

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on May 11, 2016 at 7:00pm

Meeting was called to order by Mike Baker with council members Robert Beck, Earl Bennett, John Brent, Ron Margraff, Becky Margraff and Cherri Burwell present.

**Minutes:** Minutes was reviewed by the Council. Robert Beck moved to approve the minutes with corrections to the sentence “council could address those issues as Ross acquires tenants for he units he will be leasing” to “council could address those issues as Ross acquires tenants for the units he will be leasing” and correction of “Chris” to “ Chris Rinehart (Ross Porters attorney.)” John Brent Second.

Motion Passes

**Approval of Bills:** There was discussion on how Hilary (clerk) should present bills to council for review and approval. Council feels that the bills need to be presented clearer and discussed using the spreadsheet previous clerk used. Hilary will enter information into the spreadsheet previously used to present bills to council for approval. Cherri Burwell moved to pay bill listed with exception to Bennett’s. Robert Beck Second. Motion Passes

**Public Comments:** Ike Hickman from the Economic Development Office is here to discuss the CBDG grant proposal that includes the park. After reviewing the site, Ike is concerned it would not be approved since work has already been started even though the park is being built in multi stages. He asked the State of Ohio grant provider their feelings on Morrow Co. including the park in the CBDG grant proposal since work on the park has already began. State stated that Marengo should do no more work on the area of the park where the pavilion will be going. The grant application is due mid-June and Ike will have to document all work that has been done to the park and be able to show no further work has been done to the area the pavilion will be going. If Morrow Co. is awarded the CDBG grant, progress can continue on the pavilion and the work will be completed by Morrow Co. Ike will have to take measurements of the area the pavilion will be going and Joe Clase will gather information on the structure being built for Ike to include in proposal. Mike wanted to know Ike’s opinion on the chances Morrow. Co. will receive the grant and Ike stated he felt 99% as long a no as more work is done. Council wanted to know if the needed to do anything to help ensure the grant would be awarded. Ike stated to make sure no more work is done to the pavilion area. He also let Council know that the ODNR grant Marengo Village has already received can’t be used as matching funds but they already have enough matching funds with other

donations. Drive, playground, etc. can still be worked on just can't do anything in area grant is be applied for. Morrow co. is applying for \$23,475 to build a pavilion in Marengo as part of the CBDG grant and the grant can only cover building a pavilion. The pavilion will be stick built Pavilion instead of pre-fab if the grant is received and the grant does not cover the concrete pad for the pavilion. Ike asked Council if they feel comfortable waiting to put the pavilion in until next year. Becky Margraff said they have done without it for this long, they can wait. Cherri Burwell stated if it fails to come through, they still have funds to put up some sort of pavilion. Cherri Burwell moved to delay the construction of pavilion until the CBDG grant has been determined and authorization has been received by Ike Hickman. Becky Margraff second Motion passes.

**Park Committee Report:** Joe Clase brought a spreadsheet for council of the expenses for park (attached.) Council reviewed the spreadsheet with Joe and discussed expenses as well as donations. Joe Clase will continue to go over expenses with council each meeting as the project continues. Expenses for May so far include \$156.87 and additional \$7800 will be needed to cover stone. Total cost so far is approx. \$11,833.75. Council decided to wait on continuing any progress on park project until reimbursement from comes in. The seed cost has been donated so seeding will be done. Mike believes reallocation of playground equipment that was donated shouldn't cost the village anything, all that work will be donated. Joe stated it will take about 30 to 45 days to get reimbursements. Ike mentioned to Council that he knows that Home Depot sponsors and donates supplies and materials and they should check with Home Depot to see if they can receive any donations. There was also discussion on checking with local FFA's, 4-H groups, Boy Scout Troops and Tri-Rivers to see about having picnic tables built. Ike let Council know he is available to be contacted if Council has any questions or concerns and that he will help with getting other grants as well. Ike encouraged Council to apply for a grant for sidewalks or street paving in 2017/2018. Village applied for a street project in the past, will look at revisiting that because they would like to finish Hidden Drive.

Earl asked about applying for Land Bank funds. Ike stated they are working on starting what Land Bank money can be used for. Earl suggested using Land Bank funds to tear down the grocery store and school. Ike stated he is not aware of funding available for private property that is blighted but is not being foreclosed on. He also stated there are no demo funds available at this time. There was discussion on the Tax Ease service that county uses to collect property taxes.

**Continued approval of Bills:** Cherri Burwell moved to pay Bennett Distributing Robert Beck second. Earl Bennet abstains. Motion passes.

**Old Business:** John stated the website for the Village is under construction and the address is villageofmarengo.com. He showed Council the progress made so far. Michael Wilson is working on developing the site. John proposed to council puts basic info on home page and email addresses for mayor and clerk. There will also be a place for minutes and Council member information, as well as community events. In the future, could add information on schools, businesses, etc. John told Council members they can email him any thoughts they have and he will forward them to Michael.

Mike wanted to discuss with the Council applications/forms for zoning changes and the cost. Council discussed having it cost \$150 for a re-zoning application to construct on property, such as garage. The resident would put in application and Mike will go out and look and approve or deny application. Council believes the cost was \$75 in the past. Council discussed other zoning applications, such as ones to move a trailer and which applications had to have a mailing and posted in the paper. Joe Clase offered to show South Bloomfield's zoning applications and fees. Ron Margraff moved to have a temporary cost for an application to add a garage at \$50.00 until further research is done. John Brent second Motion Passes.

Mike received a letter from the Office of Homeland Security that Morrow Co. is applying for a grant for hazardous mitigation. Council reviewed letter that Mike received. Earl moved to approve participation in Morrow County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Ron second. Motion passes.

Earl Bennett moved to go into executive session to discuss legal acquisition of real estate. Ron Margraff second. Roll Yes. Went into executive session at 8:39 pm. Ron Margraff moved to go out of executive session John Brent second Roll Yes Went out of executive session at 8:53 pm. Ron Margraff moved to investigate the purchase of a property in Marengo and have Zelkowitz Barry Cullers complete title search on property after Mike receives cost for title search. John Brent second. Motion passes. Cherri Burwell moved to adjourn. Robert Beck second. Motion passes.