

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 20,2026 AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN IN THE MAPLE ROOM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll, the following were:

Present: Chairman Maier and Trustees Armstrong and Smolic

Absent: None

Chairman Maier declared a quorum.

In Attendance: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Trustee Clark; Sikich Representative Laura Babula

Resident: Jamie Baum

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER

Chairman Maier requested a motion to approve the December 16, 2025 meeting minutes. It was moved by Trustee Smolic and seconded by Trustee Armstrong that the minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. REVIEW OF INVOICES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

The Committee had no questions on this month's invoices. Village Administrator Florip indicated this month included Morton Salt charges to restock for the year. We have a resident who will be refunded for a permit issued. The resident will no longer be remodeling their home but tearing it down instead.

Chairman Maier indicated this month's bill amount to be approved is \$ 138,939.51.

E. REVIEW THE TREASURERS REPORT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Sikich representative, Laura Babula reported the November report. Ms. Babula stated Revenue this month is reflected as \$480,815K and Expenses are \$220,081K. Nothing out of the ordinary was seen this month. Village Clerk Gallo indicated 1099's will be issued later this month.

F. REVIEW THE OUTSTANDING TAX REBATE CHECKS

Chairman Maier indicated the list of outstanding tax rebate checks included 11 residents. As of today, only one resident check has had a stop payment issued and a new check will be issued. The remaining 10 have been deposited.

G. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY APPEAR TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION, AND IF APPROVED, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Village Administrator Florip called the Village of Third Lake to better understand how their engineering services are handled and which provider they have. Third Lake is a small village such as Mettawa. Third Lake utilizes IMEG. They have been with Third Lake for over twenty years which has resulted in years of institutional knowledge. They didn't provide a glowing review of the company but reference the

years of information that makes their partnership successful. They spend about \$100K per year. The permitting cost for Third Lake are higher in comparison to James Anderson. The third category discussed was how they handle Public Works. They hire contractors for all work on any projects and their Mayor completes some of their work too. The larger permit projects are handled by Lake County. Lake County set the fees and Third Lake staff handle the paperwork for the permitting. In 2027 a new law will pass, and each municipality will be required to use a certified inspector. Mettawa currently has B&F Inspection Company and are already in compliance.

Trustee Smolic commented the goal is to better understand the \$18,000 monthly amount. The cap is based on permits. James Anderson permitting fees are very competitive. Village Administrator Florip added there are a few items that are included in the monthly amount that can be removed. Chairman Maier asked Village Administrator to create a spreadsheet to collect data for the fee generator.

Resident, Robert Mann located at 15460 Little St. Mary's Road attended and spoke to the committee. Mr. Mann indicated the most difficult part of his home building was when James Anderson Company approved the plans for the insulation. However, when the inspection was completed by B&F it was not approved. At the final inspection, they were asked to fireproof the whole basement ceiling. Mr. Mann indicated James Anderson and B&F have a disconnect when plans are approved. Chairman Maier remarked James Anderson is acting as the project manager and B&F have the final inspection approval.

I. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, it was moved by Trustee Smolic and seconded by Trustee Armstrong that the meeting be adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk