

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 9, 2019 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker
Council Members: Michel Anderson
Robert Beck
Earl Bennett
Ricky Caldwell
Gary Brian Collins
Becky Margraff
Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom
Village Solicitor: Adam Landon

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Hilary informed Council there is another JEDD meeting Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Highland School. Robert Beck moves to approve the minutes from September 11, 2019 meetings; Brian Collins seconds; Motion passes.

Bills: Council reviewed the bills. Robert Beck asked about Erdy's Excavation expenses. The Village also found the drainage from the Village could not have caused Drake's basement flooding so the Village will no longer be covering those expenses. Mayor Baker explained to Council that when Delco put in the water line they put the line thru the storm drain. Mayor Baker is working with Delco to cover half of the expense, which would be \$5,000. Tyler Floyd's check was for painting the grey areas on the pavilion. Brian Collins moves to pay bills; Becky Margraff seconds; Roll Call; six yes zero no; Motion passes.

Public: Lillian Whited is here to discuss her driveway and sidewalk with Council. Council reviewed her bill. Robert Beck stated that he feels the Village is not responsible for the damages to her driveway. Mayor Baker feels the Village would only be responsible for a small section by the sidewalk. Council had discussion with Lillian. Lillian would like the Council to contact All American Pavement. Mayor Baker said he would contact All American Pavement. The Village already was planning to fill a small part with pea gravel and tar beside her sidewalk. There was further discussion. Becky Margraff stated she feels Council members are trying to do good for the Village.

Rhonda stated she has heard that the community feels the Council is against the Village. She asked how Council could improve the perception. Earl Bennett stated he feels people live in Morrow Co. due to lower real estate cost. He also feels there is less regulation in Morrow Co then other counties such as Delaware. Rhonda also asked if any of the Council members would like to help with anything for the upcoming festival/parade. Earl Bennett talked about the Village in the past. Mayor Baker talked about another small Village he knows of that has many activities but private citizens do it all. The community has to want to be involved. Rhonda would encourage Council to attend the parade.

Old Business: Earl Bennett suggested to Council putting in a sidewalk with Bennington Twp. but plans should wait until after the election. He also suggest having a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2019. Council

discussed the school bus still stops in front of the old school, kids get on there and it is dark in that area. Kids are walking on the street there because there is no sidewalks there. Mayor Baker suggested applying for another grant for sidewalks in that area. Mayor Baker suggested the bus pick up at the park, the kids could wait at the pavilion, and there is new sidewalks, lighting and parking. Hilary reviewed the sewer assessments she did recently. Mayor Baker suggested plugging sewers and Adam Landon suggested the Village wait until the new leadership comes in January, especially with the vacancies coming up in Council.

BWJFD: Mayor Baker informed Council Brian Collins was at the last BWJFD board meeting. He will be replacing Mayor Baker on the Board. The department got approx. \$325,000 for a new truck. Pat Davies was also at the meeting to discuss with the Board the 2.5 mil replacement levy that will be on the ballot Nov. 5th. Mayor Baker went over the JEDD information Pat Davies provided to BWJFD. He went over the property taxes the different entities would have gotten from the Dollar Tree Distribution Center. With the abatement, only Highland School and Tri-Rivers will receive a portion of the tax dollars. The remaining dollars will go into an account for improvements in that area. After 15 years the schools will receive the full monies, the rest of the entities is 30 years. Mayor Baker feels emergency services should not have been abated. Mayor Baker feels the JEDD agreement should be divided equally. There was discussion. Mayor Baker also stated Dollar Tree is withholding Village of Marengo tax from the employees so he went and talked with HR department at Dollar Tree distribution to get the problem corrected.

Joe Clase, Plan4Land, is here to update Council on the progress on the grants. He has not heard anything from the couple of grants the Village applied for at this time. He is also following up with ODOT on the paving project and working with ODOT for grants. ODOT said they would offer some assistance in the process of applying for grants and providing figures needed for the grants. There was discussion. Mayor Baker informed Council the water lines did not have proper fill when they were put in and it is causing erosion and road problems. Plan4Land's contract is up this year and Mayor Baker suggested renewing his contract. Joe Clase would encourage Council coming up with a strategic plan for projects in the future. Brian Collins moves to approve a new contract; Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes.

New Business: Earl Bennett moves to schedule a Council meeting Jan. 2nd at 7:00 pm. Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes. Mayor Baker informed Council Don Callahan has volunteered to become the new zoning inspector. Michel Anderson moves to hire Don Callahan at zoning inspector; Brian Collins seconds; Motion passes. Hilary informed Council supplemental appropriations are needed to cover remaining expenses. Beck Margraff moves to adopt Resolution 2019-10-9-1; Robert Beck seconds; Roll call 6 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn; Brian Collins seconds; Motion passes. Out at 8:22 pm.