

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

Council Members present: Mike Baker Ronda Siegfried Ron Margraff
Earl Bennett Robert Beck

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom **Village Solicitor:**

Mayor Whited called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: Ronda Siegfried moves to approve minutes from the September 11, 2024 council meeting; Mike Baker seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Mike Baker moves to approve supplemental appropriations; Robert Beck seconds; Roll Yes; Earl Bennett abstains; Motion passes.

Mike Baker moves to pay bills; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes

Old Business: Mike Baker reviewed with Council the JEDD Board meeting discussion last night. The Village of Marengo needed to prepare an ordinance for the JEDD contract that was signed and approved at the August meeting. Council had discussion. Ronda Siegfried moves to pass Ordinance 2024-8-14; Robert Beck seconds; Ron Margraff and Earl Bennett Nay; Mike Baker Yes; Motion passes. Earl Bennett stated the property on 229 has been annexed into the Village. He then reviewed annexation for properties on the North side of the Village. Mike Baker approves to authorize up to \$1500 for annexation surveys; Earl Bennett seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Mayor Whited did the second reading for Ordinance 2024-9-11.

Committee Reports:

Community Improvement: Fall Festival was well attended and had good reviews. There was discussion on the fun days from the past. \$10,308 has been raised for Christmas lights through donations and Village contribution. Mayor Whited reviewed lights that have been purchased as well as a list of items he plans to purchase. Council had discussion. Council also had further discussion on putting up a live tree in the Village, such as at the church. Council had discussion on streaming music during the month of December.

Fire: Council reviewed progress of the new Station 2

Park: Gutter guards have been installed at the park. Mike Baker discussed purchasing additional property over by the park with Council.

Zoning/Administrator: Council had discussion of zoning violations in Marengo. Mayor Whited will be purchasing a laptop and printer for the Village Administrator/Zoning Inspector.

New Business: Mayor Whited discussed additional sewer install for Ostrom and Twp. properties and upgrades as requested by Council. Engineering and Construction cost will be included in the grant we received for sewer upgrade. Council had discussion on sewer connection cost and creating a tap fee. There was discussion on setting the tap fee at \$8,000 plus installation cost. Council had further discussion on reducing the tap fee to \$6,500 due to installation requirements to the main line which is the property owners' responsibilities and revisit the tap fee cost every year. The Village will require the contractor to be approved by the Village. Mike Baker moves to authorize Mayor Whited to enter into an agreement with KEM for engineering; Ronda Siegfried; Roll Yes; Earl abstains; Motion passes. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:33 pm.