**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 AUGUST 18, 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 Trustee Smolic
Absent: Trustee Armstrong
Chairman Maier declared a quorum.

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

## C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY

Chairman Maier requested a motion to approve the July 21, 2026, meeting minutes. It was moved by Member Smolic and seconded by Chairman Maier that the minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

## D. REVIEW OF INVOICES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Trustee Smolic stated he requested Village Engineer Jamie Anderson email the Eastern Railroad contact in regards to the train tracks located on St. Mary's needing repairs. Village Administrator Florip added the engineers asked her if a study should be completed, she indicated yes. However, the approval was not to complete a full assessment of a railroad that does not belong to the village and accumulate expenses in the amount of $4,000. Chairman Maier remarked the engineers need to receive direction on how many hours each project is approved for. Village Administrator Florip stated we will be discussing a new agreement for engineering, and can begin planning how to handle projects for next year. Trustee Smolic asked the Village Clerk and Administrator to monitor ongoing expenses that engineering completes.

Chairman Maier stated this month's invoice listing includes a check to Illinois Funds for the motor fuel account in the amount of $1,935.17. The state of Illinois regularly sends the MFT revenue through ACH distribution. This month they experienced some issues with their ACH and checks were mailed out to the municipalities. The Village Clerk deposited the check into the Wintrust account. However, we will now issue a check Payable to the Illinois Funds to deposit the MFT funds into the right account.

Trustee Clark added the village is receiving a credit from Chicagoland Paving Company as the recent resurfaced trails will not require land restoration. Trustee Smolic stated a broken plastic culvert was crushed by Penny Lane. Trustee Clark stated an area of 30-feet across Meadowoods Lane is being repaired as the trail material is being washed off due to a drainage issue. This area will be regraded by the village. Once completed, Chicagoland Paving will add new material as it was washed off.

Chairman Maier indicated this month's bill amount to be approved is $235,253.78.

**E. REVIEW THE TREASURERS REPORT ENDING JULY 31, 2026**

Sikich representative, Laura Babula narrated July's Treasurer Report. Ms. Babula indicated the bank statements reflect the revenue amount of $520,000.00 for the month. Total expenditures are under by $80,759 for the month. As a result, the total revenue over expenditures is favorable by $55,233.00.

**F. DISCUSS THE FY2025-2026 AUDIT**

Village Administrator Florip stated the audit is moving along and we are on track for next month's presentation.

**G. UPDATE ON THE 2026 TAX REBATE PROGRAM**

Village Treasurer Weiland indicated 62 applications have been received. Of the applications received, 43 have been approved, 19 are being reviewed. Village Clerk Gallo will be working with Amy Weiland on issuance of the checks to reflect any properties that list a trust name. The Village Treasurer indicated she will modify the rebate program application next year to include homes under a trust and who signs the application.

**H. REVIEW THE FIRST QUARTER REVIEW**

Village Administrator Florip indicated she has not received all of the revenue amounts for the first quarter, this spreadsheet will be updated later.

Trustee Smolic indicated the village's 10-year forecast tracking of the Grocery Sales reduction does appear to be in line with of $1.1M projected amount.

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

Chairman Maier stated one resident has recently demolished their home. As a result, they reside in a different village. Village Treasurer Weiland indicated even though they no longer qualify for a rebate, they will receive a tax reduction as a result of their home having been demolished. The Lake County can be a larger savings versus the rebate.

Chairman Maier showed the Committee the MFT statement as checks were issued to municipalities.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to conduct, it was moved by Trustee Smolic and seconded by Chairman Maier that the meeting be adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk