

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on April 8, 2020 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Siegfried  
Council Members: Earl Bennett  
Ricky Caldwell  
Gary Brian Collins  
Michel Anderson  
Austin Whited  
Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Tim Siegfried called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Austin Whited moves to approve the minutes from March 11, 2020 meeting; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

**Public:** None

**Bills:** Hilary reviewed bills with Council. Michel Anderson moves to pay bills; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

**Old Business:** Mayor Siegfried went over tree removal quote with additional trees added. Select Tree Service quoted \$3,000 to include the additional trees. They could also remove a whole row of trees for \$6,000 requiring no further maintenance in the future. There was discussion on asking for a variance from Joseph Porter and seeing about getting additional bid from another tree cutting service. There was discussion on the surrounding properties and problems with possible commercial use. Council would like a second bid for the row of trees removed and making sure the company has insurance.

Council discussed not plugging sewers at this time. Hilary did not send out notices with sewer bills. Council will look at plugging sewers in the future.

Council had discussion on loss of revenue from street funds as well as income tax.

**Committee Reports:**

**Park:** Austin and Mayor Siegfried met with Joe Clase (Plan4Land) to get quotes for block walls for the bathroom instead of prefab.

**Fire and Safety:** The fire station will be manned part time starting in April.

**Community Relations:** The old Z's location may become a groomer/ urgent care for pets. There was discussion on the how to help community relations in this time of need.

**Zoning:** Don Callahan has a zoning application for an accessory building from Joseph Kuhn. He submitted \$200.00 in cash to pay for zoning permit. Don is going to tag the vehicles that have not been removed. He also received a zoning application for a permanent sign. They paid \$50.00 with a check.

Council had discussion. Council had discussion on the zoning corrections required at the old grocery store.

**New Business:** Mayor Siegfried went over sewer issues in the Village. There are two major issues, backed-up sewers and the storm sewer on West St. There was discussion on snaking the storm sewers. There was discussion on the locations of the storm sewers. Mayor Siegfried walked around the Village to look at the storm sewers drains. Earl Bennett discussed having someone make a diagram of the storm sewer system. There was discussion on known drains. Earl Bennett gave Council some history on the storm drain system.

Pump Station on Seymore and Walnut Street needs replaced, the pump station is 28 years old. The stations could not be repaired, so they will need to be replaced. The total cost is \$4,300 to have them replaced. Brian Collins moves to approve pump station replacement; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. The flow meter at the sewer station is out and needs to be replaced. The cost to replace it will be total of \$3,462. Earl Bennet moves to approve the purchase of the flow meter as quoted plus \$500 for contingency; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

There was discussion on Municipal Codes for the Village. A resident is having issues with motorcycle noise in the late evenings. Council had discussion. Council had discussion on an old ordinance book; Village is unsure where it is on this time. Council had further discussion on how to enforce ordinances. Council is going to hold on gravel for the sewer plant driveway. Council reviewed a notice about flushing items down the toilet, such as wipes. Earl Bennett moves to authorize the Mayor to notify residents and tenants; Austin Whited seconds; Roll yes, Motion passes.

Earl Bennett discussed with Council having Joe Clase (Plan4Land) write a grant application to have buildings demolished in the Village and the landowner would retain the property. He listed several he would suggest, such as old school and old mill. He feels there are several grants available and the Village would have a grant ready when grants become available. There was discussion. Mayor Siegfried will discuss with Joe Clase. Austin Whited asked about a trash day in the Village, the Village did one last year and had two dumpsters. There was discussion on doing it in May. Earl Bennett moves the Village do a trash day May 16/17 and get two dumpsters that will be located in the Village limits. The Village will also post about the trash day at various businesses in the Village; Austin Whited seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Hilary will post 2020 minutes through March and update contact information on Village website. Austin Whited discussed having the Mayor do training in the future. Ricky Caldwell discussed with Council sewer complaints. He states some on the sewer tanks have not been pumped regularly, his has not been pumped in 6 years and when the sewer was pumped, and the dirt was not cleaned up after it was done. Earl Bennett request Dave to provide the rotation for pumping tanks and a list on when the tanks was pumped. There was discussion. Austin Whited moves to reimburse Ricky Caldwell \$305.00 for expenses due to sewer tank not being pumped; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll yes; Ricky Caldwell abstains; Motion passes. There was further discussion on pumping tanks in the Village.

Brian Collins moves to adjourn. Out at 9:12 pm.