

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on Nov. 13, 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: Brian Collins moves to approve the minutes from October 9, 2019 meetings; Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes.

Bills: Council reviewed the bills. Robert Beck moves to pay bills; Becky Margraff seconds; Roll Call; six yes zero no; Motion passes.

Public: Rhonda asked Council what time the street will close for the Christmas Festival. Mayor Baker said the street would close around 2:30. She also asked about parking because she is having approx. 30 different participants in the parade, Council had several suggestions. She asked Council and Mayor if they would like to ride on a trailer arranged for them. Mayor Baker volunteered to help line the participants up. She is working on forming a group of volunteers to help plan events in Marengo for the future. The festival is 3pm to 5pm with parade following.

Old Business: Mayor Baker reminded Council at the January 2, 2020 meeting, Robert Beck and Tim Siegfried will be sworn in. Council will elect a president of Council, which will become Mayor and then Council will elect another president. Village of Marengo will also need another Council member. Mayor Baker attended Bennington Twp.'s meeting. There was discussion on the JEDD agreement. Bennington Twp. has not made a decision on the JEDD agreement and Highland School does not have the required signatures needed. Adam Landon explained to the public a JEDD agreement. Mayor Baker informed Council he told the Highland school and Bennington Twp. he feels everyone should get the same percentage. He explained his position on why he feels the Village need 25% with Council. There was discussion. Earl Bennet discussed the salary rates of a Constable and he feels the Village would not be able to afford a Constable. The tax would be on earned income, which would include wages and taxable income from businesses.

The Village applied for a NatureWorks grant for the park improvements and was awarded \$19,264. The Village is required to have matching funds but can do thru in-kind donations. He is also working on a figuring out a grant for repaving 229. Robert Beck moves to appoint Brian Collins to BWJFD Board effective November 2019 meeting; Ricky Caldwell seconds; Motion passes. There was discussion on

BWJFD abatement in the Dollar Distribution Center. Earl Bennett discussed with Council the Village of Marengo was not in the planning area with the distribution center. The State is planning on repaving 229 in 2021. There was further discussion on the 229/61 exchange. Mayor Baker did call All American Paving and spoke with him regarding Lillian Whited's driveway. There was discussion. Adam Landon spoke with John Corrado's attorney and the signs removed, he is working on the other repairs that were required per the zoning violations agreement and they are making progress. There was discussion on the junk cars on Liberty St.

New Business: Robert Beck feels Hilary should send the Highland Girls Volleyball team a congratulations letter for making state finals from the Village. Hilary also reminded Council they would be approving temporary appropriations for 2020 at the December meeting.

Earl Bennet moves to adjourn; Robert Beck seconds; Motion passes. Out at 8:02 pm.