Metamora Village Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

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

Other officials present: Mayor Cathy Mossing, VFO Heather Lumbrezer, Village Administrator/Zoning Inspector Jeff Pawlaczyk, Maintenance Supervisor Anthony Jagodzinski and Deputy Clerk Debbie Lietzke. Maintenance Employee Kyle Condon was absent.

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

**Minutes** – Pupos motioned to approve the February 5, 2024, minutes as written. Seconded by Siefker and approved by council.

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

**Mayors Report**-

* Reviewed January’s sheriff’s report.
* Gave an update on the Metamora Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program. This program is being renamed Financial Aid Opportunity. There will be forms for each event that volunteers are needed: 2 spring clean-up days, Party in the Park and Easter Egg Hunt. Students who volunteer quality for financial aid from the Chamber.
* We are looking into applying for a CDBG grant to grind and replace the Village parking lot.
* Discussions took place re: repairs to the pedestrian portion of the Garnsey Ave. bridge. State law does not require pedestrian bridges. Due to the high cost of the repairs Siefker motioned to keep the current barricades up, blocking off the pedestrian portion of the bridge. Seconded by Armstrong and approved by council, with Pupos abstaining. A full bridge replacement will need to be done in the near future.

**Fiscal Officer Report**-

* Pupos motioned to waive J. Langenderfer’s income tax penalty from a RITA invoice for his 2017 taxes. He should still pay the interest of $19.75. Seconded by C. Pawlaczyk and approved by council.
* House Bill 101 increases the competitive bidding threshold from $50,000.00 to $75,000.00. Going into effect sometime this summer.

**Personnel, Finance** **& Security**-

* Reviewing our insurance policy for renewal.
* Pupos motioned to join Shaw’s Corporate Program for maintenance uniforms. Seconded by Armstrong and approved by council.
* Planning has started for the Easter Egg Hunt that is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd. The rain date is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th.
* Pupos motioned to hire Gerig Eavespouting to install seamless gutters and downspouts to the maintenance shop, increasing the budget for this project from $1,100.00 to $1,400.00. Seconded by Armstrong and approved by council.

**Environment, Planning & Properties**-

* Reaching out to a few landscaping companies for donations of shrubs/plants to put around our Village entrance signs.
* Discussion took place about who is running the concession stand in the park for this summer.
* We will ask EYA representatives to come to a council meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming ball season.

**Streets, Transportation & Utilities**-

* The lift stations are running well.
* There is a sewer issue at 252 Maple St.
* We looked into hiring Earl Mechanical to camera our sewer lines when an issue comes up, instead of purchasing a new camera. It was determined that this would be costly and inconvenient.
* Jagodzinski received new sewer camera quotes from $8,000.00 to $16,000.00. Council asked him to search for one that is cheaper. Council would also like to make sure it could be repaired locally, if needed.
* Check valves at the East lift station need to be replaced, they are the original valves. The estimate for the valves is $7,500.00 and labor would be around $5,000.00. To rebuild/replace the entire top of the lift station would cost $32,000.00.
* Siefker motioned for Jagodzinski to purchase a new toolbox from Lowe’s for $1,000.00. Seconded by Pupos and approved by council.

**New Business**-

* A resident complained about the speed limit on County Rd. 2 going into Michigan, saying cars are going too fast. The state is responsible for the speed limit on the east side of the road, but we can put a 35-mph speed limit sign up on the west side lane, travelling south into the Village limits. Jagodzinski will take care of this.
* First Energy/Toledo Edison will be doing vegetation management work in the village sometime this year.

**Zoning Report**- A zoning violation complaint was made about a car with a broken window, that is parked on Main St. for long periods on time. A letter will be sent to the owner/resident.

**Adjournmen**t- Pupos motioned to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Seconded by Siefker and approved by all council.

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