MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 17, 2026, AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN COTTONWOOD ROOM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Urlacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll, the following were:
Present: Trustees Clark, Maier, Smolic, Towne, Witten and Mayor Urlacher
Absent: Trustee Armstrong
Mayor Urlacher declared a quorum present.

In Attendance: Village Attorney, Jim Rhodes of Klein Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Representative from James Anderson Company, Scott Anderson; Sikich Representative Brian Lefevre

Residents in Attendance: Jordan McGee, Pam Fantus, Stephan and Cindy Blandin, Walter Kotaba

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026

The Village Board reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20,2026. It was moved by Trustee Towne and seconded by Trustee Smolic that the minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026, be approved and be placed on file.

Upon a call of the roll, the following voted:
Aye: Trustees Clark, Maier, Smolic, Towne and Witten
Absent: Trustee Armstrong
Mayor Urlacher declared the motion carried.

D. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Trustee Maier indicated this month's invoice listing includes the fourth revenue sharing payment to W.W. Grainger. In addition, within the Invoice Summary Report under James Anderson a line item indicates Oasis Business Center, but it will be updated to code violation cost center.

As a result, the total bills amount for this month is $ 436,506.12.

It was moved by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Towne to approve payment of the bills.
Upon a call of the roll, the following voted:

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Aye: Trustees Clark, Maier, Smolic, Towne and Witten
Absent: Trustee Armstrong
Mayor Urlacher declared the motion carried and the bills will be paid.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

Sikich Representative Brian LeFevre presented the January's Treasurer Report. Mr. LeFevre stated the report indicates nine months of the fiscal year activity. The Funds on Deposit currently shows $18.4 million. Interest rates for the investment income are at 3.78%. Expenditures are at 56%. Tax sharing is lower due to the structure of repaying Grainger payment.

It was moved by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Towne that the Board acknowledge receipt of the January 31, 2026, Treasurer's Report and it will be placed on file.

Upon a call of the roll, the following voted:
Aye: Trustees Clark, Maier, Smolic, Towne and Witten
Absent: Trustee Armstrong
Mayor Urlacher declared the motion carried.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

G. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Citizens to be heard not listed elsewhere on this Agenda

Mr. Stephen Blandin is a property owner to Lots 4,5 and 6 within the Riverside Preserve subdivision. Mr. Blandin indicated they attended last month's Board meeting. The court order transcripts of the litigation occurring at Riverside were shared with the Village Attorney Rhodes and Village Administrator Florip. The issue at hand pertains to the Lot 9 in the subdivision, specifically the building plans not complying. At the preliminary judication hearing the property owner of Lot 9 was asked to remove 200 truck loads of soil. At the contempt hearing two weeks ago, the resident was sentenced to 30 days of county jail. The judge asked the resident to address the issue. Mr. Blandin indicated at their last attendance of the Board meeting, the Trustees felt threatened the village was going to be taken into litigation by Riverside legal. Mr. Blandin remarked that is not their intention. Mr. Blandin stated their goal is to ensure the continuous errors that relate to Riverside's building plans review does not reoccur. Mr. Blandin added they are interested in working with the village.

2. Written Communications of Citizens to be Read

H. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

1. Finance Committee

a. Update on the Committee's Draft Budget for 2026-2027

Trustee Maier stated the Committees are currently working on finalizing their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

b. Other Matters

2. Public Works Committee

a. Update on the Maintenance and Capital Improvement Items for FY2026-2027 Budget

Trustee Towne indicated the Committee is considering two capital improvements. In addition, the shoulders will need some additional filling due to the seasonal damage. The Committee will continue to review the remaining expenditures to fine tune amounts.

b. Other Matters

3. Parks and Recreation Committee

a. Update on a New Open Fence at Whippoorwill Park

Trustee Clark stated Trustee Witten is currently researching a few contractors to replace the wooden fence at Whippoorwill Park. The current chain link will be moved back into the park to provide safety to the cars entering the park.

b. Update on the Maintenance and Capital Improvements Items for FY2026-2027 Budget

Trustee Clark commented Village Engineer Scott Anderson is working on finalizing the bid specification package for the Old School Road trail project to be completed in the next fiscal year. The Committee will continue to review next year's expenditures to finalize the budget next month.

c. Other Matters

Trustee Clark added the winter tree trimming has been completed. One additional tree was removed under this project in the amount of $375.

4. Public Safety

a. Other Matters

Trustee Towne commented two residents experienced some water pipes bursting. Resident, Carol Armstrong had a pipe within her garage burst, which created a large volume of waterflooding the ditch in front of her home. The second resident was located at the corner of St. Mary's Road and Little St. Mary's. The house is vacant; Public Works noticed the high-water usage and did a house check. A faucet had been left on.

Trustee Towne reported a fire had occurred on the off-ramp of the Tollway at the Oasis Park. A truck driver noticed his brakes were locking. He went to the off-ramp when his trailer ignited. He unhinged the tractor, preventing a larger fire. The Fire Department did a great job containing the

fire. IDOT recognized the wooden fencing along the ramp could have impacted the nearby residents. As a result, IDOT will be treating the fence with fire-retardant on both sides. In addition, they will be replacing a wooden panel that has been missing for over a year, which the village has complained about in the past. Trustee Witten asked if IDOT will be considering better material for the current wall. Trustee Towne remarked IDOT has placed Mettawa on their capital improvement list. Trustee Towne added the enforcement of the trucks no-parking on the expressway shoulders needs to continue to be followed thru.

Trustee Towne reminded everyone to be vigilant in your neighborhood.

5. Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission Report

a. Other Matters

Mayor Urlacher noted that the March ZPA meeting has been cancelled, as there are no cases to be heard.

I. BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:

1. Mayor's Report

a. Building Report

Mayor Urlacher thanked Village Engineer Scott Anderson for the monthly building report which we accept, and it would be placed on file.

b. Lincolnshire Monthly Traffic Enforcement Statistic

Mayor Urlacher thanked the Village of Lincolnshire for the submitted monthly breakdown for traffic enforcement, and we place it on file.

c. Other Matters

d. Village Administrator's Report

Village Administrator Florip stated tomorrow is the State of the State and Budget address, a summary will be provided afterwards of the outcome.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Urlacher added the following two items will remain tabled and are not part of the Consent Agenda approvals.

a. A Motion to Remove from the Table an Ordinance Amending the Village of Mettawa Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Zoning Regulations, Article 11, Special Uses, Section 15.1106, Additional Regulations for Public Assemblies

b. Discussion of an Ordinance Amending the Village of Mettawa Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Zoning Regulations, Article 11, Special Uses, Section 15.1106, Additional Regulations for Public Assemblies

3. SELECTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Review of Executive Session Meeting Minutes
b. Land Acquisition
c. Potential Litigation

K. CALL TO RECONVENE
L. ROLL CALL
M. MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION ARISING AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
N. ITEMS TO BE REFERRED
O. FOR INFORMATION ONLY
P. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Trustee Maier and seconded by Trustee Towne with no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned by Ayes.

Aye: Trustees Clark, Maier, Smolic, Towne and Witten
Absent: Trustee Armstrong
Mayor Urlacher declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk