Metamora Village Council met in regular session on Monday March 18, at 8:00 p.m.

Council members present: President Karen Siefker, Gary Loar, Lee Ann Miller and Cindi Pawlaczyk. Rob Armstrong attended via phone call. John Pupos was absent.

Other officials present: Mayor Cathy Mossing, Maintenance Employee Kyle Condon and Deputy Clerk Debbie Lietzke.

**Mayor Mossing opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Minutes** – Loar motioned to approve the March 4, 2024, minutes as written. Seconded by Miller and approved by council.

**Mayor Report**-

* Reviewed the sheriff’s report**.**
* Asked for approval to purchase an app for $7.00 a month from Habitec Security that would allow us to remotely arm and disarm the alarms in the park. Siefker motioned to purchase this app. Seconded by C. Pawlaczyk and approved by council.
* Fulton County Development awards- APC was nominated for business of the year and Evergreen Library was nominated for community leadership of the year.
* Mayor Mossing will meet with Triangular Processing about our plans for a new recycling center. We may be able to apply for a grant for this project.
* Jenny Simon said she would come up with a landscaping design for the area around our Village entrance signs with easy to grow/maintain plants.
* April 3rd @ 11:30 a meeting will take place in the Village Office with FCEDC, F.C. Commissioner and MVPO re: vision for community improvements, grant opportunities, etc. All council members are invited to attend, if able.
* Mayor Mossing has been working on nuisance ordinances making them easier to read and understand. Also, making fines/penalties the same for everything.

**VFO Report-**

* Lumbrezer was absent from the meeting but provided council with a copy of CT Consultants I/I study and an update from CT Consultants with I/I “next Step” recommendations.

**Reading of the bills-** Miller motioned to pay bills as read. Seconded by Siefker and approved by council.

**Personnel, Finance** **& Security**-

* Reviewing insurance renewal.
* Reviewing our credit card policy for employees and elected officials. This will be discussed more in the future.
* All planning for the Easter Egg Hunt is done. We could use some more volunteers for the day of this event.
* Miller motioned for the approval to reallocate $660.00 within the general fund for payroll purposes and mayor conferences. Seconded by Loar and approved by council.

**Environment, Planning & Properties**-

* Discussion took place about renting a port-o-potty for the park during April and May for EYA practices. This would prevent Kyle from having to go to the park at night to lock up the bathrooms. The price for rental is $150.00 a month. Council asked the office to confirm this amount.
* We received a quote from Game One (used to be Team Sports) for $1,045.00 for the park ball diamonds; 3 new bases, 3 pitcher’s mounds and a Chalker. Council would like to get another quote. They also said it is not necessary to have 3 new bases and mounds. Will discuss this at the next meeting after we receive the 2nd quote.
* Need to start planning for the installation of the NatureWorks Grant playground. We would like to start prep for this in July after the ball season.

**Streets, Transportation & Utilities**-

* We will look into emergency funding for our lift station repairs.

**Old Business** –

* Bryon Hansel agreed to run the concession stand again this year during EYA ball games. He also agreed to serve hot dogs if we pay for the $382.00 permit. It was questioned why we should pay for the permit when we don’t benefit from the sales. Others said it would be nice to offer more food for area families. A suggestion was made that if we could lower the quote for ball diamond equipment, we could use the left-over monies toward the food permit. We will discuss this again at the next meeting.
* Loar motioned for the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2024-24 prohibiting adult use cannabis operators, adult use cultivators and adult use dispensaries from operating within the Village of Metamora, Ohio. Seconded by Siefker. Roll call vote: Loar-yes, Lee Ann-yes, Siefker-yes, C. Pawlaczyk-yes.

**New Business**-

* The Village maintenance workers will be in charge of the preparation of ball diamonds this year. We will let EYA know that if our maintenance workers are working on an emergency situation in the village, they will need to find someone to do it. Also, it was suggested to calculate how much the village is paying employees and the cost of materials for the EYA games. We will present this to The Chamber to see if they could help with the cost.
* Council approved the nomination of the Metalassie’s, a softball team that raised money for the lights on the ball diamond, for the park Wall of Fame.
* Siefker motioned to waive the park shelter rental for the Gleaners on the day of the eclipse so they can pass out drinks and snacks. Seconded by Miller and approved by council.

**Adjournmen**t- Loar motioned to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Seconded by Siefker and approved by all council.

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 **Mayor- Catherine Mossing VFO – Heather Lumbrezer**