

Metamora Village Council met in regular session on Monday January 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: President Gary Loar, Rob Armstrong, Lee Ann Miller, John Pupos, Karen Siefker and Sandy Witt.

Other officials present: Mayor Cathy Mossing, VFO Heather Lumbrezer and Village Administrator Keith Torbet

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

Miller, Pupos, Siefker and Witt were sworn in as council members, terms ending December 31, 2029.

Loar was voted in as President of council for the year 2026.

**Minutes** – Loar motioned to approve the December 29, 2025, minutes as written. Seconded by Siefker and approved by council.

**Visitors:** Dave and Kathy Sharples, Maddison Brehmer and Jason Witt; support for Witt being sworn in. Renee from the Village Reporter; observing.

**Mayor's Report –**

- We will be moving \$500,000.00 to Metamora State Bank's Public Funds Account to get better interest rates; this was approved by council in 2025.
- Mossing will purchase a Starlink System for Wi-Fi this week, we need better service in the park for security.
- Witt motioned to approve Mossing and Torbet to attend 2 TMACOG meetings, a winter and summer assembly, at \$65.00 per person per meeting. Seconded by Armstrong and approved by council.
- Concerns about street parking by Weigel Funeral Home have been raised. Council agreed to have ODOT put up signs that say Funeral Home Parking only.
- Zoning updates will be mailed out to everyone who requested them. Mossing will schedule a meeting in the near future once everyone has time to review.
- Witt volunteered to be on the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan.

**Fiscal Officer's Report –**

- Pupos motioned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #2025-25 updating the Village of Metamora zoning map. Seconded by Loar and approved by council.
- Pupos motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance #2026-01 establishing annual sewer rate increase (+2%) effective January 1, 2026, and thereafter,

including outside village limits and repealing Ordinance #2025-18. Seconded by Siefker. Roll call: Loar-yes, Miller-yes, Armstrong-yes, Witt-yes, Siefker-yes, Pupos-yes. Pupos motioned to pass Ordinance #2026-01 under emergency measures. Seconded by Siefker. Roll call: Loar-yes, Miller-yes, Armstrong-yes, Witt-yes, Siefker-yes, Pupos-yes. Motion passed.

- Pupos motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance #2026-02 amending Ordinance #2025-22 to modify employee insurance eligibility requirements. Seconded by Siefker. Roll call: Loar-yes, Miller-yes, Armstrong-yes, Witt-yes, Siefker-yes, Pupos-yes. Pupos motioned to pass Ordinance #2026-02 under emergency measures. Seconded by Siefker. Roll call: Loar-yes, Miller-yes, Armstrong-yes, Witt-yes, Siefker-yes, Pupos-yes. Motion passed.
- Pupos motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance #2026-03 amending section 107.03 of the Village of Metamora Codified Ordinances regarding costs for public records. Seconded by Siefker. Roll call: Loar-yes, Miller-yes, Armstrong-yes, Witt-yes, Siefker-yes, Pupos-yes. Pupos motioned to pass Ordinance #2026-03 under emergency measures. Seconded by Siefker. Roll call: Loar-yes, Miller-yes, Armstrong-yes, Witt-yes, Siefker-yes, Pupos-yes. Motion passed.

**Authorization to pay bills-** Armstrong motioned to pay bills as read. Seconded by Siefker and approved by all council.

#### **Old Business -**

- Pupos motioned to approve the revisions made to the employee manual. Seconded by Miller and approved by council.

#### **New Business –**

- Discussion took place about the speed study done by ODOT. Torbet will contact ODOT to see if they can incorporate data from our radar speed signs into the study.
- Now that the bridge replacement is completed on SR 120, our maintenance workers will mark 2 parking spaces in front of the post office. ODOT is still under contract with Nagel, so if there is anything “not right” with the bridge replacement we need to let ODOT know.

**Adjournment-** Loar motioned to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Seconded by Armstrong and approved by all council.