

Metamora Village Council met in regular session Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office

Members present: Barb Georgia, Cheryl Geer, Eric Gonzalez, Karon Lane, Tina Sullivan, and Ken Wysong. Officials present: Mayor Gary Loar, Fiscal Officer Karin Sauerlender, Deputy Clerk Sue Clendenin, and Street Superintendent Steve Kovar, and Village Solicitor Alan Lehenbauer. Water Superintendent Rick Meiring absent.

Guests present: Steve Brown, Matt Keller, Todd Woodring, Pat Miller and Mark Lane

Mayor Loar opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Steve Brown Director of Regional Planning was recognized. Mr. Brown presented information about the Fair Housing Program.

In regards to the villages CDBG award for the new park building there is a concern with outdated prevailing wage rates for Fulton County included in the bid specs. Current wage rates were not available on the Davis Bacon's web site. If wage rates are updated during construction it could increase labor costs, which would be additional costs to the village. Most contractors pay union scale so the outdated prevailing wage rates shouldn't be a problem. The project will be awarded Monday. State permits for the new building have been approved and returned to the architect.

FY 2009 CDBG - Regional Planning received Metamora's funding application for new curbs on West Main Street. The second Public Hearing scheduled for May 26th at 10:00 a.m. Citizens are encouraged to attend. Metamora requested \$59,200 of formula funds, with a 20% or \$15,000 contribution of Village funds. Fulton County is eligible for \$156,000 of FY 2009 CDBG Formula funding.

Issue 2 – next round of applications will be due in September. More information available early June. Village discussed filing a joint application with Amboy Township to resurface and possibly widen County Road 2.

Evergreen Youth Organization – Matt Keller representing the organization said he and his volunteers decided to relocate the Tee-Ball & Pee-Wee field due to standing water in the area original agreed upon area, which was the northwest corner of the park. They moved the field to a dryer and higher area about 100 yards east of the original location. He realizes he made a mistake not asking council permission to move the field, but he feels the new location is better. The area is higher and has shade trees for spectator's comfort. He is asking council to allow the field to be completed in the new location. Infield sod has been removed, but stone has yet to be distributed. Mr. Keller said he would relocate the field if council desires, preferably in the fall. Mr. Keller went on to explain the need for the new field with the growth of the EYA organization. His employer Stoneco donated all the stone and permitted use of their bobcat.

B. Georgia said she was concerned the new location may be a safety issue for the players, if a game is going on the main ball field. Fly balls going out over center field could land on or close to the new field. Safety should be our first priority, we don't want players injured. Mr. Keller said games would not be scheduled on both fields at the same time. B. Georgia said her understanding of the logic for the new field was also to have Tee-ball games during Park-O-Rama. This would not be doable if adult games were going on the main field. Keller said he would like to see a few Peewees games during Park-O-Rama, but as a main focus and played on the main field.

K. Wysong said as a precaution Peewee parent could be asked to look for home run balls, if by chance games are going on both fields at the same time. B. Georgia said the new location cuts the park in half and creates a waste of space on both sides of the field. She wouldn't have agreed to the field if she knew this was where it was going to be placed. Cheryl Geer suggested we look into correcting the drainage problem in the northwest corner if council should ask EYA to move field back there.

Ken Wysong moved to allow the field to remain where it is for now and be moved in the fall if council desires at EYA expense. Second by Cheryl Geer. Roll call vote taken: Wysong yes, Geer yes, Lane yes, Gonzalez yes Sullivan yes and Georgia no. Motion passed.

K. Wysong said council would like to incorporate other activities in the park, i.e. skate park, additional walkways possibly including workout stations and benches. Realizing this, it would be very beneficial to expand the park and purchase additional land. Property abutting the parks west boundary would be desirable. K. Wysong willing to discuss village interest with landowner. Council agreed purchasing additional park property would be a proactive approach for the future of the park.

Barb Georgia received resident concerns over council’s decision to close the Garnsey Avenue park entrance on Friday nights. Mayor Loar said the Fire Dept. also voiced concern. Council agreed to keep Garnsey entrance open, as long as speeding complaints were not received.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Bills paid previously:

Metamora Post Office	5 rolls of 42-cent stamps	\$ 210.00
Petty Cash	Postage, trash bags, soap, straw	50.76
Robert Sabo	Wages paid 04-28-09	309.00
Brent Simon	Wages paid 04-28-09	505.00
Claud Woodring	Wages paid 04-28-09	225.96
Steve Kovar	Wages paid 04-28-09	1197.80

Current bills to be paid:

Evergreen Community News	May advertising	\$ 84.00
Barb Georgia	Ice	3.99
Lucky Farmers	Buccaneer for park	95.00
Fessenden Hardware	Misc bolts & couplings	57.81
Fondessy Enterprises, Inc.	Dumpster to remove building demo	374.00
Marleau Hercules	Bating cage fencing	11,343.00
Medical Mutual	June health insurance	2,048.52
Cathy Mossing	Misc supplies	52.50
NOMMA	Stimulus Conference (2)	40.00
Ohio Gas	Village office & Maple St. garage	79.18
OUPS	Manual callout	4.00
FarmPlan	Repairs to tractor	1,447.18
Toledo Edison	Village electric use	1,439.05
Toledo Physical Education Supply	Bating cage nets	2,310.00
Treasurer Fulton County	May police protection	425.00
Tri-County Fuels	Diesel fuel	143.48
VISA	Basketball brackets, furnace filter, Paint for park bathrooms	123.95

Bills to be paid later:

The Metamora State Bank	April medicare match	\$ 195.54
OPERS	April village match	1875.16
Cintas	Uniforms & mats	

Barb Georgia motioned to pay bills. Second by Cheryl Geer and approved by all council.

Minutes – Ken Wysong motioned to approve April 20th council minutes as written. Second by Eric Gonzalez and approved by all council, with Tina Sullivan abstaining.

Street Superintendent – He and Brent are working on replacing drain behind home plate on north ball field; this should help with drainage the problem. West parking lot in park has been widened. Bating cage is up but needs more stone. Matt Keller said if asked Stoneco would

donate additional screenings. Steve told not to take down section of batting cage fence to haul in stone, wheelbarrow stone in instead. Don't want to void warranty by taking down fence. Took bushes out at Hahn's to prepare for tree planting. He and Brent helped Mike Anderczak install sewer line for new park bathrooms. Removed poles on Mill Street to make room for new fence. Planted grass seed over winter dig up jobs. Started to work on parking lot islands, in need of more stone. Wysong said if need be Steve can dig islands out replace old visquene and place more stone.

Solicitor report – suggested having a hiring ordinance that reads seasonal with no benefits.

Old Business- Ken Wysong said the popcorn popper originally considered for \$400 was found to be too small for concession stand use. An eight-quart popper runs between \$800 and \$1000. Cheryl Geer motioned to approve up to \$1000 for a popcorn popper fro the village concession stand. Second by Barb Georgia and approved by all council. Cheese warmer at concession not working. Ken called vendor and could be just a burnt out fan. Ordered a new fan at a cost of \$27 including shipping cost.

C. Geer inquired about electric use at the rental building. The clerk said the use has decreased considerably since installing the smaller generator. Know more when new electric bill arrives. Steve asked to clean up around the building.

New Business- Water Board requesting council purchase a 5500-watt generator for water and sewer departments use. T. Sullivan moved to approve the purchase of the generator selected by the Water Board, not to exceed \$2000. Second by Barb Georgia and approved by all council.

Cheryl Geer reported about demolition of NW State building. Demolition bids have gone out, over 14 bid specs requested. A couple demolition contractors asked to buy the building. Demolition of the building would still be a requirement and property would be greened over but it does allow development of the property in conjunction with current zoning regulations. Geer also said selling the building would need the Attorney General's approval.

Fiscal Officer Report – several council members unable to attend May 18th council meeting. Meeting rescheduled to May 11 at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings to follow. Karin will call the Rita Co. to see if able to attend May 11 or June 1 council meeting.

Mayor's report – on May 13th a Downtown Revitalization meeting will be held at the Evergreen Library Community Room at 7:00 p.m. Citizen input requested on downtown improvements. Mayor to call county engineer about timing of County Road 2 project when applying for Issue 2. Call Mannick & Smith about bridge inspection bid to find out if it included load rating. Look over sidewalk ordinances for next meeting. Call Jake Simon to look at the computer downstairs for repair.

K. Wysong motioned to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Second by Eric Gonzalez and approved by all council.

Mayor – Gary L.Loar

VFO – Karin Sauerlender

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clendenin
Deputy Clerk