

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 11, 2020 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Siegfried
Council Members: Earl Bennett
Ricky Caldwell
Gary Brian Collins
Robert Beck
Michel Anderson
Austin Whited

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom
Village Solicitor: Amanda Zganjar

Mayor Tim Siegfried called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Brian Collins moves to approve the minutes from February 12, 2020 meeting; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Public: Tim Abraham is here to give Council some information about himself; he is running for Morrow Co. Commissioner.

Bills: Hilary reviewed bills with Council. Austin Whited moves to pay bills; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Old Business: Hilary reviewed permanent appropriations with Council. There was discussion. Robert Beck moves to approve permanent appropriations; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Mayor Siegfried went over the cost of removing the trees on Hidden Dr. again with Council. He will contact Select Tree Service to have them removed. There was discussion on the concrete pile on the Village property. There was discussion on having it recycled or burying it and putting the gravel on top. The street lights out in the Village have been replaced. Council reviewed Dave's monthly report for the sewer plant and they would like to have gallons added. Earl Bennett suggested someone also track rainfall for the sewer.

Joe Clase, Plan4Land, went over grant copies from NatureWorks. He requested the park committee members go over the proposal for the bathroom at the park. Council reviewed the grant with Joe. There was discussion. Robert Beck moves to approve Resolution 2020-3-11, accepting the NatureWorks grant and authorize the Mayor to enter into the agreement for the Village; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. There was discussion on signs down that need put back up in the Village.

There was discussion on plugging the sewer accounts again that are delinquent. There was discussion on letting accounts go 2 months past due and then sending a letter letting the account holder know there sewer system will be plugged. There was discussion on making a reinstatement/plugging fee for unplugging the sewer system. Austin Whited moves to notify sewer account holders that are behind 2 months there account will be plugged if not paid by the end of the third month. There will also be a reinstatement fee of \$350 for any account plugged; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Sewer account holders will be notified by mail. Michal Anderson discussed the old grocery store violations again with Council. Amanda will research where the owners are at with the process of correcting violations. Michel Anderson also discussed the propane tanks in the alley by Culinary House Call with Council. Zoning inspector will send another letter. There was discussion on businesses no longer in Village.

Committee Reports:

Park: Park needs gravel mulch and rubber mulch for the playground.

Fire and Safety: Fire Department got a grant for a new truck; it will be done next year. Board is reviewing architect plans for the new Station 2.

Community Relations: Z's and Marengo Café is closed. Marengo Café moved into the old pharmacy building. The bar is open in town. The Marengo Matters committee is still meeting on a monthly basis and have activities planned in the Village. Some examples are community yard sale, turkey trot, fall festival and a Christmas parade/festival. They will be decorating for Easter, hanging eggs from the trees. There will be a Memorial Parade.

Joe Clase said we need to seek some grant money for matching funds for 229 project.

Zoning: Joe Porter called about renting the bus garage to a motorcycle repair shop, wanted to make sure he did not need to complete any forms.

New Business: Mayor Siegfried attended the county grant meeting yesterday; the application is due April 15th. Joe Clase suggest meeting with some of the Council members to see what the Village would like to apply for. Austin Whited discussed with Council the missing trees in the Village and there was discussion on having them replaced. Hilary let Council know the audit has begun on FY18/19 and she submitted the financial statements to the state. There was discussion on raising the sewer rates again. Earl Bennett went over the history of the grant the Village received to build the sewer plant. The sewer is currently losing money to operate the plant over the years. Robert Beck would like a list of expenses over the last couple of years and a list from Dave on items that may be needed in the next 5 years. Earl Bennett did speak to Tom Hault, Sparta's operator, about running Marengo's plant if needed. There was discussion on having him come tour the plant with Dave so he would be familiar with it if needed. Mayor Siegfried will talk to Dave and see if they can get something scheduled. There was discussion on mapping the sewer pump stations and store system on an app so there is a documented history.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Out at 9:04 pm.