



# Village of Mettawa



Q4 FY 2018-2019  
April 2019

Quarterly Newsletter

## The Buzz



### Zoning Ordinance Changes Under Review

Residents are encouraged to attend upcoming ZPA meetings

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS:** The Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission (ZPA) has been working with the zoning consultant Camiros to review Mettawa’s current zoning code and develop a newly rewritten zoning ordinance. This work began in January 2019. Before the new ordinance is presented to the Village Board for approval, the ZPA will hold multiple meetings that are open to residents.

The ZPA expects to review the consultant’s draft at its June meeting and possibly also in July. After this review, ZPA will hold a public hearing (date to be announced) to present the recommendations and take comments. The ZPA will then deliberate and make any changes. The final recommendations will then be presented to the Village Board for approval.

**IMPROVED ORGANIZATION:** Residents can expect a more streamlined zoning ordinance. It will be organized more logically, enhanced with helpful graphics (such as tables) and easier to read.

**EXPECTED ZONING AMENDMENTS:** Residents can also expect amendments to the current zoning code including: definition of commercial, regulation of large horse stables, the keeping of chickens, limitations on accessory buildings/lot coverage, and amortization of non-conforming structures.

**NOTICES:** Meeting dates will be emailed to residents and posted on the Village website. ❁

## MAYOR'S NOTE



*By Casey Urlacher*

Welcome to spring! Hope you all are enjoying the warm and sunny weather.

As we start the new fiscal year, I’d like

to commend our dedicated Finance Committee and Village Board for recently passing a budget that increased the tax rebate program for residents by 20% without any increase to taxes.

A reminder to mark your calendars now for the Village Picnic on August 24, 11 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in its usual location. I always look forward to seeing Mettawa residents at this event.

As always, I am here for you. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at any time with your questions, comments or ideas.

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# Chickens in the Village

Chickens have been a topic of discussion in the Village in recent months. Over the years, multiple residents have kept chickens, but a close reading of the current zoning ordinance shows that chickens have not been allowed in Mettawa since the early 1980s. Residents requested a review of this prohibition and suggested that it could be amended. In response, the Mayor and the Village Board have placed a temporary moratorium on the issuance of citations for violations for the raising and keeping of chickens, and asked the ZPA to consider this issue.

On April 2, 2019, the ZPA held a special public workshop to gather information and public input. Existing ordinances from other municipalities which allow chickens were considered, and members of the public were allowed to ask questions and provide input. The resulting recommendations are summarized below.

The Village Board directed the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance regulating chickens with all of the recommendations of the ZPA except requiring a one-time registration rather than a permit. The ordinance will be discussed at the May 21st Village Board Meeting. ❁

## Summary of Draft Ordinance Regulating Chickens

1. Chickens are allowed on lots 4 acres and larger in the R-1 zoning district, but not on properties in the R-2 district or on properties governed by a Homeowners Association or where prohibited by Covenants Conditions and Restrictions
2. Only six hens are allowed on any lot or parcel
3. Roosters are prohibited
4. A secure coop is required, with a minimum of four square feet per hen
5. A securely fenced pen is required, with a minimum of eight square feet per hen
6. Coops and pens must be located in the rear yard, may occupy no more than 5% of the property's total area, and may not be located in any area that would constitute a nuisance to adjoining neighbor
7. The coop and pen must be kept sanitary and free from offensive odors
8. All feed must be protected from rodents and other animals
9. Hens may not run at large
10. Slaughtering of chickens is prohibited
11. Sale of eggs on the property is prohibited
12. No person shall allow the keeping of chickens to become a nuisance due to odors, noise, or waste, etc.
13. A one-time permit will be required

# MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

## OFFICIAL RESULTS

Mettawa's municipal elections were held on April 4, 2019 for the positions of three Village Trustee seats.

133 Mettawa voters cast ballots in the election.

The Trustees will be sworn in at the May 21 Village Board Meeting.

<i>candidate</i>	<i>votes</i>
Pamela P. Fantus	58
Timothy J. Towne	93
Jan Pink	75
Pamela J. Sheldon	77

Official results provided online by the County Clerk Office, Lake County, IL

<http://www.lakecountyil.gov>

## Administrator's Report

By Bob Irvin, Village Administrator



The Village Board approved the budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 at its April 2019 meeting.

The new budget contains no new taxes or tax increase, but sets aside a healthy \$600,000 for the popular tax rebate program. This amount is 20% greater than the previous fiscal year's, resulting in an increase of \$100,000 .

Some capital projects in this budget include some culvert repairs and the cost of installing the landscaping around Oasis Park's relocated trail. The largest item in the budget is the acquisition of the Grainger land parcel, and we expect this purchase to be completed this summer. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. ❁

## Beach Passes Delayed

Parking passes for the Forest Park beach in Lake Forest will be available to Mettawa residents for \$85, but the sale of these permits will be later than in past years. The delay is related to parking at the beach being affected by ongoing restoration this year. Lake Forest is currently developing a new plan for parking and shuttles, and will issue permits once this plan is complete.

When Lake Forest announces the new permit sale date, the Village will notify residents by email and post the application on the Village of Mettawa website. ❁

## Oasis Park Landscaping

The Parks and Recreation Committee is eagerly anticipating the new landscaping at Oasis Park. The work will continue through summer, and will create a more enjoyable experience along the newly relocated trail. ❁

## Bradley Road Bridge Now Open

The final touches to Bradley Road Bridge project have begun and more work will happen this summer. In addition to landscaping, we can expect to see the resurfacing of the Oasis access roads on the east and west sides of the bridge. Most of this work will not affect traffic. ❁

## VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS

### Highlights of recent Village Board actions during the last quarter are listed below.

*For a complete lists of actions, please refer to the meeting minutes which are always available online at [mettawa.org](http://mettawa.org).*

1. Approved the extension of the moratorium on issuing citations for the raising and feeding of poultry to provide the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission to make recommendations and for the Village Board to act on the recommendations
2. Approved a proposal from Forest Builders for landscaping installation at Oasis Park
3. Approved the publication of the 2019 Village Zoning Map (it is available on the Village website)
4. Approved the FY 2019-20 Annual Budget
5. Approved the design standards for small wireless facilities within the Village
6. Approved a 3-year agreement with ILM for maintenance in Whippoorwill Park
7. Approved the 2019 right-of-way maintenance agreement with Dunlap Tree Experts
8. Directed the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance to regulate the raising of chickens on properties of at least 4 acres (the ordinance will be discussed at the May 21st meeting)

## MOLA

### 2019 Kick-off Workday

#### Native Plant Seeding

**Saturday, April 27th**

8:30 am to 10:30 am

at Whippoorwill Farm

*(Meet on Mettawa Woods Drive  
at the Trail Intersection)*

**FIRST WORKDAY OF THE SEASON!!!**  
Bring your energy, enthusiasm and gloves  
(if you have them)!  
RSVP to [larryfalbe@aol.com](mailto:larryfalbe@aol.com)

# Village of Mettawa

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The Village of Mettawa strives to preserve and nurture  
our authentic rural and horse-friendly environment  
and to ensure the highest quality of family life for our residents

## MEETING CALENDAR

### Wednesday, May 15

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee  
7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

### Tuesday, May 21

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
7:30 p.m. Village Board

### Tuesday, June 4

7:00 p.m. Zoning, Planning & Appeals  
(ZPA) Commission

### Wednesday, June 12

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee  
7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

### Tuesday, June 18

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
7:30 p.m. Village Board

### Tuesday, July 9

7:00 p.m. ZPA Commission

### Wednesday, July 10

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee  
7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

### Tuesday, July 16

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
7:30 p.m. Village Board

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**The May 7th meeting of the ZPA Commission has been cancelled.**  
This list may be incomplete and other meetings may be cancelled.  
For updates, check the calendar online

## CONTACTS

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**PUBLIC SAFETY:**  
**DIAL 911 FIRST**

#### NON-EMERGENCY:

**Lake County Sheriff:**  
(847) 377-4000

**Village Security Patrol Car:**  
(847) 404-6272

#### GARBAGE & RECYCLING

**Lake's Disposal Services, Inc.**  
(847) 366-8582 or (815) 675-0400

#### VILLAGE WEBSITE:

[www.mettawa.org](http://www.mettawa.org)

**NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:**  
**May 21, 7:30 p.m.**