

Marengo Village Council

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Marengo, OH 43334

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on October 14, 2020 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Siegfried
Council Members: Earl Bennett
Austin Whited
Brian Collins
Robert Beck
Ronda Siegfried
Ricky Caldwell

Village Solicitor: Adam Landon
Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Siegfried called the meeting to order.

Public: Todd from Marengo Properties is here. He will discuss his zoning permit application when Joe Clase arrives.

Dave Gale is not here to give the sewer report to Council. .

Minutes: Robert Beck moves to approve the minutes from September 9, 2020 meeting; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Bills: Council reviewed bills. Brian Collins moves to pay bills; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Old Business: Trick or Treat will still be October 31, 2020 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. There is interest from the community to have Trick or Treat. Hilary informed Council eight sewer accounts were assessed. There was discussion on plugging sewers, Council does not have cost of plugs at this time. Mayor Siegfried informed Council almost all of the concerns brought up by the public last meeting have been addressed. The cars have been removed and none have been added, the weeds and trash have been cleaned up.

Committee Reports:

Fire and Safety: Brian asked what is going in the old Rx building; it is going to be a church and possibly office.

Community Relations: Ronda Siegfried informed Council Marengo's movie night was well attended. There will be a home decorating contest for Halloween and Ronda provide info for Council to review. December 5th will be the Christmas in the Village.

Park and Streets: Council needs to decide on what they would like to use the grant money received by Nature Works on at the park. Council had discussion on the bathroom. The grant is for \$16,000. There was also discussion on the doing the roads also.

Zoning: There is a zoning permit from Kuhn's for a house on Seymore Rd. Council had discussion on occupancy. There is also a house number being added to Vine St.

New Business: Council had discussion on zoning issues, such as overgrown weeds on properties. Council had further discussion on zoning issues that are not covered in the zoning ordinance and enforcing the zoning, the Village does have. Council had discussion on cost of enforcing zoning. Council reviewed current nuisance ordinance. Mayor Siegfried contacted AEP for connection for the Christmas lights. The Village will need to fill out an application for AEP to keep on file for pole attachment agreements. He has not received the application yet.

American Legion will be the voting location for the Village of Marengo.

Todd reviewed his zoning application for Marengo Properties. Council reviewed letter and pictures while Todd went over them. Todd sent out an invitation to the neighbors to get their feedback and answer any questions. They have owned the property about 3 years ago and they are currently rehabbing the units as they become vacant. Council reviewed their plans and had discussion with properties owners. He reviewed his plans for parking, which would be within the property. They are looking at doing exterior improvements next year as well. The Village discussed sewer capacity; the property owners are discussing the requirements with the EPA. Joe Clase provided more information to Council in regards to requirements from the Village. Council had further discussion on vacating the alley. Council had discussion on parking; there is currently no car restrictions at this time. Council is the zoning board, Austin Whited moves to approved zoning permit application; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes, Earl Bennett abstains; Motion passes.

Joe Clase provided a vacant property inventory to Council. Council reviewed and proposed ordinance for vacant properties.

Council discussed email from ODOT on repairs needed to Village roads before resurfacing can begin. Joe Clase will contact Andy Ware from Morrow County for more info on additional grants. The Village has not secured funds to do repairs on the road at this time.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:23 pm