Metamora Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 20, 2021. Council present: Karon Lane-pres., John Pupos, Cindi Pawlaczyk, Karen Noward, with Cathy Mossing and John Hudik through Zoom.

Others present: Mayor Richard Sauerlender, VFO Susan Clendenin, Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Ryan, Fiscal Consultant Angela Smith and Village Maintenance Employee Steve Venia.

**Guests**: Cheryl Geer and Rebecca Miller through Zoom.

Mayor Sauerlender opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes** – Karen Noward moved to pass the minutes from January 4, 2021 council meeting as written. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

**Bills** –

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| 1/21/2021 | 24589 | NEWS | Water | 42.96 |
| 1/21/2021 | 24590 | Compass Minerals | Snow-Salt | 1,209.24 |
| 1/21/2021 | 24591 | Habitec | Monitoring services | 93.60 |
| 1/21/2021 | 24592 | Char Lee F.C.Treas. | Property Taxes | 722.62 |
| 1/21/2021 | 24593 | Ohio Gas | Gas Mill and Main | 165.30 |
| 1/21/2021 | 24594 | OMCA | OMCA membership renewal | 55.00 |
| 1/21/2021 | 24595 | Sam’s Club MC | truck repair, sewer tools, virtual assembly, gas | 3,123.87 |
| 1/21/2021 | 24596 | Gov't Accounting Solutions | W-2 forms and envelopes | 42.00 |
| 1/21/2021 | 24597 | Treasurer of Fulton County | Police Protection | 425.00 |
| 1/21/2021 | 24598 | Century Link | Village phone and fax | 275.03 |
| 1/21/2021 | 24599 | Verizon | Maintenance cell phone | 58.31 |
|  |  |  |  | **6,212.93** |
|  |  | **ACH PAYMENTS** |  |  |
| 1/21/2021 | OPERS | OPERS | Village match for Dec 2020 | 1,545.67 |
| 1/21/2021 | OPWC | OPWC | Loans July 2020 and Jan. 2021 | 14,659.06 |
|  |  |  |  | **16,204.73** |
|  |  | **CARE ACT ACCOUNT** |  |  |
| 1/21/2021 | 100025 | St Mary’s Meats | CAST | 762.25 |
| 1/21/2021 | 100026 | Sam’s Club MC | Zoom, Covid supplies, splash top | 350.95 |
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|  |  |  | **TOTAL** | **28,150.08** |

Karen Noward moved to pay the bills as presented. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

**Personnel & Finance Report** – Karon Lane was nominated committee chairman for 2021. Lane presented a brief synopsis of tonight’s meeting. A ninety-day performance evaluation was completed on Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Ryan. Review was very favorable and recommend increasing her hourly rate of pay from $14 to $15; retroactive to January 14, 2021. Karon Lane moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance #1046, amending 2021 Employee Compensation Ordinance #1043, Section 2 increasing Elizabet Ryan’s hourly rate of pay to $15.00, effective January 14, 2021. Second of motion by John Pupos with a roll call vote taken: Mossing-yes, Hudik-yes, Pupos-yes, Pawlaczyk-yes, Lane-yes and Noward-yes. Karon Lane moved to pass Ordinance #1046 under emergency measure. Second of motion by John Pupos with roll call vote taken: Mossing-yes, Hudik-yes, Pupos-yes, Pawlaczyk-yes, Lane-yes and Noward-yes. **Ord. 1046 passed.** Would like clerks to put ads together to hire a seasonal employee and for Sue’s replacement.

**Land & Buildings**- John Pupos was nominated committee chairman for 2021. Maintenance was recently performed on both Solar Bees. Due to COVID, maintenance did not occur in 2020 and they will extend our 3-year contract through April of 2022.

Aggregation Program for electricity rates. Two quotes were submitted; one from Dynegy and another from Energy Harbor (former First Energy Solutions.) L&B recommend entering into a four-year agreement with Dynegy, who is offering the village a $8,000 grant to enter into a four-year agreement. KwH charges were very close, with Dynegy being less expensive on shorter length agreements and both offering the same $0.04900/kWh on four-year agreements. Energy harbor offered to reimburse the village annually $10 per account, or a one-time grant of $2,000. Both companies offer free opt out opportunities to customers. L&B also suggested using the grant money for a particular project. John Pupos motioned to enter into a four-year Electric Aggregation Program with Dynegy Energy Services, LLC. Second of motion by Karen Noward and approved by all council.

L&B suggested we take up Troy Vandenbusche’ offer of free dirt to use to fill in the clear-well at the water plant. Mike Anderzack said he would knock the building down and fill in in with said dirt, at no cost to the village. Council approved. L&B reviewed the Solicitor’s permit on file and suggested including hours solicitation is permitted. John Pupos moved to include on the permit the times they are permitted to solicit as follows: Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council. Ask the solicitor if we can keep the question of whether or not they have been charged with a crime on the permit.

Received a quote from Marleau-Hercules to replace park fence at a cost of $3,870.00. Karon Lane motioned to proceed with fence replacement by Marleau-Hercules. Second of motion by John Pupos and approved by all council. Bridge inspection reports have been submitted by Mannik & Smith Engineering Firm. The Water Advisory Board recently met and recommended the Commissioners keep the same water rates as 2020, being $10.74 per one thousand gallons. Watershed Grant for stream restoration (out at the reservoir) was not accepted, however the ODNR said they would consider funding the project through H2Ohio if we want to pursue. L&B will further discuss.

**Old Business**- nothing at this time

**New Business**- nothing at this time

**Fiscal Officer’s Report** – Request the following transfer of $39 from B6-2-A-252 Coronavirus Equipment to B6-2-A-230 Contractual Services. John Pupos motioned to approve the transfer requested. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

The clerk suggested council pass the wage increase for snowplowing as an ordinance rather than by motion, which was the way it was passed January 4th. John Pupos moved to suspend the rules on **Ordinance 1047**, amending Ordinance 870 by increasing snowplow wages from $15 to $16 an hour. Second of motion by John Hudik. Roll call vote taken: Lane-yes, Noward-yes, Mossing-yes, Hudik-yes, Pawlaczyk-yes and Pupos-yes. John Pupos moved to pass Ordinance 1047 under emergency measure. Second of motion by Cindi Pawlaczyk. Roll call vote taken: Lane-yes, Noward-yes, Mossing-yes, Hudik-yes, Pawlaczyk-yes and Pupos-yes. **Ord. 1047** **passed.**

The Metamora United Methodist Church sent the Village a thank you letter for our generosity to the Resource Distribution Ministry (C.A.S.T.) It is their hope to end poverty and its symptoms in the Evergreen District of rural Northwest Ohio as well as see this community thrive and flourish.

First Energy will begin immobilizing helicopters in the area to begin performing UV/IR patrols on all Toledo Edison 345kVtransmission lines. Patrols will take approximately three weeks to complete.

**Mayor’s Report** – Fulton County Career Center asked the Village to proclaim February as Career Technical Education Month. John Pupos moved to approve the proclamation designating February as Career Technical Education Month. Second of motion by Cindi Pawlaczyk and approved by all council.

**Adjournment** - Karon Lane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Second of motion by John Pupos an approved by all council.

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**Mayor- Richard Sauerlender VFO – Susan Clendenin**