

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on July 12, 2017 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker  
Council Members: Cherri Burwell  
Robert Beck  
Ron Margraff  
Becky Margraff  
Earl Bennett  
Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Cherri Burwell moves to approve the minutes from June 14, 2017 meeting; Becky Margraff seconds; Motion passes.

**Bills:** Cherri Burwell moves to pay bills; Robert Beck seconds; Roll Call 5 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

**Public:** Bob Steck is here to discuss the fence that goes along the driveway to Village Hall and the need for it to be replaced. He feels the Village is liable to maintain and replace the fence. Village states the easement doesn't require a fence. Village Solicitor reviewed document that Bob presented to Council.

Public asked if the pot holes patching have been completed in the Village. Mayor Baker said the pothole patching is complete. Village is hoping to repave the road towards the post office this fall. Public complained that not all the roads was patched the same quality as others roads in the Village.

**Old Business:** Hilary discussed with Council forming a budget committee to go over the 2018 budget. Council also reviewed the revised budget for the sidewalk grant. Total cost increased due to retaining wall that is required. New leverage amount required is \$15,700. Council already approved \$13,000 for sidewalk grant. County Engineer has approved the plans the Village submitted for the grant application. Robert Beck moves to approve \$15,700 for sidewalks; Ron Margraff; 5 yes 0 no; Motion passes. Council discussed when the new sidewalks will be constructed and putting up no parking signs so that people don't park on the new sidewalks.

Council discussed the property located 31 Williams St. Earl Bennett moves the Village Attorney contact the property owners Ross Porter (West Walnut) and Magnolia Tree properties regarding proposed sidewalks and the requirements they will need; Ron Margraff seconds; 5 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

Council discussed the bent and dent signs. Mayor Baker and Earl Bennett have both notified the business owner the signs need moved and she was given information letting her know there is a sign permit.

Council discussed posting zoning info on the website. Mayor Baker discussed enforcing the sign zoning requirements, notifying the public of sign requirements and picking a date that signs will be removed.

Council also discussed getting signs for the Village stating the Village is a zoned community. Becky Margraff suggested Council create a welcome letter to new business as well as old businesses and letting them know the Village is a zoned community.

**Zoning Committee Report:** Zoning Committee presented zoning permit application to the Council. Council reviewed the application and discussed. Council also reviewed the fees on the zoning application. Cherri Burwell moves to adopt zoning permit application, planning commission application

and board of zoning appeals application with minor changes discussed by Council. Council discussed honoring fee's that have been recently quoted and further discussed zoning fees. Robert Beck seconds motion; Motion passes. Joe Clase will provide the Village with revised application with the corrections Council requested.

**Old Business:** Village Solicitor informed Council the old Shattuck property the Village purchased can be requested as tax exempt. Council discussed who would fill out the tax exempt application. Joe Clase from Plan 4 Land will fill out the application for tax exemption.

**Park:** Council discussed the mulch needed for the playground. Mayor Baker also informed Council and the public that work is being done on Saturday at 10:00 am if anyone would like to come and help. Becky Margraff moves to purchase up to \$3000 in mulch out of park fund; Cherri Burwell seconds. Further discussion; 4 yes 1 no; Motion passes. Robert Beck moves to transfer \$13,000 from general to park fund to cover pavilion expense; Becky Margraff seconds; Motion passes.

**New Business:** Mayor Baker discussed with a Council the need for a Village Administrator. The Village Solicitor has spoken with the Ohio Municipal League regarding a requirement for a Village Administrator. Earl Bennett stated none of the small villages in the county have a Village Administrator. He is also stated that the Auditor has never said anything about the Village requiring an administrator. Council discussed a Village Administrator's job description. The Village Solicitor is still researching the requirement for a Village Administrator. Council discussed the Villages monthly sewer rate for the resident's is less compared to other Morrow Co. villages. Earl Bennett stated the Village received almost in 1 million in grants to help cover the expense of the sewer plant. Council members discussed accounts that haven't been paid and the usage of those accounts.

Council discussed the white car that needs removed from the Village. Mayor Baker informed the Village needs a Village Ordinance to have the car removed, such as a parking ordinance. Council discussed options to have the car removed.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn; Earl Bennett seconds; Motion passes.