Metamora Village Council met in regular session on March 07, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Council members present:** President Karon Lane, Cindi Pawlaczyk, Karen Noward, John Pupos and Cathy Mossing. John Hudik absent.

**Other officials present**: Mayor Richard Sauerlender, VFO Heather Lumbrezer, Village Administrator/Zoning Inspector Jeff Pawlaczyk , Solicitor Kevin Whitlock and Operator of Record for Wastewater Mikael Stiles.

**Guests:** Trevor Shindorf and Rusty Carr from the EYA

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

Mikael Stiles introduced himself, he has taken over for Rick Meiring as our Operator of Record for Wastewater. He is the full-time superintendent of the Village of Swanton’s wastewater plant. He will be checking on both pump stations and the lagoons as required by the EPA. The samples will be taken to Swanton for testing.

Trevor Shindorf and Rusty Carr were here from the EYA to discuss the plans for the upcoming season. They would like to have priority for the use of the ball fields. They would also like the park to be opened April 1st for practices. The EYA will run the concession stand. Will look into the cost of a permit to serve food out of the concession stand, may share the cost with the village. John Pupos motioned to let the EYA use the ball diamonds this year at no cost to them. Seconded by Cathy Mossing and approved by council. The EYA suggested that they would like to have games at night so they would need to have lights. They said it is exciting for the kids to play under the lights. Council agreed and will look into how much it will cost to get them working.

**Minutes** – Cathy Mossing motioned to approve the February 22, 2022, minutes as written. Seconded by Karen Noward and approved by council.

**Reading of the bills-**

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| **DATE** | **CHECK#** | **PAYROLL PAYMENTS** |   |   |
| 3/1/2022 | 25103 | Anthony Jagodzinski | Bi-weekly payroll: 2/10-2/23 | 319.77 |
| 3/1/2022 | 25104 | Deborah Lietzke | Bi-weekly payroll: 2/10-2/23 | 387.31 |
| 3/1/2022 | 25105 | Heather Lumbrezer | Bi-weekly payroll: 2/10-2/23 | 869.47 |
|   |   | **CHECKS:** |   |   |
| 2/28/2022 | 25100 | Advanced Sanitation | Trash Pick-Up | 50.00 |
| 2/28/2022 | 25101 | Design Memorials | Nameplates | 300.00 |
| 2/28/2022 | 25102 | Habitec Security | Monitoring | 238.05 |
| 3/2/2022 | 25106 | Root Wrestler | Sewer repair - 358 W. Main St. | 225.00 |
| 3/2/2022 | 25107 | Spectrum | Phones, Internet & Fax | 174.96 |
| 3/2/2022 | 25108 | Toledo Edison | Electricity | 1,371.72 |
| 3/2/2022 | 25109 | Upward Solutions | Reconfigure copier test computers | 100.00 |  |
| 3/2/2022 | 25110 | Vistra Corp | Refund of Overpayment | 298.32 |  |
| 3/7/2022 | 25111 | Luckey Farms | Rock Salt | 287.14 |  |
| 3/7/2022 | 25112 | AIM Media Midwest | Hinkle Report Publication | 23.96 |  |
| 3/7/2022 | 25113 | Mike's Repair | Truck Repair's | 983.50 |  |
| 3/7/2022 | 25114 | Government Accounting | 2021 Reports | 600.00 |  |
| 3/7/2022 | 25115 | Treasurer of Fulton Co | Police Protection for March | 425.00 |  |
|   |   | **ACH Payments** |   |   |  |
| 3/4/2022 | ACH | USDA | Sewer Loan PAID IN FULL | 90,023.12 |  |
|   |   |   | **GRAND TOTAL** | **96,677.32** |  |

Karen Noward motioned to pay bills as read. Seconded by John Pupos and approved by council.

**Solicitors Report-** Kevin reviewed the CT Consultants contract for smoke testing of our sewer lines. He said everything looks good and is ok to sign.

**Old Business** – Cathy Mossing motioned that we pass the 3rd reading of Ordinance 2022-02 hiring Kevin Whitlock as our Village Solicitor and Prosecutor. Seconded by Karon Lane and approved by council.

John Pupos motioned that we suspend the rules under emergency measure for Ordinance 2022-05 for the contract with CT Consultants. Seconded by Cathy Mossing. Roll call vote: Karon Lane-yes, Cindi Pawlaczyk-yes, Karen Noward-yes, Cathy Mossing-yes, John Pupos-yes. John Pupos motioned to pass Ordinance 2022-05 under emergency measure entering into contract with CT Consultants for sanitary sewer study. Seconded by Karon Lane. Roll call vote: Karon Lane-yes, Cindi Pawlaczyk-yes, Karen Noward-yes, John Pupos-yes, Cathy Mossing-yes. Motion Passed.

Cathy Mossing motioned to pass the 1st reading of Ordinance 2022-06 to sign the contract with ODOT for bridge replacement on SR 120. Seconded by John Pupos and approved by council.

John Crockett provided an engineer’s report for his building which is in violation of our ordinance. Kevin Whitlock will look the report over to help give us guidance. Council is concerned that there is a safety issue with his building. Will table until April.

Another member is needed for the Zoning Appeals Board. It was suggested to call Jim Malburg to see if he is interested.

**New Business** – Pupos reported that he is looking into prices for a new lawn mower. He is taking the old mower to Bills Service in Blissfield, MI to get a trade in quote and a price for a new Exmark Mower. It was also suggested to get quotes for other brands of mowers. At the next meeting he will have prices. Council would also like to trade in or sell the bagger to the old mower. Dustin Ott reached out to the office and would like to buy. Council agreed to sell it to him for the trade in value.

**Fiscal Officer’s Report** – Habitec Security codes have not been updated in a while. Due to several new employees Heather has reached out to them for help with updates. They recommend we upgrade the park security to cellular. Cathy Mossing motioned that we upgrade the park security to cellular for $99.00. Seconded by Karen Noward and approved by council. There is an app feature that can be added in the future for an additional price to allow access through computers and phones.

Larry Engle is interested in buying property that is outside the village limits and would like to be annexed with the village. Council is referring him to the county for water and at this time there are no sewer options for this property. If he wants to pursue annexation, he will have to do that on his own.

Property at 358 W. Main has had problems with sewer back up. Root Wrestler came and unplugged it, they reported there is a fall in the line that needs to be repaired. Maintenance employee Anthony Jagodzinski will camera it, the village may reach out to Joe Eisel if needed.

Cathy Mossing motioned for the village to pay for Heather Lumbrezer to go to the Fulton County Economic Development Banquet Thursday April 21. Seconded by Karon Lane and approved by council.

There is a Fulton County Tax Incentive Review Council Meeting March 23 and an Annual Health District Advisory Council Meeting March 29. Will look into to see if it is important to attend.

Ahrianna McCabe and Lucy Serna are having a color run to benefit RAINN, an organization that helps victims of sexual assault. It is scheduled for Saturday March 26 in the park. They will be attending the next council meeting to review all of the last-minute details for this event.

Karon Lane motioned to go into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss employee/personnel issues. John Pupos motioned to leave executive session at 8:36 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. at The Country Charm Café. Details about the Park O Rama will be discussed. Some members of council will attend.

**Adjournmen**t- Cathy Mossing motioned to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Karen Noward and approved by all council.

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 **Mayor- Richard Sauerlender VFO – Heather Lumbrezer**