**Metamora Council met in regular session Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Offices.**

Council present: Karon Lane-pres., Suzie Stough, John Hudik, Richard Sauerlender, Justin Kreischer with John Pupos absent. Others present: Mayor Ken Wysong, VFO Sue Clendenin and Deputy Clerk Angie Smith.

**Guest** – Gary Loar and Dennis Miller with Maumee Valley Planning

Mayor Wysong opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Dennis Miller was given the floor. Mr. Miller was invited to discuss grant funding opportunities for village projects. Maumee Valley Planning administers Fulton County’s block grant program. Funds were held from the past two previous years due to state implementation of a 2-year funding cycle. CDBG applications are due April 5 and will be sent to the state for approval June 16. Funds will be awarded and released spring of 2018. Maumee Valley willing to help the village complete the CDBG application. Nearly $300,000 will be available to Fulton County in CDBG funding. A maximum of four projects will be selected. Project areas must be surveyed and found to be 51% low to moderate income to be eligible. Funding is available to improve blight areas that don’t require income surveys.

Mr. Miller informed Issue 2 applications are due in September for 2018 funding.

Gary Loar recognized. Mr. Loar provided additional information associated with the effort to perform a feasibility study to determine viability of a joint Fire/EMS district within eastern Fulton County. Several other entities have already expressed interest in moving forward with the study. The state will perform the feasibility study. If Metamora is in agreement with having the study performed a resolution is requested. Karon Lane asked if the study will come at a cost to the Village. Mr. Loar responded there is no cost to the village, other municipalities and townships stated in their resolutions they would agree to the study being performed as long as no out of pocket costs will be incurred by their municipality or township.

Karon Lane moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance 952, supporting the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study to determine the viability of a joint Fire/EMS District within eastern Fulton County to provide the most effective and cost efficient fire protection and emergency medical service for our citizens. Second of motion by Justin Kreischer. Roll call vote taken: Sauerlender-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-yes, Stough-yes and Kreischer-yes. Lane motioned to pass Ordinance 952 under emergency measure. Second of motion by Kreischer. Roll call vote taken: Sauerlender-yes, Hudik-yes, Lane-yes, Stough-yes and Kreischer-yes. **Ordinance #952 passed.**

**Minutes -** Justin Kreischer motioned to approve January 23, 2017 council minutes as written. Second of motion by Richard Sauerlender and approved by all council.

**Bills presented for approval –**

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| **Bills Already Paid** |   |   |
| Angie Smith | Wages 1/19 - 2/1 | 987.28 |
| Chip Vance | Wages 1/19 - 2/1 | 1,517.00 |
| WEX Bank | Fuel For Trucks | 100.51 |
| EFTPS | Village match for Social Security & Medicare | 139.42 |
| SHOP Marketplace | Chip's Medical Insurance Premium | 1,762.25 |
| **Bills to be paid:** |   |   |
| Mike Anderzack | Road Salt Delivery | 104.00 |
| Smith Law Office | Prosecutor Fees | 385.00 |
| Habitec Security  | Park Security & Maintenance | 82.38 |
| Lowe's | Duct tape, caulk, street patch, clamp set, sewer supplies | 214.33 |
| Ohio Gas | Heat | 157.29 |
| OUPS | 2017 Governmental Assessment | 50.00 |
| Toledo Edison | Electricity | 1,587.62 |
| Century Link | Village phone & fax | 235.36 |
| CINTAS | Chip's Uniforms | 37.87 |
| VISA | Workers Comp premium, light bulbs, sewer repair parts. | 1,293.61 |

Karon Lane questioned $35 charge on prosecutors invoice for telephone conference with the Fulton County Prosecutor’s office regarding a complaint sent to them by mistake. Sue will look into.

Justin Kreischer motioned to pay bills as presented. Second of motion by Suzie Stough and approved by all council. Mayor Wysong asked if village visa offers points. No, but will ask Bank if it’s an option.

**Solicitor’s report** – Absent.

**Old Business** – Nothing at this time.

**New Business** –

Amboy will be repainting road lines on their share of CR U & 2 this year, asked if Village would like lines repainted on village portions of CR U & 2. For several years the village has joined the township to reline shared roads. Council approved.

**Fiscal Officer’s report** –

* **Ordinance #951** – Karon Lane moved to pass the second reading of Ordinance 951, approving permanent appropriations for 2017. Second of motion made by Justin Kreischer and approved by all council.
* Park-O-Rama meeting Wednesday, February15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office.
* Mr. Dixon sent request to use ballfields at no cost or a reduced rate. After discussion, council set rental rate of $50 per field per night; without use of field lights. EYA to be invited to council meeting to discuss field use. Turn-on fee for field lights by the Edison will be $15; main cost is using the ball light meter. John Hudik said ball lights will need a lot of expensive maintenance before they can be used.
* Rich Sauerlender motioned that anyone, besides EYA, who wants to use the baseball fields will be charged $50 per field without field lights. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council. Requesting a special meeting is scheduled in early March with the EYA to work out an exchange for the park field use. It was also suggested that we have the ball fields light turned on for the $15 fee to get an idea of the condition of the lights. The lights were used in 2014 for a day or 2 at a cost of $160 plus the $15 turn on fee.
* County commissioners willing to attend council meeting if village interested.
* Recycle sign on Mill has old hours of operation indicating Saturday only. It should be updated. At least cross off the hours of operation as it is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
* Gleaners donated $300 to village egg hunt.
* Holiday Decorations – Council was asked if they were ready to finalize a purchase. We have $4000 budgeted for them. The Personnel & Finance committee will review the options in their next meeting.
* Spring Newsletter was reviewed. Ken suggested we remove the “Unlimited” from the Curbside Pick-up. We could set a maximum for the number of bags and/or set a weight limit. It is a service the village provides and should not exclude any resident. With that said, limitations should be set. It was voiced that the resident should be in good standing with their trash pick-up provider. It should be discussed at the Land & Building and Personnel & Finance Committee meetings and brought to council. The bronze plaque for the Memorial Wall currently cost $150 each and is the price we charge. Council was asked if they would like to keep or change the price we charge. Decided to keep the same price. Need to know if the Fireman’s Challenge will be a part of Park-O-Rama. The Park-O-Rama meeting is on Wednesday, February 15. Be sure to discuss the Soccer Team meal and cost. Ken indicated that the alcohol would be our biggest challenge this year. He also said that Kurt Peebles said he would help with the alcohol. Tom of Stapleton Insurance said the cost for the special event insurance would be between $300 and $500. He’ll look for a less expensive policy.
* Thank you card was received from Tom Carr for gift cards at Christmas.
* On February 7th the Income surveys were mailed out to Fulton Street residents. If 51% of residents are found to be LMI, the village would be eligible to apply for CDBG funding to repave Fulton Street. 10 surveys sent out. One home is vacant and so far 3 residents have responded. One was not LMI and 2 were LMI. All were given until the 15th to respond. If not responded by then a second request will be sent out. If still no response we will go door to door. John Pupos has volunteered to help with the door to door.
* RITA will provide free taxpayer assistance for those filing municipal income tax returns on March 23, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Lodge at Strawberry Acres, 950 S. McCord Road, Holland, Ohio.
* February 21st is the Firemen’s County Dinner at Sauder Village Founder’s Hall. Elected officials had been invited.
* Sue Clendenin, John Pupos and Rich Sauerlender will attend the Sunshine Law Certification seminar on April 7th. Sue has been designated by Ken Wysong, Karon Lane and Justin Kreischer. TMACOG is sponsoring the seminar.
* Requesting we get an electronic copy of the tool list from Chip.

**Mayor’s Report** –

* Ken indicated the park planning meeting didn’t make much progress. They met on 2/8/17. Ken Wysong, Karon Lane, John Hudik, John Pupos, Rich Sauerlender, Donna Tills and Shelly Baker were in attendance. No minutes taken. In 2017 we know there will be beans planted on the new 5 acres this spring and harvested in the fall. Grass will then be planted in the fall. Discussed the parking plans particularly for Park-O-Rama, but nothing was finalized. Need to determine the long term plan. Rich suggested bringing a couple different options to council and let council decide. A couple of different parking ideas were presented. The next Park Planning meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**Adjournment** – Justin Kreischer motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Second of motion by Suzie Stough and approved by all council.

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