**Metamora Council met in regular session Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.**

**Council members present**: Council president Karon Lane, John Hudik, Justin Kreischer, Richard Sauerlender, Suzie Stough and John Pupos.

**Other officials present**: Mayor Ken Wysong, VFO Sue Clendenin, Deputy Clerk Angie Smith

**Guest**: Brooke Smith

Mayor Wysong opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes** – Justin Kreischer moved to approve minutes from April 3, 2017 council meeting as written. Second of motion by Richard Sauerlender and approved by all council present.

**Bills**- Presented for payment:

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| **Bills Already Paid** |   |   |
| EFTPS | Village contribution for Soc. Sec. & Medicare | 135.96 |
| OPERS | Village contribution to OPERS | 1,359.88 |
| SHOP Marketplace | Chip's Health & Dental Insurance | 1,762.25 |
| Sue Clendenin | April Salary - VFO | 2,279.54 |
| Jeff Pawlaczyk | April Salary - Village Admin | 105.00 |
| Angie Smith | Wages 3/30 - 4/12 | 772.65 |
| Chip Vance | Wages 3/30 - 4/12 | 1,841.16 |
| Ken Wysong | April Salary - Mayor | 350.00 |
| Justin Kreischer | April Salary - Council | 104.16 |
| Suzie Stough | April Salary - Council | 104.16 |
| **Bills to be paid:** |   |   |
| All Spray | Tips for Sprayer | 21.00 |
| Comp Management | Enrollment in Group Rating for 2018 | 560.00 |
| Smith Law Office | Prosecutor Fees | 192.50 |
| Lowe's | Supplies for Zoning Office painting, Saw Blades, Pole Sander, Park Repair Supplies | 478.40 |
| Angie Smith | Medical Reimbursement | 100.00 |
| Ohio Gas | Heat - Office & Mill St. | 130.09 |
| Ohio Utilities Protection | Manual Call-outs | 12.00 |
| Treasurer Fulton County | April Police Protection | 425.00 |
| Century Link | Village Phone & Fax | 248.69 |
| CINTA's | Chip's Uniforms | 43.94 |
| Village of Swanton | Wastewater Testing for February & April | 73.00 |
|   |   | 11,099.38 |

Justin Kreischer motioned to pay bills. Second of motion by John Pupos and approved by all council.

**Lands & Buildings Report** – John Pupos reporting.

* A park committee meeting has yet to be scheduled, Rich Sauerlender waiting to get park maps from the county before scheduling. He plans to distribute maps to committee members to mark down ideas and/or suggestion for park planning.
* Committee very pleased with design of curbside postcards, suggest we continue to have them professionally done as long as cost effective. Post cards will be mailed out next week. Representatives from the Village of Fayette looked at generator at the water plant. Chip showed Fayette other items available at the water plant they may be interested in buying. They will make offers if interested.
* Solar Bee in the middle cell at the sewer lagoon has been repaired.
* Chip unable to do specs for Oak Street sewer project until its dug open to allow him to see problem. Doesn’t have time to do an itemized list for everything. J. Kreischer said if Chip doesn’t have time to do an itemized cost for the project, how he will find time to do the job. This is why it was suggested to get specs drawn up for outside bids. Chip’s original $3,200 cost estimate was only for pipe, manhole and supplies, not for any unexpected tie-ins or problems. K. Lane suggested asking a company to come in to assess the problem and submit bid to make repairs, along with additional costs for tie-ins if needed. R. Sauerlender suggested asking APC to evaluate and provide an approximate cost to complete the project. R. Sauerlender and J. Pupos will pursue. Mitch Mika was also mentioned to contact for a quote.
* Summer “Help Wanted” ad was in the Key Shoppers News last Tuesday and today and also posted around town. To date, one application has been received. J. Kreischer said Personnel will discuss tonight during committee meeting.
* Discussed sewers issues from residents flushing incorrect items into the village sewer system, causing blockages in the sewer lines and triggering back-ups in the system which may lead to damage in or to resident’s property. The committee recommends council draft and passes an ordinance authorizing a fine for those flushing unacceptable items into the village sewer system. Residents were mailed a list of acceptable and nonacceptable flush list items with the fall newsletter. Recommend sending the notice again, (to residents and landlords) include notice of the issuance of a fine of $50 per hour, assessed with first offense, to repair clogged sewer lines when unacceptable items are the cause.
* Zoning office not finished yet, needs another coat of mud to give texture to the walls to help cover some imperfections. Chip picking up sticks and hasn’t had time to finish office. R. Sauerlender said walls in the office look ready to be painted.
* Making updates to “Park Rules”, want to post 5 mph speed limit signs. Get price from Scott Small man to recoat metal park rules signs. Requested Chip put together a 2-man job list.

**New Business** – none

**Old Business** –

* The Joint Fire District Steering Committee asking council to decide if they want to financially contribute to funding of the Joint Fire District feasibility study. Village share would be $600. Council not willing to contribute. Amboy Township also declined.
* Ohio Gas 5-year Franchise Agreement- village solicitor reviewed agreement and found acceptable. John Pupos moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance #954 granting Ohio Gas and its successor’s the right to maintain a gas distribution system and to lay, extend, maintain, operate, repair and remove mains and pipe in, through, or under the streets, alleys, public places of the Village of Metamora. For supplying gas to the village and its inhabitants, and transportation thereof in and through the village of Metamora. Second of motion by R. Sauerlender. Roll call vote taken: Pupos-yes, Hudik-yes, Sauerlender-yes, Stough-yes, Lane-yes and Kreischer-yes. J. Pupos moved to pass Ordinance #954 under emergency measure. Second of motion by Karon Lane. Roll call vote taken: Pupos-yes, Sauerlender-yes, Hudik-yes, Stough-yes, Lane-yes and Kreischer-yes. **Ordinance 954 passed.**

**Fiscal Officer’s Report** –

* Ever-Dry asking permission to canvas the village; they will fill out a solicitation permit but asked if they could place all employees on one permit. Permits are $25. Five employees will canvass the village at the same time and arriving in one vehicle. Council agreed to allow 5 names on one permit. Approved a (1) one-day solicitation permit.
* Aflac will give detailed presentation to any interested employees on Monday, May 8 at 2:30 p.m.
* Record’s Commission meeting on May 1st at 8:30 p.m. following council meeting.
* LED bulbs for street lights will cost $344 per pole, with minimum of 12 light poles. Find out cost savings on LED street lights.
* Kate Fischer with Metamora State Bank said if the bank were to take on revenue bonds for the village to refinance a USDA loan, the village would be looking at paying higher than 4.5% APR . This is more than we are paying on the existing USDA loan.
* Council would like to send a “Welcome to the Village” greeting to Pride Gage Association, a new business operating at the former day-care on Mill Street. Sue will order flowers from Victoria’s.
* Start considering residents to be honored this year by having their name placed on the Recognition Wall in the park. It takes 6 weeks to have nameplates made. Residents chosen for the wall will be recognized during a Memorial dedication following the Park-O-Rama parade Saturday, August 12th. Memorial nameplates are also available for purchase at a cost of $150 per bronze nameplate.
* Easter Egg Hunt had a great turn out. The village would like to thank the South Fairfield Arbor #607 of Gleaner Life Ins., Anderzack Pitzen Construction, Chris and Pastor Amanda Ghaffarian, members of the Methodist Church who graciously donated hours and hours of time filling Easter eggs with treats, Joan Rubel along with dedicated members of her 4H group, Country Charm Café, Mayor Wysong for preparing and delivering hot chocolate, Sue Clendenin, Karon Lane, Angie Smith and Suzie Stough for their help before, during and after the event. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible!

**Mayor’s Report** –

* Suggested village purchase a park bench with nameplate, in memory of Sierah Joughin. Using funds donated to the village in her memory and village funds.
* Someone inquired about purchasing the reservoir property. K. Lane said it would be helpful to talk to a realtor first to get an appraisal. We don’t know what its worth. R. Sauerlender said we would entertain offers.

**Adjournment** – John Pupos motioned to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Second of motion by Justin Kreischer and approved by all council.

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 Mayor – Ken Wysong VFO – Susan Clendenin