

**Marengo Village Council**

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on November 9, 2022 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present:           **Council Members:**    Ronda Siegfried            Robert Beck  
                         Earl Bennett                    Ron Margraff                Mike Baker  
                         **Village Clerk:** Hilary Ostrom            **Village Solicitor:** Adam Landon

Mayor Austin Whited called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Mike Baker moves to approve minutes from the October 12, 2022 Council meeting; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Council reviewed bills and had discussion. Ronda Siegfried moves to pay the bills; Robert Beck seconds; Mike abstains; Roll yes; Motion passes.

**Guest:** Don Callahan stated Veterans Dinner is this Friday at the Legion. Bingo is still every Thursday and there is a craft show this Saturday. Bill Short from Highland School Board is here to state the school board agrees with the proposed JED. All the Council members stated they do not wish to enter into the proposed JED contract with Bennington Twp. Ronda moves to go into executive to discuss audit; Robert Beck seconds; Went in at 7:08 pm. Robert Beck moves to go out of executive; Ronda seconds; out at 7:38 pm.

Council had discussion on paying Council members for Committee meetings.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire & Safety:** RFQ is out to bid for Station 2.

**Personnel:** The Village is in the need of additional help. Mayor Whited has an application.

**Park:** 19,264.00 was received from ODNR. Mike Baker moves move the transfer of 19,264 to an advance; Robert Beck second; Roll yes; Earl abstains. Motion passes.

**Zoning:** Mayor Whited spoke with the Mayor of Ashley to have a joint zoning inspector and the Mayor of Ashley agrees to have a joint zoning inspector. The Mayors are still in discussion on the position. Council had discussion on open air buildings Nichols would like to add. Tom's Auto Service is doing a nice job cleaning up the property.

**New Business:** Mayor Whited informed Council Dave was in an accident during Village time. Mike and Earl met with McGhee's Technical Water Services, Inc to provide sewer operations while Dave is unable too. The cost is \$1,400 a month. Earl spoke with the operator of the Sparta plant and he was not interested in operating Marengo's plant. McGhee's also operates Chesterville and SMOCO. Ron Margraff moves to contract with McGhee's. Earl Bennett Seconds, Roll yes; Motion passes. Ronda Siegfried moves to go into executive session to discuss personnel; Earl Bennett seconds; Went in at 8:07 pm. Ron Margraff moves to go out of executive session; Robert Beck seconds; Went out at 8:24 pm. Earl Bennett moves to authorize David Gale to return to work part or full time with restrictions after receiving doctor approval; Mike Baker seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Ronda Siegfried moves to void

Dave's Nov pay; Robert Beck seconds; Earl abstains; Roll yes; Motion passes. Council is withholding pay until determination is made by BWC. Mike Baker moves to pay Dave for November, Earl Bennett seconds; Ronda Siegfried nay; Roll yes; Motion passes. Hilary informed Council there are 5 first notice and 2 second notice delinquent sewer accounts. Mayor Whited met with the insurance agency yesterday to review the Village's insurance plan. Council had discussion on insuring some items at replacement cost, such as the generator. Council had further discussion on the insurance policy. Mayor Whited will adjust insurance value on the schedule of items and Council will discuss further once quote comes back. Council discussed the tree at end of the driveway. Ron Margraff moves to pay to remove the tree, Earl Bennett seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Council discussed petitioning the state to change to speed limit sign location to past the fire department. The Village had GIS survey done of the sewer lines and it was mapped. Council discussed getting GIS software to put sewer data such as pump dates, etc. The initial cost is 1,100 and the cost after that was \$500 a year. The storm sewer has also been GIS and would also be on that map. Ron Margraff moves to appropriate that for the next fiscal year; Ronda seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Council had further discussion. Hilary reviewed supplemental appropriations with Council. Robert Beck moves to approve supplemental appropriations; Mike Baker seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 9:00 pm.