

**Marengo Village Council**

P.O. Box 310  
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Minutes of the Council Meeting on May 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Village Hall

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

Mayor Austin Whited called the special meeting to order.

No one from the public is here to discuss the JEDD.

Ronda Siegfried moves to approve Resolution 2023-5-10 (Approving the Village of Marengo-Bennington Township Joint Economic Development District Agreement); Brian Collins seconds; Roll yes, Ron and Earl Nay, Motion passes.

Brian moves to adjourn. Out at 6:38 pm.

Mayor Austin Whited called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Minutes:** Ron Margraff moves to approve minutes from the April 12, 2023 council meeting; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll Yes; Earl Bennett Abstains; Motion passes. Brian Collins moves to approve minutes from the April 17, 2023 council meeting; Ron Margraff seconds; Roll Yes; Earl Bennett Abstains; Motion passes.

Mr. John Harsh, EMA Director of Morrow Co., is here to discuss the County’s emergency notification called Hyper-Reach with Council. He discussed the mitigation plan, which is required to be updated every 5 years. Villages are required to either adopt the County’s plan or adopt their own plan. He discussed how to participate in the plan with Council. There are FEMA dollars available to participants and if a federal disaster happens in Morrow Co. you are required to have a mitigation plan to receive funding.

Earl Bennet moves to pay the bills; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Mayor Whited met with Smalls Asphalt and they measured all the roads. The new estimate is \$144,971.44, about \$4,000 over original estimate. They believe that they will complete the project around Aug. Council discussed scheduling of the project completion. According to bid package, it needs to be completed by October. Robert Beck moves to approve new estimate, Mike Baker seconds, Roll yes, Motion passes. Mayor Whited then discussed tree removal and trim required in the Village for the road project. Council had discussion on trees that need trimmed. Mayor Whited will get at least 3 quotes. Mayor Whited met with ODOT today about the ditch/tile work. Project won’t begin till end of this year/beginning of next and then hopefully ODOT will start their project in June of 2024. ODOT will also be looking at ADA accesses, which ODOT will be paying for any improvements needed. Council discussed the crosswalks need painted as well as curbs.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Improvement:** Team meeting will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Council discussed signage for the building and signage coming into the Village. Council discussed sign placement.

**Fire & Safety:** Selover library will be at the fire department tomorrow to celebrate the drop box

**Personnel:**

**Park:** Randy has dirt in the boxes and he has been mulching. Robert Beck discussed mulch for the park and Mike Baker discussed a plaque for the flag memorial. Mayor Whited will look into sign prices. Mayor Whited contacted the Sheriff department to help with road closure for the Memorial Day parade. Council discussed annexing in the 2 houses that are not in the Village just North of the Village on 26. Council discussed Park maintenance and working with Whetstone. Brian Collins discussed cameras with Council for the park. It would cost \$10.00 a month for storage, around \$45.00 per camera plus additional cost for mounting, wiring, etc. Council discussed following through when someone is caught damaging Marengo property, etc. Council had further discussion. Mike Baker moves to approve up to \$500 for cameras at the park, Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes: Motion passes. Council discussed the brick pavers at the park.

**Zoning:** Mayor Whited spoke to Nickels Construction about the Conex boxes location again and informed them of Council concerns; Adam Landon will write up a contract between the Village and Nickels. Robert Beck discussed not requiring zoning permits for improvements if it doesn't increase the foot print of the house.

**New Business:** Mayor Whited said the secondary gate will not automatically open. He provided quotes for repairs/replacement. Council had discussion. Hilary discussed CD's at US Bank with Council. Council also discussed a money market account as well. Hilary will get more information and present to Council. Mike Baker discussed dumpsters in the Village for spring cleanup with Council. Council discussed residents dumping items that aren't allowed. Mayor Whited did the first reading of the Codification Ordinance. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:09 pm.