

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on May 12, 2021 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Council Members: Ricky Caldwell  
Ronda Siegfried  
Earl Bennett  
Ron Margraff  
Robert Beck

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom  
Village Solicitor Adam Landon

Mayor Austin Whited called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Robert Beck moves to approve minutes from the April 14, 2021 Council meeting; Ron Margraff seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Earl Bennett moves to approve minutes from the May 1, 2021 Council meeting; Ricky Caldwell seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes

**Bills:** Council reviewed bills. Robert Beck moves to pay bills; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

**Public:** Bulls Eye Pete's and Hinkle's Hardware would like to provide fireworks on July 10<sup>th</sup> and do a small street fair. Council had discussion on liability of a street fair. There was also discussion if any ballgames would be going on that day, the fireworks are planned to be set off at the ballfield. There was discussion on parking and traffic. Marengo Matters would also like to be involved. Council had discussion on hiring the Sheriff Department to be available during the event. Council agrees to close West St. for the street fair and will consider closing more streets after receiving more details.

Lillian Whited wanted to know how much security cameras would cost to run at the park. Council had discussion on possible cost and monthly cost. Lillian expressed her concern of damages being done to the park during ballgames. Council had discussion on what the recourse would be if they determined who was doing the damages. Council had further discussion on cost and waiting till park improvements are finished. Council will table till next meeting.

**Old Business:** Mayor Whited informed Council the Village will need a licensed electrician to install the outlets on the poles. Mayor Whited informed Council the shelving unit is in and a lift will need to be rented to clean out gutters and put up flags. Earl Bennet moves the authorization of renting a lift; Ronda seconds; Roll Yes; Motion Passes. Mayor Whited discussed a Village Administrator or board for sewer with Council. Council had discussion on duties and responsibilities, such as sewer assessments and running the daily operations of the Village. There was a discussion if the position would require certain qualifications. Council had discussion on needing to create job description, wage, etc. Hilary will run numbers at \$17.00 an hour for 15 hours a week. Council will discuss next month. Mayor Whited discussed plugging sewers with Council. Council had further discussion. Council will table till next meeting. Earl Bennett discussed with Council the driveway at the sewer plant. He informed Council it is the Village's responsibility to maintain the driveway to the sewer plant. Mayor Whited asked Council if

they reviewed the email he sent them on the truck purchase. He discussed a Ford regular cab at \$36,838 with snow blade and no bed with Council. The truck body (bed, crane and salt spreader) would be an additional \$24,385 (Ace Trucking) or \$24,440 (Dexter Co.) Mayor Whited would recommended the Dexter company. Council had discussion. The crane will be on the bed all the time. Council had discussion on the crane lifting capacity and reach. Mayor Whited informed Council it will take several months to be built and may not be in by winter. Ron Margraff moves to purchase and secure a loan the Ford 350 (1 ton) with snow plow as presented by Mayor Whited; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Ronda Siegfried moves to purchase the Dexter Co truck body package (bed, crane, salt spreader and crane enforcement packages. Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Ricky Caldwell abstains; Motion passes. Mayor Whited reviewed Hidden Drive estimates from Erdy Excavation and Goodman Excavating with Council. Council had discussion. Council had discussion on material needed to build the road. Earl Bennett moves to accept Goodman Excavating bid; Ron Margraff seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning:** Ronda informed Council there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the park improvements on May 22 at 6:00 pm. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> Fishburn Services/DL Boone will level the site for us and provide railroad ties at a discount. If someone donates \$100 they will receive an engraved paver brick. CBDG grant has been applied for and is waiting for the State to award grants, which won't be till Sept.

**Fire & Safety:** Nothing to report

**Parks and Streets:** Council had discussion on Hidden Drive.

**Zoning:** Nothing to report

**New Business:** Mayor Whited is getting barricades from Mt. Gilead for the Memorial Day parade. Council had discussion on getting new flags to hang in the Village. Earl Bennett moves to approve the purchase of American Flags for along the streets; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Ricky Caldwell moves to approve RITA to send letters and administrative subpoenas to non-filers; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Motion passes.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 9:01 pm.