of-ways not the painted centerline. Steve was asked to get an estimate to remove tree and recheck centerline location. Also asked to call Edison who may remove at no cost because branches extend into power lines.

Residents in the first house north of Swanton Street Bridge asked if village would

place concrete on the edge of their driveway to prevent further wash out of drive. The resident said ever since the village hired to have a waterline installed under the creek his driveway stone is being washed down into the creek. Steve to inform County Engineer of the problem, they maintain along the creek bank.

Received a bid of \$3,245 to reseal and re-stripe Maple Street parking lot. Steve asked to call John Vershum for other paving contractors, also call Perrysburg Seal Coat for additional bid.

Steve would like to have Kalida Truck look at salt spreader, he would like it serviced for winter. Would like to get at least one more season out of it. A new salt spreader would cost about \$5000.

Sink hole on Church Street and East Main. K. Wysong asked if it had been filled in? Steve said state employees took a look at the hole and said they would talk to their boss. That was last Friday and he hasn't heard back.

Kent Helm was recognized. He asked the village to replace the missing 35 mph sign that use to be on East Main Street east of his residence. People are speeding into town, and should be made aware of the reduced speed within the village limits. A reduced speed ahead sign is posted east of the town limits; we need a 35 mph sign in addition. Council not aware 35 mph sign was missing or its whereabouts.

Old Business –

Everdry submitted a basement-waterproofing quote of \$12,472.00. It was decided not to accept quote but to replace dehumidifier instead. Mr. Gorey from AM to PM Plumbing and Heating said the water in the basement now is from the air conditioning unit malfunctioning. AC unit and furnace being replaced. Mr. Gorey suggested we purchase a dehumidifier for the basement. C. Geer motioned to allow Steve to purchase a dehumidifier for the basement of the village office. B. Georgia seconded motion, all council voted approval. Wysong said water could be entering the basement during times of heavy rainfall by the back corner of the building where it abuts the restaurant. He suggested Country Charm remove stone in this area and replace with concrete. Install concrete on a sloping grade towards the parking lot to get water away from buildings.

Hire part time employee- post notice around town that the village is accepting applications until Monday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m. Personnel & Finance will interview applicants the evening of September 15th. Regular session of council will follow at 8:00 p.m. Notice of hiring should state: Part time position available, second shift and some weekends.

The bills were presented for payment:

B. Georgia motioned to pay bills. K. Wysong seconded motion, all council voted approval.

Solicitor's Report – Alan has reviewed the proposed Fulton County Water Service Agreement between County Commissioners and Metamora. He suggests the village include language addressing alternative water options if the county would ever decide to no longer be in the water business, or in the event the county is unable or unwilling to negotiate a new contract with To-

ledo. The mayor said the contract states the water district cannot sell off infrastructure if they decide to sell the water business. Fiscal Officer Sauerlender said the county most likely would be motivated to renegotiate a new contract with Toledo after the nine-year contract expires. They have long-term loans on the project that will need to be paid off. It was suggested to get a copy of Swan creek's contract for comparison ideas.

Water rates are not included in agreement. K. Wysong said not sure they can include water rates until all financing is in place. Alan asked why the contract was for nine years? VFO said because it's to run concurrent with the Fulton County/Toledo contract that has nine years left. After nine years it will automatically renew for 20 more years. She suggested Metamora's contract include the same 20 year renewal. Gonzalez not sure if it would be to our advantage to renew for 20 years, 2 years may be better we wouldn't be locked in for such a long time especially if not satisfied with rates, etc.

Alan also said the ownership of the village water tower is not clearly addressed; water lines are, but not water tower. The contract does state the water district will maintain the tower. Council would like the contract to clearly state village retains ownership of tower.

Council also would like the inclusion of responsibility of the NEFC Water District to assume any and all penalties enforced upon the village by the EPA for not making the THM time frame for compliance.

New Business – Ohio Municipal League annual conference to be held October 1-3. Inform office if attending.

Mayor has received complaints about golf carts being driven in the village on the main highways. The solicitor said golf carts need to be licensed, have lights proper and meet other safety requirements. Carts are not allowed on state highways. Ask Fulton County Sheriff if they can ticket carts on state highways. What about on village streets? Alan said traveling on any public roads would require proper licensing, lights, etc. E. Gonzalez said it's his understanding the person driving the golf cart on a roadway is required to have a driver's license. Mayor will call the Sheriff and ask to have state guide lines adhered to in the village.

Fiscal Officer's Report – THM testing results came back with acceptable levels, well below EPA standards. Council provided a summary of results.

Need to begin 2009 budget process soon, would like council feedback on wages, projects, etc. by October.

Karin attended the annual budget meeting with Fulton County Budget Commission at which time she talked to them about our 2.6 water levy. She inquired as to how the levy could be appealed if the village decided to do so. She was informed it had to be appealed and stopped for an entire year not midway through. It has to be done by the beginning of November to stop it for the following year. The water levy is up for renewal next year, can go on either May or November ballot or not at all.

Boy Scouts asking park shelter rental fee be waived for scout potluck, September 14th. Sullivan moved to waive park shelter fee for Boy Scouts Troop 167. K. Wysong seconded motion. All council voted approval.

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