

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on November 14, 2018 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker  
Council Members: Michel Anderson  
Rick Caldwell  
Earl Bennett  
Robert Beck  
Becky Margraff  
Gary Brian Collins

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom  
Village Solicitor: Kim Rose for Adam Landon

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Robert Beck moves to approve the minutes from October 10, 2018 meetings; Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes.

**Bills:** Council reviewed the bills. Hilary informed Council she is working on a new credit card policy. Becky Margraff moves to pay bills; Earl Bennett seconds; Roll Call; Five yes zero no; Motion passes.

**Public:** John Harsch from Morrow County Office of Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security is here to go over the Emergency Management Plan with Council. He presented a plan for the Council to review and answered some questions. Council will review the plan and table until the January 2019 meeting. Morrow County Commissioners adopted the plan for Morrow County.

John Corrado is here to address Council regarding his nuisance ordinance violations. There was a list of violations and he wanted to know what Council would like corrected first. Mayor Baker discussed some of the concerns Council has with John. John stated he has moved the cars and wanted to know what Council would like addressed next. Earl Bennett discussed the signs needing removed but there is concern the property will not be improved by the signs being removed. John is planning to lease some of the property and would like to repair the roof. John's business is a commercial business but it is not open to the public. There was discussion on the vehicles and the period they sit at the property. He is willing to work with Council to meet the requirements they have, he would just like to know in more detail what they are. There was further discussion. Mayor Baker said he would get ahold of John later on this week. John stated he feels there are other businesses that are also in violating the ordinance. John would like the list numbered for what needs done first, second, etc. Gary Brian Collins arrived to the meeting. Council will have the zoning inspector or the Mayor prioritize the list for John. Council also has concerns about the trailer blocking alley traffic view. Council discussed the items that need corrected. Council appreciates John coming to the meeting to speak with them.

Hilary presented information to Council from Tabby Wymer regarding a Christmas Gathering she would like to host in the Village. Council would like to know where she wants to hold the event, when, who is organizing it, etc. Council said she is welcomed to plan the event this year and they could be more

involved next year. Earl Bennett moves the Council authorize the use of the park for the Christmas Gathering as proposed by Tabby Wymer; Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes.

Council discussed the remodel definition on the zoning permit. Council members have received several complaints about remodeling a property requiring a zoning permit and a fee. Council had further discussion on properties in the Village and the nuisance ordinance. Kim Rose is going to have Adam Landon look at the zoning for Corrado's property. He is concerned how the property is being used may not fit the zoning for the property. Mayor Baker asked Council how they would like to handle remodel/improvements to properties in the Village. Mayor Baker stated when he was in charge of zoning, he looked at it as if the footprint of the parcel changed, such as a porch or sunroom added the property would require a permit, otherwise it did not. Council would like Mayor Baker to speak with Dale Healy, zoning inspector, regarding properties being remodeled and not requiring a zoning permit.

Earl Bennett stated there is a semi-truck in an alley that is running all night long and the residents are complaining. He provided Council pictures of the truck. The alley appears not in use as an alley and it is not an open alley. The truck also appears it could be on private property instead of the alley. Becky Margraff asked about an alley on her property that is parallel to her driveway and how she would have that vacated. Earl Bennett stated the Village would have to do a vacating procedure. He recommended Becky Margraff start by talking to the Morrow Co. Engineer to see if the alley is already vacated.

**Old Business:** Mayor Baker informed Council the purchase agreement has been signed by BWJFD and they are in the process of looking into financing for the new Station 2 property. Kim Rose asked who BWJFD is looking at getting financing thru and Mayor Baker stated they are looking at Consolidated Co-op and other options, such as USDA. There was discussion on grants and funds from USDA.

Mayor Baker informed Council he spoke with Ike Hickman, who is no longer Grant Specialist for Morrow County, and the plans have been changed for the sidewalk so it fits the grant as Council had discussed last meeting. Bid packs went out today and bid opening is on Nov. 28. Council had discussion.

Mayor Baker stated he spoke with the property owner next to Lot 115/116 and informed him the Village will remove the storage building that is on both properties when the house is removed. Mayor Baker suggested running an ad to see if anyone wants to remove the buildings.

**New Business:** Joe Clase from Plan4Land presented plans to Council for park improvements for upcoming 2019 grants. He gave Council several different options and suggested things like basketball court, volleyball court, soccer field or public restrooms. He recommends Council make a decision around January or February 2019.

There was discussion on Ross Porter's zoning permit application and the requirements for the lot split and other items requested. Council discussed requiring Ross to provide several zoning permit applications since he is requesting several things and he still needs the property surveyed.

Mayor Baker requested to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Michel Anderson moves to go into executive session; Robert Beck seconds; in at 9:02 pm. Robert Beck moves to go out of executive session; Brian Collins seconds; outs at 9:15 pm.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn, Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes. Out at 9:15 pm