

**Village of Metamora**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**August 20, 2018**  
**7: 00 p.m.**



- 1) **Call to Order:** at 7:00 P.M.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Tina Sauve X, Christa Domeier X, John Clark X, Attorney X, Larry Morris X, Joe Lassen X, John Griswold X, Suzy ClarkX, Liz Spearing X, Marci Kinkade X
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda:** 52-18 Lassen moved, Spearing 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the agenda, motion carried.
- 5) **Police Report:** Chief Mallett went over the monthly report. He discussed the closing down of Dryden road for Metamora days, once parking is full, and that the chamber is providing a shuttle service this year.
- 6) **County Commissioner:** Warren stated that his is just looking forward to the November election.
- 7) **Approval of Consent Agenda:** 53-18 Morris moved, Griswold 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the consent agenda, Kinkade and S. Clark abstained, motion carried.
- 8) **Planning Commission:** Nothing new
- 9) **DDA:** Clark asked for the council to work on project lists and to get them to Sauve before the next DDA meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 10) **Council Communications:** Clark stated that Jeff Evans did come out and look at the sinkhole on N. Oak and will plan on working on that after Metamora Days. Clark had him fix a storm drain that was dangerous north of Harmer Park
- 11) **Public Time:** James Verbison the president of the Jamestown homeowner association had questions on the legality of them needing to keep a hoa. Lechleiter suggested that he discuss it with a lawyer, and stated that their firm could not advise due to a conflict of interest. Brian Lee from F&V stated that well #1's electrical system faulted, causing a drop in pressure. Due to this, we are on a 48-hour boil water advisory.
- 12) **Attorneys Report:** agenda items
- 13) **Unfinished Business**
  - a) **Engineering Management-Water Extension:** Leichliter stated that once funds are received that Rowe will start surveying. He went over the latest draft revisions, stating that the biggest issue is figuring out future maintenance and replacement costs. Leichliter explained that right now the settling group is stating that they will pay for the effected properties to hook up, other properties may be offered to tap in, but possibly at the homeowner's expense. There was talk on limiting the number of taps, but not wanting to be sued if the main runs in front of a property and not allowed to tap in. Mr. Blair asked about the monthly billing, who would pay for that. Leichliter stated that he believes the billing would be the homeowner's responsibility.
- 14) **New Business**
  - a) **Alley Encroachments:** Sauve explained a neighbor disagreement and an issue with a fence being on the shared alley. There was discussion about all of the alleys, mainly up in harts' plat, and the driveways, fences, sheds, gardens being on them and not maintained or enforced by the Village. Leichliter informed the council that a homeowner cannot claim adverse possession on a municipality, but they can claim latches, meaning that it has been used for years. It was stated that the Village can abandon alleys but not utility easements. It was suggested that we get an understanding what are alleys, and what are easements. Lechleiter will look into this.
  - b) **Water Tower Painting:** Brian Lee stated t hat trucks and equipment will be moving in this we, and that the tower has been drained and offline as planned. The project is to be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, or they have to pay \$1000.00 a day.

- 15) **Public Time:** Roger Hamilton said that the last couple times its rained heavy, the sewer has smelt really bad. S. Clark said t hat the storm drain near her house, smells like sewer. Brian Lee will check into this.
- 16) **Adjournment: 54-18 Spearing moved, Lassen 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.