

Metamora Village Council

Metamora Village Council met in regular session, Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Council members present: Ken Wysong, Karon Lane, Cheryl Geer, Eric Gonzalez, and Chip Vance.

Other officials present: Mayor Gary Loar, Fiscal Officer Karin Sauerlender, Village Solicitor Alan Lehenbauer, Street Superintendent Steve Kovar and Deputy Clerk Sue Clendenin. Guest Jeff Comstock, Conrad Beck and Matt Keller.

Mayor Loar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cheryl Geer motioned to reappoint Jeff Comstock to fill vacated council seat. Second by Eric Gonzalez and approved by all council. Jeff Comstock sworn in and took Oath of Office. Jeff and Chip Vance will attend Ohio Municipal League sponsored new elected council seminar in Cleveland on March 27.

Guest – Matt Keller from Evergreen Youth Association asked if spring league could use village fields, presented council with game schedule. Mr. Keller willing to prep fields for Sunday games, if village permits. Ken Wysong motioned to allow spring league to use village ball diamonds and allow Matt Keller to prep fields for Sunday games. Karon Lane seconded motion and all council voted approval.

Guest - Conrad Beck with Beck Insurance presented revised property schedules for the village. Discussed changes and whether to purchase uninsured/underinsured coverage. Ken Wysong motioned to approve insurance renewal Beck Insurance Agency for a 2-year term, with rates guaranteed, commencing April 1, 2010 at a cost of \$13,937 and adding uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage up to \$100,000 on two village vehicles for an additional \$112 per year. Cheryl Geer seconded motion. All council voted approval.

Water Superintendent report – absent

Street Superintendent report – gave brief synopsis of last two months work projects; fixed two water meters, cleaned out catch basins, replaced two broken basin lids, worked 7-8 days at water plant during this period, ordered signs, (Wysong asked new signs be mounted on restroom doors of park concession,) finished mounting hydrant flags, fixed couple sewer problems, hung delinquent water notices, plowed snow, salted roads, and moved snow piles.

Geer motioned to approve payment of Kovar's continuing education cost for Water One certification. Second by Lane and approved by all council. Some classes to be taken online.

Chip Vance suggested taking a pro-active approach on sewer testing by requesting the Street Superintendent acquire a Sewer One license. The village will no longer employ current employee with Sewer One licensure after activation of the new water district. Council agreed Vance's suggestion was a viable option and should be looked into. Ziad said the county could perform necessary sewer testing for the village at an hourly rate. Both options would be less expensive than hiring an outside firm. Vance said if time allows for our village employee to take the necessary schooling, before we lose our current sewer one employee, it would most likely be cheaper to keep the job responsibilities in-house. Further discuss county cost with Ziad.

Zoning inspector's report – none at this time. After finding clerical errors, Vance requested the zoning inspector have clerks proofread outgoing letters.

Minutes – With noted corrections, Ken Wysong moved to approve council minutes from February 15th meeting. Second by Cheryl Geer and approved by all council.

Solicitor's report –correcting code ordinance section on zoning penalties and compliance time requirements.

The bills were read for approval:

Ken Wysong motioned to pay bills. Eric Gonzalez seconded the motion and all council voted approval.

Old Business – March 1, the Fulton County Commissioners opened 2010 bids for the West

Main Street Curbing Project. Published estimate for the project was \$81,645. The low bid came in at \$57,991.76 and the highest bid was \$88,543.40 Low bid was \$23,643 under engineer's estimate. Village was awarded \$59,200 in CDBG funds to be applied towards the project. Staking was not included in the engineering of the project, probably additional cost of \$700. Commissioners to officially award contract March 11, 2010.

New Business- Upon further discussion by the Lands and Buildings committee to reduce construction cost of the new maintenance building, they wanted possible to bid out the project in pieces. Village Solicitor advised it would be better to bid out entire project, village has to comply with prevailing wage rates. CDBG deadline is May 7, 2010 if we want to apply for building funds.

Lands & Buildings committee will meet with members of the newly formed Park Advisory Board on Monday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Loar offered to get a copy of Vermilion Park Rules. Need to discuss code structure for alarm system.

Committee recommends council approve purchase of an additional surveillance camera to be installed on south side of new park building to cover playground area, at a cost of \$680. Karon Lane motioned to approve purchase. Ken Wysong seconded the motion, all council voted approval.

Fiscal Officer's report – 2009 annual report completed and available at the village office.

Mayor's report – Northeast Water District –county will hold informational meeting March 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Evergreen High School gym.

NOMMA annual meeting in Pemberville March 16. RSVP's due March 9th.

Water Plant Superintendent applied for stimulus money to purchase second Solar Bee for the sewer lagoon.

Updated flood maps available at www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/scripts/bfe_main.asp. Problems with mapping can be appealed through the county. Rick Meiring is current Village Flood Plain Administrator, council recommended Rick look at new

flood map.

Sue Clendenin attending March 22, annual Fulton County Health Dept. meeting.

TMACOG holding annual Professional Day, March 5.

Adjournment-

Ken Wysong motioned to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Second by Eric Gonzalez and approved by all council.

GOATS and "UDDER" THINGS SUPPORTS OHIO 4-H WEEK



On March 11th several of our members went to Central Elementary in Sylvania for their Right to Read Week, Family Night. We were asked to bring along rabbits and goats to share with the families for a Petting Zoo. Ashley Garlick's Nubian goat Missy was the star of the evening. This breed of goat was in the book G is for Goat, by author, Patricia Polacco who visited Central Elementary last fall.

While we were there we also educated the families on what 4-H is, and what it means to us. You don't have to live on a farm to be a 4-H'er and the opportunities such as 4-H camp, project clinics and demonstration contests are endless. There is a wide range of interests covered as the 4-H program offers over 200 project choices. Leadership and communication skills are just a couple of the positive rewards you can earn when becoming a member. Deadline for registration is April 1st and the age requirement is 8 and in the 3rd grade as of January 1 of the current year. Membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.

Our second 4-H meeting for 2010 is Sunday, March 21st at 7:00 pm. Registration will be accepted at this meeting or on the following dates of Tuesday, March 23rd or Wednesday, March 24th from 7:00-8:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Richfield Township Hall.