

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on December 13, 2017 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker

Council Members: Cherri Burwell
Robert Beck
Ron Margraff
Becky Margraff
Earl Bennett
Michael Anderson

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Cherri Burwell moves to approve the minutes from November 8, 2017 meeting; Becky Margraff seconds; Motion passes.

Bills: Robert Beck moves to supplement the general fund appropriations account code 1000-730-510-0000 \$3,957.21; Cherri Burwell seconds; 6 Yes 0 No; Motion passes. Cherri Burwell moves to pay bills with addition of Hartman Printing; Michael Anderson seconds; Roll Call 6 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

Public: No public comment

Temporary Appropriations: Cherri Burwell moves to adopt Temporary Appropriations for 2018 as presented; Ron Margraff seconds; 6 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

Old Business: Council reviewed original sewer ordinance. Council discussed the ordinance. Mayor Baker discussed with Council current sewer problems the Village is having. Mayor Baker discussed with Council the cost to make needed repairs and repairs that need made. Sewer plant has been in place since 1992. With current expenses to run sewer plant and revenue generated, it would not be feasible for Village to reduce sewer rates. Village currently has five pump stations, original ordinance states 2 pump stations. Mayor Baker discussed problem with some of the concrete tanks and informed Council several tanks need pumped. Council discussed plugging sewers that are not paying. Council discussed needing an additional ordinance to plug the sewer and a reconnection fee. Council decided to have Village Solicitor create a new ordinance for rates and plugging sewers. Council continued to review and discuss sewer ordinance. Council discussed current rates and accounts that have requested reductions. Council discussed current rate system and the fact there is no longer institutional properties in Marengo. Council discussed past changes in sewer billing and the additional accounts that have been added since the ordinance was created. Council believes the Mayor determined how to charge new properties that was added after the ordinance was created. Mayor Baker suggested charging 4 units for the old school (29 West St.) and 2 units for the little building (9 N. West St.) He made his determination by reviewing past water usage. Council discussed tank sizes for the building and businesses in it. Council discussed that since the zoning has changed and the usage of the business has changed the sewer rate can change. Ron Margraff moves to change the sewer rate of 29 West St. (A45-002-00-00-003-03) from 16 units to 4 units effective Jan. 1, 2018 after reviewing current usage and need to reevaluate current rate system; Michael Anderson seconds; 6 yes 0 no. Ron Margraff moves to change the sewer rate for 9 N. West St. (A45-002-

00-003-04) from 4 units to 2 units; Becky seconds; 6 yes 0 no; Motion passes. Council would like properties to be assessed past charges. Robert Beck moves to change the sewer rate for 17 S. Main St. (A45-003-00-031-00) from 3 units to 2 units; Michael Anderson seconds; 6 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

A car was parked in front of Hinkle Hardware for 2 days and did not move. Council discussed putting restricted parking signs on the Main St. during certain hours. Council discussed how they would have a car towed and determined it would require Council member to sign the car has been there too long. Council also discussed untagged cars. Council discussed parking ordinance for business district and unlicensed vehicles cannot be parked on the street. Council discussed 2 hour parking from 8:00 to 5:00 pm from Monday to Fri and discussed where to limit parking, such as Main St. where the businesses is. Council discussed who would need to enforce the parking ordinance. Council is tabled discussion to next meeting.

Grants: Village was awarded \$14,496 by Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Ron Margraff moves to accept Natureworks grants for the amount of \$14,496 for Village of Marengo Parks, Cherri Burwell seconds; 6 Yes 0 No; Motion passes. The Village will also soon receive approx. \$24,000 in reimbursement for village park expense.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn; Ron Margraff seconds; Motion passes