

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on March 14, 2018 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker
Council Members:

Becky Margraff
Earl Bennett
Michel Anderson
Gary Brian Collins
Robert Beck

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Michel Anderson moves to approve the minutes from February 14, 2018 meeting; Becky Margraff seconds; Motion passes.

Bills: Michel Anderson moves to pay bills; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Call 5 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

Public: Aaron Huvler asked when the sidewalk grant project would be available to bid on. Project will be accepting bids in the near future.

Zoning: Joe Clase and Mayor Baker met with Nicole Derr, village solicitor, in regards to the zoning code and sewer ordinance. Mayor Baker and Joe Clase suggested to Council getting a new 2018 Ohio Basic Code book. Council reviewed table of contents for new book. Joe Clase gave an example of the public works code (sewer) for Council to review updated with Marengo's information. There was discussion on the need to update the Village's codes. Mayor Baker asked the Council what they would like to see for the future of the Village. Brian Collins would like to see the Village grow. Michel Anderson agrees the Village use to be booming in the past. Earl Bennett stated many people drive thru the town but do not stop and the Village is competing with neighboring villages and cities. Becky Margraff felt the current codes need simplified and made easier for the residents to understand. There was discussion on the fact the current ordinance book has not been updated since the 70's. The cost for the 2018 Ohio Basic Code is \$600. Brian Collins asked if updating the codebook could open the Village up to businesses the Village may not want to come into the Village. Nicole Derr stated the codebook has all the information about things the Council has been asking about, such as towing, signage, etc. Council will table to next meeting.

Old Business: Council reviewed the public works code for sanitary sewer Joe Clase presented. Council discussed corrections that would needed made to the information he provided. This would be an addendum to the original sewer ordinance or could replace the original sewer ordinance. Council discussed adding reviewing the fee schedule annually as well as increasing the reconnection fee or charging per visit. Council also discussed shutting of delinquent sewer accounts. Earl Bennett stated it is cheaper to assess on the taxes. Council will review for next meeting.

Sidewalk Grant: Joe Clase also discussed meeting with the neighbors of the sidewalks. He proposed doing a mailing to the residents to see if there was any changes needed. Council discussed having a meeting on a Saturday at the Pavilion in a couple of weeks, such as March 24 at 10:00 am.

Old Business Cont: Council discussed the need for a Village Administrator or Board of Public Affairs. The Mayor cannot be Village Administrator. Mayor will supervise the Village Administrator. Becky asked what the Village Administrators duties would be. Village Administrator would oversee different aspects of Village operations. Mayor would appoint Administrator and Council would approve.

New Business: Dave Gale asked Council to approve the purchase of new tires for his personal truck he uses for Village purposes all the time. Mayor Baker stated he could put a set of tires on his truck for \$700.00. There was discussion. Earl Bennett moves to authorize up to \$1000 for the purchase of tires for the sewer operators truck for compensation of services rendered to the Village. Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes.

Permanent Appropriations: Hilary Ostrom presented permanent appropriations to Council. There was discussion on changes from the temporary appropriations approved. Robert Beck moves to approve permanent appropriations; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll Call 5 Yes 0 No; Motion passes.

This will be Nicole Derr's (village solicitor) last meeting. Mayor Baker suggested to Council to interview other firms and give other firms a chance to bid. Council thanked Nicole for her service.

Earl presented to Council documentation regarding state highway maintenance responsibilities. He stated he has heard they are requesting Villages to help pay paving state routes.

Mayor Mike adjourned meeting at 8:17 pm