

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on January 12, 2022 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Council Members: Ronda Siegfried
Earl Bennett
Brian Collins
Ron Margraff

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Austin Whited called the meeting to order. Council had discussion on meeting time and vacant council position. Brian nominates Earl Bennett for Council President; Ronda seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Earl Bennett accepts the nomination. Council discussed committee members. Brian stated he would be on fire and personnel committee. Ronda stated she would be on personnel and community improvement/zoning committee. Ron stated he would be on personnel committee. Council had discussion on Public Utilities Board. At first members would be appointed but then members would have to run in an election. Council had further discussion on the Public Utilities Board. Earl Bennet stated he would be on Park committee.

Minutes: Ron Margraff moves to approve minutes from the December 8, 2021 Council meeting; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Public: Tim Siegfried, Morrow County Commissioner, attended the meeting.

Brian Collins moves to pay the bills; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Old Business: Mayor Whited reviewed the parking Ordinance with Council. Council had discussion. Council had discussion on trailers that are parked in the Village. Council had discussion on restricting trailer parking hours, commercial trailers and personal trailers. Council had further discussion. Council had discussion on the fine amount. Council had discussion on trailer parking on Main St. Council had further discussion.

Committee Reports: Mayor Whited would like each committee to set goals for the committee.

Community Improvement & Zoning: OWPC has not met to rule on grant awards at this time. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks. Ronda would like to see zoning/improvement being proactively approached. Brian suggested putting on the website information on the committees and a way to contact if residents have concerns. Ronda asked if they Village could purchase topsoil to put around the trees on Main St. so flowers could be planted. Mayor Whited would like to see the future plan for the Village completed this year. Mayor Whited informed Council

Fishburn is putting a housing development at 61/71 area. Council had further discussion. Council had discussion on Sheets going in at 61/71.

Fire & Safety: BWJFD received a \$19,000 grant for radios. Ron would like a set plan for blocking on the streets during community events. Hilary suggested making sure no parking areas are properly identifiable.

Public Utilities: Mayor Whited and Ronda met with RCAP last month. Mayor Whited will provide Council the differences between having a Public Utility Board or Administrator. RCAP is looking at doing a rate study as well as a meter study. Earl stated the Village would need to see if anyone is still on well and if the Village would be able to use Delco usage rate. RCAP is also looking at GIS mapping grants and KEM is providing a quote for GIS mapping. RCAP is also researching a management plan and standard operating procedures for the waste water plant. Council had discussion on having a Public Utility Board compared to having a Village Administrator. RCAP is also looking at doing studies on storm water infiltrating sewer. Council discussed needing to save money for sewer maintenance in the future. Sewer started in 1992.

Personnel: Mayor Whited started job description for zoning inspector. The committee is also working on the handbook. Goal will be job description for everyone and finish the handbook.

Council had discussion on adding resident to each committee. Hilary will post on website.

Zoning: Goal would be to improve the zoning regulations. Mayor Whited stated there are several vacant houses.

New Business: Village had a complaint that no one was available to be reached. The Village did purchase a new phone/voicemail that records the callers number so calls could be returned easier. Mayor Whited reviewed a service contract with KEM for \$5,000 a year. Ron Margraff moves to approve contract; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Mayor Whited reviewed the Utility Indemnity Agreement with Everstream Solutions LLC with Council. Council would like to wait until research is done on if there are any agreements with Charter. Ronda moves to authorize Mayor Whited to enter in agreement as long as it doesn't violate other third party agreements; Brian seconds; Roll yes; Earl abstains; Motion passes. Mayor Whited informed Council OML is having a newly elected Council seminar if any Council members would like to attend. The Village would pay for any Council member that would like to attend. Council had discussion on sewer tanks that need plugged. Mayor Whited reviewed documents that require his signature with Council.

Parks: Joe Clase stated he has the back up documentation needed for the NatureWorks grant and will make a list of any additional documentation needed. Joe Clase reviewed a contract and his services with Council. Brian Collins moves to approve contract with Plan4Land at \$300 a month for 2 years; Ronda seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Joe then reviewed a blighted building grant with Council. The deadline to apply for the grant is June 30th. The Village would work with Morrow County Landbank to apply. Private landowners need to enter into an agreement with Morrow County Landbank to be eligible. Council had a further discussion. Earl Bennett suggested Ross Porter, the old school owner, to be contacted regarding possible

participation in the program. Council had further discussion on other possible properties. Earl Bennett moves to authorized Adam to contact Ross Porter about grants for removal of old school building; Ron Margraff seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Goals for park includes finishing ODNR project and apply for further grants, such as procuring more land for the park. Council had discussion on a couple of grants options, one requires 50% match and other is 25% match. Mayor Whited stated sewer tanks are going to be pumped and some tanks are being replaced. Dave is going to provide Mayor Whited a schedule.

Brian moves to adjourn. Out at 8:57 pm