Metamora Village Council met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office. Council present: Karon Lane-pres., Karen Noward, Cindi Pawlaczyk, John Pupos with John Hudik attending through Zoom. Cathy Mossing was absent.

Other officials present: Mayor Richard Sauerlender, VFO Heather Lumbrezer, Financial Consultant Angie Smith and Village Solicitor Alan Lehenbauer

**Guests-** Rebecca Miller with the Village Reporter and Cheryl Geer attended through Zoom.

Mayor Sauerlender opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes** – Karon Noward motioned to approve the April 19, 2021 minutes as written. Seconded by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

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| **Bills presented for payment**- | | | | |
| **DATE** | **CHECK#** |  | **May 3, 2021** |  |
| 4/27/2021 | 24709 | Karen Noward | April Council Wages | 150.00 |
| 4/27/2021 | 24710 | Susan Clendenin | Wages 4/8 - 4/21/2021 | 1121.58 |
| 4/27/2021 | 24711 | Jeff Pawlaczyk | April Admin.& Zoning Wage | 150.00 |
| 4/27/2021 | 24712 | Steve Venia | Wages 4/8 - 4/21/2021 | 1624.00 |
| 4/27/2021 | 24713 | Rick Meiring | April Sewer Wages | 550.00 |
| 4/27/2021 | 24714 | Tiffany Venia | Wages 4/8 - 4/21/2021 | 474.00 |
| 4/27/2021 | 24715 | Richard Sauerlender | April Mayor Wages | 350.00 |
| 4/27/2021 | 24716 | CathyMossing | April Council Wages | 150.00 |
| 4/27/2021 | 24717 | Cindi Pawlaczyk | April Council Wages | 150.00 |
| 5/3/2021 | 24718 | Advanced Sanitation | Trash pickup for May | 50.00 |
| 5/3/2021 | 24719 | Toledo Edison | Electricity | 1554.63 |
| 5/3/2021 | 24721 | Econo Signs | Signage for Maple St Lot | 253.26 |
| 5/3/2021 | 24722 | Habitec Security | Monitoring for Park | 93.60 |
| 5/3/2021 | 24723 | Peyton Pawlaczyk | Snowplowing for February | 200.00 |
| 5/3/2021 | 24724 | Snow's Fire Protection | Annual fire extinguisher maint. | 427.00 |
| 5/3/2021 | 24725 | Spectrum | phones, internet & fax | 421.95 |
| 5/3/2021 | 24726 | Fulton County Treasurer | Police protection for May | 425.00 |
| 5/3/2021 | 24727 | Upward Solutions Inc | new hookup for Spectrum | 60.00 |
| 5/3/2021 | 24728 | Angie Smith | Financial Consultant | 680.00 |
|  |  |  | **TOTAL** | **8885.02** |

Karen Noward moved to pay the bills as presented. Second by John Pupos and approved by all council.

**Solicitor’s Report** – Spoke to Scott Haselman, County Prosecutor. He is waiting to hear back from the township. He will probably hear back by the end of the month. Al provided our office with the original Perpetual Sanitary Sewer Easement that was recorded on 3/1/2021 with the Fulton County Recorder’s Office.

**Old Business**- Volleyball league – Heather and Angie to follow up with Chris Ruetz and the Village of Swanton on how they handle their leagues. Village will not charge a fee this year and re-evaluate next year if the league continues. Liability is a concern – Al stated liability is low, especially with recreational activities. Village’s insurance would cover if any liability should occur. Restrooms will need to be opened for the nights of the games – village will need a schedule from Chris. Village will have Steve prep the court before the first game in July and up to Chris Ruetz to maintain after that for the season. Chris will need to furnish her own volleyballs and her responsibility to ribbon the lines of the court if needed. Village may need to purchase a 2nd volleyball net, John Pupos will follow up on status of net.

Concession stand – Heather and Angie to follow up with either Bryon Hansen or Mike Rafferty on status of who will be running the concessions if anyone this summer.

**New Business**- Heather Lumbrezer introduced as new Fiscal Officer for the Village. Heather is currently a notary, and her commission expires in November and plans on renewing her notary. Village will pay the cost of the renewal fee and background check.

Brenna Lietzke accepted the position as the new Village Deputy Clerk. She will begin on May 26, 2021 and work Mondays and Wednesday’s 8am to 4 pm with ½ hour lunch at $14.00. Emergency measure – Ordinance #1054. Karon Lane made a motion to suspend the rules to hire Brenna Lietzke, John Pupos 2nd the motion. All council members approved. Karon Lane motioned to hire Brenna Lietzke, Karen Noward second on the motion. All council members approved.

Sue Clendenin’s status – out for indefinite amount of time due to emergency family matter. Originally was going to hire Sue as Deputy Clerk but put on hold at this time. Village council members will personally give money for a card for Sue and her family to use towards gas, food, turnpike tolls, etc.

**Fiscal Officer’s Report** – Letter from the State regarding liquor licenses are coming due 7/1/21. Village does not have any objections to any of the current businesses renewing. Village to not file any objections. John believes there are 3 licenses currently for the town: T-Mart, Bigs and Kurt Peebles possibly still holds a license.

Dynegy contract – we need an Ordinance. John Pupos made a motion to suspend the rules to sign a contract with Dynegy; Karon Lane second the motion. Motion to pass Ordinance #1055 under Emergency measure for mayor to sign contract with Dynegy made by John Pupos; Karon Lane second the motion to pass under emergency measure. All council approved.

Park projects – Trevor and Katie are to obtain a PO from the Village office prior to purchasing items for the park. Items included are mulch, weed barrier, flowers, etc. Monies have already been appropriated for the park.

Community Service – letter received from Jack Burnep asking if village has any hours he can work. Heather and Angie to follow up with Jack to ask more questions: purpose, hours needed, availability and any work limitations. Possible ideas: trim trees, help Trevor at park, help Steve?? Al suggested adding him to the Village’s worker’s comp policy if he does perform community service for the village. If Mr. Burnep does not do community service, maybe ask if Tiffany would have time to trim the trees. Heather and Angie to also call around to obtain quotes for outsourcing the job to have it hired done: Batanian or Pasternak are some possibilities.

Internet/phone/fax – switched over to Spectrum. Advised council we have new WIFI ID and password if anyone would like to obtain them from the office.

Office received an anonymous phone call inquiring if the village had any rules regarding medical marijuana stores. Per Al, we could make an ordinance prohibiting them. At this time we have no ordinances referencing it. No action taken.

**Mayor’s Report** – Ziad Musallam from the County Engineer’s office is retiring as of May 14, 2021. Village to send a retirement card to his office.

Motion made by Karon Lane to go into executive session regarding personnel issues. Karen Noward 2nds the motion.

**Executive Session from 7:39 pm to 8:03 pm.**

John Pupos makes a motion to send further notices regarding any type of nuisance within the village such as lawns, garbage, etc. be send from the “Village” as opposed to any specific person from the Village. Karen Noward 2nds the motion.

John Pupos makes a motion to have the Solicitor send a letter to the property owner of 124 E. Main Street regarding its current property condition and the safety issues it presents. Also including the possible interest of the village in purchasing the property. Motion was seconded by Karen Noward. All council approved.

**Adjournment**- John Pupos motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Second by Karen Noward and approved by all council.

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