Marengo Village Council
P.O. Box 310
Marengo, OH 43334

Minutes of the Council Meeting on September 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

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

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

Minutes: Robert Becks moves to approve minutes from the August 9, 2023 council meeting; Mike Baker seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Public: No guest

Mike Baker moves to pay bills, Robert Beck seconds, Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Old Business: Hilary discussed paying off the truck loan with Council and CD rate options. Ronda moves to pay off truck loan, Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Ron Margraff abstains; Motion passes. Mike Baker discussed the JEDD decisions determined at the Bennington Twp. meeting. Steve Lewis will represent Bennington Twp., Lauri Lovell will represent the employees and Burgess Castle will represent the employers. Meeting will be scheduled to approve/disapprove Highland School nominee. Council had further discussion.

Mayor Whited reviewed tree bid from James Tree Service with Council. He is meeting with another bidder tomorrow. He will review additional bids at next month's meeting.

Ronda Siegfried moves to go into executive session to discuss litigation; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Went in at 7:23 pm. Ron Margraff moves to go out; Went out at 7:43 pm.

Committee Reports:

Community Improvement: Mayor Whited talked to Bennington Twp. and they will allow us to put a sign on their property. He also proposed putting a sign by the old funeral home. Council had discussion on signage at the park. Mayor Whited will get cost options. Fall Fest is Sept. 23, Main Street will be closed 8-6. Halloween is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 from 5:00 – 7:30 pm.
Fire & Safety: Nothing **Personnel:** Nothing
Park: Patty has agreed to the purchase and surveying has been scheduled.
Zoning: Jerry Bowling will start as the zoning inspector on 9/14/2023.

Council had discussion on Village Administrator position.

New Business: Mayor Whited has purchased the line paint and will work on getting the roads done. Mike Baker spoke with Lyons, Roberts and others property owners about possible annexation. Council had discussion. Ron Margraff moves to pursuing annexing; Ronda seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Hilary informed Council there are 7 first notices and 4 second notices on sewer delinquencies. Mayor Whited informed Council that Village needs to start looking at purchasing a new lawn mower. He reviewed quotes with Council. Council had discussion. Village will post meeting minutes online within a month of approval and agenda before meeting. Council also discussed doing a searchable online ordinance and also posting ordinances online in PDF. A company would help us put the ordinances online. Mike Baker moves to approve purchase of ability to put codified ordinances on the internet; Robert Beck seconds; Ron Margraff No; Roll yes; Motion passes. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:20 pm.