

Council met Monday, June 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Council present: Barb Georgia, Karon Lane, Cheryl Geer, Ken Wysong, Eric Gonzalez, and Tina Sullivan (8:15)
 Others present: Mayor Loar, Fiscal Officer Karin Sauerlender, Deputy Clerk Sue Clendenin, Street Superintendent Steve Kovar and Water Superintendent Rick Meiring
 Guests: Zoning inspector Bob Sabo, Joe Schwind, Kevin Nichols, Stephen Frederick, and Spencer Frederick

Mayor Loar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Boy Scout Spencer Frederick was recognized. Boy scouts would like to replace old flag brackets on village poles and place brackets on additional poles. Boy scouts willing to install brackets on poles. Asking village to consider purchasing brackets and additional flags. Barb Georgia motioned to allow the Boy Scouts to purchase flags and brackets up to \$1000 for flags and brackets. Second by Ken Wysong and approved by all council. Boy scouts requesting park shelter fee is waived for the groups August 22 gathering. Cheryl Geer moved to waive shelter fee for Boy Scouts. Second by Barb Georgia and approved by all council. Request for waiver of \$10 garage sale permit denied, would set precedence for other non-profit groups. Sale of permits offset the cost of the children's Halloween party held annually at the fire station.

Kevin Nichols recognized. Driveway approach settled following village curbing project, would like additional gravel placed. Approved. Mr. Nichols asked if he was allowed to have a campfire in his backyard? Contained recreational fires permitted, if they don't cause problems for neighbors.

Joe Schwind recognized. He recently received a letter from the Village informing to no longer park vehicles in the park overnight. His rear yard abuts the park and he has been parking his cars back there for years, why is it now a problem? If it's a liability issue, he's willing to sign a liability waiver. B. Georgia said the park closes at night. K. Wysong said park rules state overnight parking is not permitted. If driveway space is inadequate, cars can be parked on side of street.

Minutes- Ken Wysong moved to approve June 1, 2009 council minutes as written. Second by Cheryl Geer and approved by all council.

The following bills were presented for approval:

Bills paid previously:

Claud Woodring	Wages paid 06-09-09	\$ 344.32
Steve Kovar	Wages paid 06-09-09	1167.22
Brent Simon	Wages paid 06-09-09	585.00
Scott Hansen	Wages paid 06-09-09	408.25
Ohio Rural Water Assoc.	Membership fee	100.00

Current bills to be paid:

Lucky Farmers	Athletic field marker	\$ 48.00
Fessenden Hardware	Clothespins, rain gauge, hose nozzle, Sewer pipe, bulbs, nuts, bolts, screws	55.57
Fresh Cut Lawn Service	Mosquito spraying	125.00
Gary Smith	Village prosecutor – April/May	175.00
Wells-Blossom Properties	July Rent	600.00
Marathon Oil	Gas for village equipment	81.22
Metamora Post Office	Annual post office box rental	100.00
NW Ohio Woodland Serv.	Tree survey	400.00
HSB Solutions	Paper, labels, binders	
Office Depot	Printer ribbons	26.98
Toledo Edison	Maple St. garage	112.46
Tri-County Fuels	Diesel fuel	659.97
Embarq	Village office phone & fax	200.22
Cintas	Uniforms & mats	215.13

Bills to be paid later:

Sue Clendenin	June salary	\$1266.97
Karin Sauerlender	June salary	1437.99
Gary Loar	June salary	350.00
Gates McDonald	Enrollment fee—group rating program	504.00

B. Georgia motioned to pay bills. Second by Karon Lane and approved by all council

Report of Water Superintendent- had annual EPA site survey last week. Informed bulk water sales not conforming. CCR report finished will send out this week. THM samples taken for this quarter, last quarter 3 out of 4 came under standards. Has flushed end line hydrants, will flush more in July. Will start reading meters next week and finish before June 25th. Water plant running more hours due to warmer weather and higher water use.

Report of Street Superintendent – handi-cap curbs painted. Have Jeff Simon looking at mowing ditches near Parker. Park drain replaced behind home plate. Repaired a couple sewer problems, installed new curb box, repaired a curb box, assisted contractor connecting water and sewer to new park building, removing trash/junk off side of Meadow Lane. Catch basin broke in front of post office will cost \$350 to re-pour stationary walls. Sam Bork’s transformer still in rental building, Sue to call Sam with electric use.

Report of Zoning Inspector – working on file system by address, about one-third of village completed. Also present to update council on zoning issues. Has two situations and has sent residents letters. One has made an attempt to clean up property the other not. Asking council permission to cite them into court. If an apparent attempt were made to bring property into compliance council would like inspector to work with them. If no attempt is made, ok to cite into court.

Mr. Pope has court date of August 19th. Meeting scheduled with Carl Pope June 18, 2009 at 9 a.m. to view property. Will re-visit Pope property before August 19th court date and take additional photos for comparison. Another issue on the Pope property is uncut grass across the front of the property. Weeds on the northwest corner are over three feet high causing a blind spot and a dangerous situation for those backing out of the neighbor’s property. The village has the right to spray and/or cut down weeds in a right –of –way, at the expense of the property owner. Council recommends a letter is sent to Mr. Pope advising to cut down weeds within a certain time frame, if not, the village will mow area for \$50 an hour at his expense.

Mr. Sabo also looking into an update to the Accuglobe.

Old Business – council prefers a new concrete floor is poured in shelter C, verses an overlay. Sue will ask contractor working on new park building if they will remove.

New increased electric rate for ball field lights (outdoor night lighting) has taken effect. Cost for electric use from April 11, 2009 to May 12, 2009 was \$749.75. Expected to cost over \$1000 monthly when night games increase. Gary Keys from First Energy said some entities are considering eliminating night games. He suggested those concerned should contact their State representatives and PUCO to complain about this rate increase, which ultimately penalizes the kids. Village is obligated to have ball lights for night games this season, will have meter removed following Park-O-Rama and revisit the issue next spring.

Discussions on concession stand break in. Leads have been provided on who may have broken in, Sheriff to follow up.

Per Steve Siam’s evaluation of park trees, 20 have been killed by the invasion of Emerald Ash Borers. Eric Gonzalez looking into funds to replace trees.

County Road 2 project – Amboy Trustee Tom Herr Jr. said Amboy is financial committed for two years completing their projects. After which they will consider a joint venture with Metamora to make additional improvements to County Road 2.

New Business – a national bike group asking permission to stop and stay overnight in the park July 9th before heading on to Columbus to lobby for jobs, clean energy and health issues etc. The group consists of ten people staying in five tents. C. Geer moved to allow the overnight stay as long as park rules and regulations are abided by. Second by B. Georgia. Vote taken; 4 yeas and 1 nay. Motion carried. Inform Sheriff’s department of their stay.

Delvanthal bid to install five foot walks on west and north side of new park building came in at \$3,600. Steve Brown informed the mayor unused funds from another County CDBG project could possibly come to Metamora to help offset additional cost. K. Wysong upset architects’ prints were not specific enough for walks to be included in original cost estimate. Increase should not affect architect’s cost. Contractor ran into old footings while digging new footers, additional work billed at \$642. K. Wysong moved to approve change orders to Delvanthal. Second by T. Sullivan and approved by all council. Commissioners will also have to approve the change order.

Rita (Regional Income Tax Agency) – The fiscal officer contacted RITA members for their input. One community had CCA before they switched to RITA and said they are very pleased with the conversion. Didn’t feel they were getting the level of service they wanted from CCA, and impressed with RITA’s technology. Felt CCA employees not well qualified. They have seen an increase in collections since RITA took over. Rita and CCA use same formula for figuring cost. If we decide to change providers effective December 31st., our contract specifies CCA is notified by July 1st. C. Geer made a motion to suspend the rules on **Resolution 776**, ending contract with CCA. Second by K. Wysong. Roll call vote taken: Geer yes, Wysong yes, Sullivan yes, Lane yes, Georgia yes, and Gonzalez yes. C. Geer motioned to pass Resolution 776 under emergency measure. Second by K. Wysong. Roll call vote taken: Wysong yes, Sullivan yes, Georgia yes, Lane yes, Gonzalez yes, and Geer yes.

Fiscal Officer’s report – 2007/08 state audit nearing the end.

Approve transfer:

TO:	FROM:	AMT:
A1-7-E-240 L&B supplies	A1-7-X-250 Capital Outlay	\$1000.00

K. Wysong moved to approve transfer requested. Second by Karon Lane and approved by all council

Mayor’s report – Sheriff’s report for April read. Officer’s spent a total of 67.75 hours patrolling the village, 23.5 hours spent on the morning shift, 27 hours on the afternoon and 17.75 hours on the midnight shift. Handled 9 complaints and issued 1 warning.

Wysong questioned status of Northeast Water District. Ziad said engineering should be complete end of week, at which time it will be sent to the EPA for approval. Karin said Water Board member Richard Sauerlender made engineers aware Metamora wants the looping of the our system engineered into the project. Lyons has yet to decide if they will join new water district. Project will be engineered as if Lyons was to join in, in the event they decide to.

Eric Gonzalez moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Second by T. Sullivan and approved by al council

Mayor – Gary Loar

VFO – Karin Sauerlender

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clendenin
Deputy Clerk