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

Minutes of the Council Meeting on August 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

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

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

Minutes: Brian Collins moves to approve minutes from the July 12, 2023 council meeting; Mike Baker seconds; Earl Bennett abstains; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Public: Verdant Creations introduced themselves to Council.

Mike moves to pay bills, Brian seconds, Roll Yes; Motion passes. Hilary informed Council funds have not been invested in a CD at this time. Council would like Fiscal Officer to shop rates due to US Bank not responding in timely matter. Mayor Whited and Mike Baker will attend the September Bennington Twp. meeting for JEDD appointment.

Brian moves to go into executive session to discuss litigation; Ronda seconds; Earl abstains; Went in at 7:11 pm. Robert Beck moves to go out; Went out at 7:34 pm.

Committee Reports:

Community Improvement: Nothing

Fire & Safety: Nothing

Personnel: Nothing

Park: Cameras are in, will work on being installed. Mayor Whited would like to schedule a work day mid-October. Mike spoke with Patty Roberts that owns the property next to the park. She is willing to sell the vacant back half of her lot for 10,500. Council discussed putting in a soccer field. Council discussed appropriations. Earl moves to purchase the back portion of 68 Walnut St.and parcel A45-003-00-016-00 at \$10,500 plus closing cost; Council had further discussion on process to annex property, splitting lots and surveying; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Zoning: Mayor Whited reviewed the application for a lot line split on 43 S. Main St. with Council. The request meets the zoning requirements. Brian moves to approve lot split; Mike Baker seconds; Roll yes; Earl abstains; Motion passes. Mayor Whited reviewed the application for a mobile home with Council. Mike Baker asked if the mobile home would be a permanent structure and not on wheels. Jerry said it would not be on wheels. Council had further discussion. Council then discussed the vacant lots in town that don't meet zoning requirements. Council had further discussion on the definition of a mobile home. Mike moves to deny the request for the zoning variance; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

New Business: Mayor Whited discussed septic issues on 229. Village will have tank pumped as well as others in the Village. There was 6 first notices on delinquent sewer. Ronda moves to approve additional \$3,000 to 1000-750-341-0000 appropriation (Legal Expense) Mike seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Ronda moves to add 12k 1000-730-510-0000 (Land and Land Improvements); Mike seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Mike discussed the last 2 houses that are not inside limit annexing them into the Village. He also discussed adding additional properties. Council is ok with Mike continuing to discuss annex. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:25 pm.