Metamora Village Council met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: John Pupos, Gary Loar, Rob Armstrong and LeeAnn Miller. President Karen Siefker and Cindi Pawlaczyk were absent.

Other officials present: Mayor Cathy Mossing, VFO Heather Lumbrezer and Village Administrator/Zoning Inspector Jeff Pawlaczyk.

Visitor(s): Matt Gilroy and Kate Huiskens from FCEDC and Adam Vance and Brent Simon from the EYA.

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

**Minutes** – Pupos motioned to approve the February 21, 2024, minutes as written. Seconded by Miller and approved by council.

**Guest(s)-** Representative’s from the EYA were asked to attend the meeting to discuss the upcoming ball season. Items discussed: If more food should be offered in the concession stand, new equipment for the diamonds that need to be purchased, the bathrooms in the park will be opened around April 1st. A decision has not been made as to who will be doing the field prep this year, either EYA or the Village workers. This will be decided at the next council meeting.

Miller motioned to let EYA run ball games in the park at no fee. Seconded by Pupos and approved by council.

Matt Gilroy from Fulton County Economic Development Corp. was here to discuss our vision and goals for the community. They would like to help attract new businesses to the Fulton County area. Metamora’s Industrial Park has the capability of attracting businesses based on location and the utilities we have; the only weak point is the capacity of our wastewater system. Research needs to be done to see how much our lagoons can hold so FCEDC knows exactly what companies could come to the area. Also discussed were grant opportunities that FCEDC and MVPO could assist the Village with.

**Mayor’s Report** –

* The President of Mannik-Smith, Brian Geer, is putting together a plan of action for the village, what projects are top priority and what ones can wait.
* Through FCEDC we can nominate local businesses for various awards. Mayor Mossing would like to nominate APC for business of the year and the library for community leadership.
* Mossing will meet with Triangular Processing to go over their requirements/suggestions for a new recycling area/bin.

**Fiscal Officer’s Report** –

* ODOT called the office today re: a resident complaining about the speed limit on County Rd. 2 around Wildflower subdivision. The resident also called the Village prior to ODOT. We put a 35-mph sign on the Village limit sign coming into town. ODOT said we cannot put a sign there and by law the speed limit is 50 mph, so the sign needs to be taken down. All speed limits in that area are regulated by the ORC and ODOT.
* The Ohio Supreme Court ruled that taxpayers who sought a refund of the municipal tax paid to their workplace municipalities in 2020 while working from home will not be eligible for refunds.
* Pupos motioned for the 1st reading of Ordinance #2024-04 prohibiting adult use cannabis operators, adult use cultivators, and adult use dispensaries from operating within the Village of Metamora, OH. Seconded by Loar. Roll call vote: Loar-yes, Miller-yes, Armstrong-yes, Pupos-yes.
* Pupos motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance #2024-03, an emergency ordinance amending 2024 appropriations, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Seconded by Miller. Roll call vote: Loar-yes, Miller-yes, Armstrong-yes, Pupos-yes. Pupos motioned to pass Ordinance #2024-03 amending 2024 appropriations, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, under emergency measures. Seconded by Loar. Roll call vote: Loar-yes, Miller-yes, Armstrong-yes, Pupos-yes.
* Pupos motioned to move $725.72 from expense account #1000-730-540-0000, $433.91 going into expense account #1000-740-344-0000 and $291.81 into expense account #1000-790-345-0000. Pupos motioned to create expense account #5201-549-431-0000. Pupos motioned to move $420.00 from expense account #5201-549-312-0000 to the new expense account #5201-549-431-0000. Pupos motioned to create expense Accounts #1000-715-345-0000, #1000-715-252-0000 and #1000-715-290-0000 all re: newly elected council members training. Pupos motioned to move at a minimum $1,200.00 from account #1000-730-392-0000 into the new accounts listed above for training. Seconded by Loar and approved by council.

**Reading of the bills-** Pupos motioned to pay bills as read. Seconded by Armstrong and approved by all council.

**Committee Reports-**

* **Environment, Planning & Properties-** Nothing new to report.
* **Personnel, Finance & Security-** Our maintenance employee uniform allowance has been set upinShaw’s corporate program.
* **Streets, Transportation & Utilities-** Sewer repairs at 252 Maple St. have been completed.

**Old Business** -

* Pupos motioned to approve Randy Liggett’s bid of $5,875.00 to paint the interior of the Village Office building. Seconded by Loar and approved by council.

**Zoning Report**- More complaints about 225 Maple St. re: sod and barrels. A letter needs to be sent to the property owners.

**Adjournmen**t- Pupos motioned to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Miller

and approved by all council.

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