Metamora Village Council met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: President Karen Siefker, Cindi Pawlaczyk, John Pupos, Gary Loar and Lee Ann Miller. Rob Armstrong was not present but listened via phone.

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

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

**Minutes** – Loar motioned to approve the January 16, 2024, minutes as written. Seconded by Siefker and approved by council.

**Mayor’s Report** –

* Reviewed the December sheriff’s report.
* Pupos motioned to pass a proclamation declaring February as Career & Technical Education Month , for Four County Career Center. Seconded by Loar and approved by council.
* There is CDBG grants we could possibly apply for. The project applications are due by March 22nd. Then in June, the full application is due to the state. Possible projects for grant money; Maple St. parking lot, sewer lateral repair/ replacement or putting a road through the park to get to Garnsey Ave., which we will eventually need when we do a bridge replacement on Garnsey in a few years. We will look into whether engineers would help with writing the grants.
* Loar motioned to hire DGL Engineers in the amount of $5,600.00 for structural engineering to the Village Office building. There are problems in the basement, front door, sidewalk, etc. Seconded by Miller and approved by council.

**Fiscal Officer’s Report** –

* We have been reaching out to the County to clean up Ten-Mile Creek, for several years. They said they still have the maintenance request on their books but are concerned about using large equipment around residential areas. We will continue to look into this.

**Committee Reports-**

* **Environment, Planning & Properties-** checking into engineers.
* **Personnel, Finance & Security-** nothing new to report.
* **Streets, Transportation & Utilities-** nothing new to report.

**Old Business-**

* UEMSI/HTV quoted us $8,750.42 for sewer camera repairs. They also quoted us $8,340.00 for a new camera. Maintenance worker Jagodzinski will get more quotes for a new camera and will present them at the next meeting.
* Mossing spoke to Solicitor Bob Bohmer re: liability concerns with the Garnsey Ave. pedestrian bridge that needs to be replaced. He said we are not required by law to have a pedestrian bridge. Council has concerns about having to spend $30,000.00 or more on replacing the pedestrian bridge when we would have to tear it out in a few years when replacing the street bridge on Garnsey. Will discuss this more at the next meeting.
* Gleaners are donating $700.00 for us to purchase 1000 viewing glasses for the Solar Eclipse. Loar motioned to purchase an additional 1000 from the Village. Seconded by Miller and approved by council. They will be passed out at the elementary school and distributed to businesses around town for people to pick up.

**New Business** –

* Pupos motioned to renew the Boy Scout lease for leasing our building on the corner of Mill St. and Meadow Lane for $1.00, this is a 5-year term. Seconded by Loar and approved by council.
* Our park levy will expire next year so we need to put it on the ballet this fall. Discussion took place about whether we should renew it or replace it. Renewal would bring in $6,004.00, replacing it would bring in $7,871.00. Pupos motioned to have Solicitor Bob Bohmer draft a resolution replacing our .5 mill park levy. Seconded by Loar and approved by council.

**Zoning Report**-

* All 3 permits have been approved. Verbal approval was given to 215 Fulton St., but a new map needs to be submitted.
* Property at 202 W. Main put a fence around their pool.
* Discussion with a worker at 225 Maple St. re: sod rolls need to be pushed away from the road, and a fence needs to be put up around the sod and whiskey barrels.

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

**Adjournmen**t- Siefker motioned to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Pupos and approved by all council.

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**Mayor- Catherine Mossing VFO – Heather Lumbrezer**