

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on March 8, 2016 at 7:00pm

Meeting was called to order by Mike Baker with council members Robert Beck, Earl Bennett, John Brent, Ron Margraff, Becky Margraff and Cherri Burwell present. Council will not be voting on zoning for old school. Required posting a notice in the paper again. Cherri Burwell made a motion to accept February minutes with corrections including changing Sherri to Sharron Freeman, Lawyer to Noel Alden, the raise is for sewer engineer and the position is held by Dave Gale at this time. John Brent second. All in favor. Council reviewed payments. There was discussion on the following:

What the Amazon charges included: Garage door motor and file folders

Invoice Zerkowitz, Barry & Cullers included (Nicole stated):

1. Earl's contact to discuss adjoining properties and if there were any conflicts.
2. Researching of adjoining properties
3. Ross Porters application
4. Researching conflict due to letter of suing over water /sewer rates
5. Researching to make sure there was no conflict and council protected,
6. Researching when the meetings for the zoning application was able to be voted on by council and when notices had to be posted in paper (zoning book doesn't state 30 days but Ohio Revised Code does state 30 day notice after zoning meeting before council can decide.
7. Proper way to handle zoning/rezoning applications.

Mike Baker stated he felt that the council was not getting what they paid for from the attorney and maybe they should look into another firm. Earl Bennett stated the importance of using that firm. There was discussion on posting notices for public hearings in the paper and what was required by Ohio Revised Code. John Brent stated he felt the mayor should approve all legal fees and that all fees needed to be approved first. Nicole said that their firm could contact the mayor in the future for all charges and said she would speak to Noel about an adjustment on the current invoice. Ron Margraff stated that he felt that the information shouldn't need to be researched as much as it was. John Brent asked about billing practices for attorneys learning. Cherri Burwell wanted to make sure the bill was at Nicole's rate,

not Noel's rate. Council asked what Rinehart Walters Danner bill is for, Hilary stated she will look into and let board know. Robert Beck made a motion to approve bills except Zerkowitz, Barry & Cullers. Cherri Burwell motioned to second. All in favor. Mike introduced Hilary Ostrom as new clerk/fiscal officer. Bob's Gales term is not actually up until end of April but Bob said he was done as of the first of March. Hilary presented the council with late notice from IRS for failure to file W2 from 2012. Mike Baker will contact IRS and see if he can get it reduced. Mike Baker hired Karen May at \$20.00 an hour to consult Hilary with UAN and other fiscal information. Mike Baker asked if general public had any comments.

Old business. Ross Porter transferred at the first of the year to his parent Joe Porter the old bus garage property. Village of Marengo received approximately \$10,000 in Special Assessment from Morrow Co. Auditor. Earl Bennett received the Special Assessment report from the Morrow Co. Auditor that showed what Special Assessments have been paid. Earl Bennett wanted Council to know that the records Ginny West had given to the Auditor that audited Village of Marengo's records have never been returned. He requested the records and they state they do not have them. He also stated he had discussed concern about records with Nicole. She said we should contact the auditor and Earl said he already had. Earl also let Council know he found a signed copy of original signed Ordinance and gave copies to council for Council to review. Council stated Ross Porter was wondering how we determined rates and was able to find copy of Ordinance before. Becky Margraff asked if Village rates were high and council agreed not in comparison to other villages. Mike said council needs to review ordinance and see if it was possible to reduce rate and if the village is sued does the ordinance support their claim that they are billing correctly. Becky Margraff stated that someone should not be able to complain if they are not paying. Earl Bennett stated that plant size was determined because of the school but there have been additions of properties since then. Council needs to be thinking about what to do with rates in the future. Joe Clase from Plan4Land was present to discuss the park. Grant was received from ODNR for \$45,092 of park improvements. Joe will submit quarter files for the grant. He discussed the Village applying with CBDG funds and discussed doing \$18,700 for building pavilion. Spots for the park need marked and Gaverick survey cost come in to \$300 to mark pins for park. Council discussed having additional surveying done also to help determine property zones. Mike talked to an excavator and he will give free day with dozer. Concrete man will help form and set concrete. Joe will help to make sure donations are tracked correctly. Cherri made a motion to hire Gaverick to do survey for West Noble and West Williams at \$900 total. Robert Beck second. All in favor. Council authorizes application to be submitted to CBDG. Requesting materials to build the Pavilion. Cost would be paid by the grant

directly. Joe Clase will contact Gaverick. Sewer tank will be removed and put over to hair salon. There was discussion on a contract for Joe and payments being done quarterly. Joe will prepare a contract for council to sign along with billing for that contract. Joe will contact Mike with anything council will need to authorization at council meetings. There was discussion about Lot 115 and Lot 116 structures falling down. Council needs to see about getting that property in the future and making it future park space. Public has been wanting to know where to take sewer bills can go now since they can no longer take to the hardware store if they don't want to mail them. Mike discussed having a drop box put in for payments and messages. Got a quote for \$400 for a drop box. Becky thinks that it would be a nice customer service to have a drop box, Earl stated that public can use postal service to mail in payments. Web page is coming along. Website has a search address and webpage has been started and Hilary is in contact with web designer. Mike gave Hilary a list of address list of tanks that have been pumped. Need to gather list of all properties and where all tanks are located so that we can continue process. John moved to adjourn Ron second.