

Marengo Village Council

P.O. Box 310

Marengo, OH 43334

Minutes of the Council Meeting on August 8, 2018 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker
Council Members: Michel Anderson
Robert Beck
Becky Margraff
Gary Brian Collins
Rick Caldwell
Earl Bennett

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom
Village Solicitor: Adam Landon

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Brian Collins moves to approve the minutes from July 11, 2018 and July 25, 2018 meeting; Robert Beck seconds; Motion passes.

Bills: Council reviewed the bills and there was discussion. Becky Margraff moves to pay bills; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll Call 6 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

Public: Public had questions on the progress of the sidewalk. Mayor Baker informed public Council hired an engineering firm and they hope to get the surveying done this week. The project will need to be bid on again and hopes to be completed this year.

Main Street Market and Deli asked if they could put their smoker out front again until the sidewalk project begins, Council approves.

Local businesses would like to organize a fun day in the Village around Halloween time. There was discussion and Mayor Baker said he would check into closing Main Street. Council approved and would like to be involved.

Lillian Whited asked about the alley behind her house. Mayor Baker said they would be putting post up soon and he will speak with her before anything is done.

Old Business: Hilary informed Council the 2016/2017 audit has been submitted to the state by the auditor.

Council reviewed quote for new Bobcat. Cost would be \$52,675.57 with the Village turning in its old unit. Trade in value for old unit is \$3500. Council discussed how old the current Bob Cat is and the repairs needed to be made. There was discussion on purchase of a new Bob Cat and the benefits. The Village does not use the Bob Cat for snow removal. Cost would be \$1,016.16 a month for 5 years at an interest rate of 5.91%. With interest, a new Bob Cat would cost approx. \$61,000. Council went and looked at the used equipment Bob Gale has offered to sell the Village. There was discussion. Earl

Bennett moves to refurbish existing equipment and offer \$6,000 for the equipment Robert Gale has for sale; Rick Caldwell seconds; Roll Call 6 Yes 0 No; Motion passes.

Joe Clase, Plan4Land, said the surveyors have started pulling files and getting info from the County Engineer.

Adam Landon stated the zoning violations letters have been sent. He also created a draft letter to send to ODOT for the traffic study requesting ODOT to consider expanding the traffic study to include Village of Marengo. It is available for Council to review. Earl would like the letter to include turn lanes on 61/229 and the stops on 229 in the Village limits, Walnut/Main and Main/Noble. Council would like Adam to send the letter to ODOT. There was discussion on when roads outside the Village are closed it increases traffic in the Village.

Mayor Baker requested Joe Clase to explain the grant process to Council and the steps needed to do a grant. Joe explained Nature Works grants did not require engineering and the grant for the pavilion did require engineering but the Village used another town's plan that had been stamped by an engineer. The CBDG grant for sidewalks did require engineering and Bart, the County Engineer, stamped the first round of plans but not the final plans. He requested the Village hire an engineer. Village will need to do a lot of legwork for future grants. Preliminary plans (estimates) and final plans will need approved by an engineer upfront. Unfortunately if the Village pays engineering to prepares plans for a grant but do not receive the grant the Village is out the cost. The goal is still to get bid packet out in Sept. Ike Hickman feels an extension is possible if necessary. Joe Clase is looking at preparing park project for some grants available, such as putting in a restroom and paving the parking.

Adam Landon prepared a nuisance ordinance for Council to review. He highlighted key points in the ordinance while Council reviewed. Mayor Baker suggested scheduling a Special meeting on Wednesday August 22 at 7:00 pm to discuss the ordinance.

Mayor Baker informed Council the Village will need to have a concrete tank made to putting in before the pump station South on 26. Dave Gale will be out next week having surgery and Tyler Gale will keep an eye on things while he is off. Earl stated the pump station at that location was not designed for the flow. Mayor Baker stated they have not had a problem until now. Mayor Baker feels the tank will cost approx. \$2000 and about \$2000 to put in. Earl Bennett moves to authorize up to \$6,000 for tank, labor and installation at the pump station at the south Village limits line at Church St; Brian Collins seconds; Motion passes. Jerry Bowling requested his tank pumped. Village plans to have it done on Friday. He also asked about the development at 61/71 and the effects of Marengo in the future. Village's sewer can handle additional growth and all the lots in town already have sewer line. If the 40+ acres by the post office is developed, the Village will go from there.

New Business: Hilary review Resolution 2018-8-8 for supplemental appropriations with Council. Earl Bennett moves to adopt Resolution 2018-8-8; Ricky Caldwell second; Roll Call 6 yes 0 no; Motion passes. Mayor Baker asked Council what they would like to do if the Village does not have any response to the letters sent for zoning violations. Ricky Caldwell asked about adding/replacing a speed limit sign by the post office. Village will look. Dale Healey proposed to Council the Village needs to put in erosion control standards when the file their permit to help prevent excess soil getting into the storm system. Earl moves to adjourn; Brian seconds; Motion passes.

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Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baker informed the public Council is looking at updating some old ordinances. Hilary read the proposed nuisance ordinance aloud to the public. The Village will post the proposed copy of the ordinance on the Village's website. Council will review the proposed nuisance ordinance further at the next meeting.

Cherri Burwell asked about vacant property and the period of time a house could be vacant when it is for sale. The proposed ordinance states it cannot be vacate more than 12 months even if it is for sale. Cherri stated the Village owns a structure that is abandoned. Mayor Baker stated the Village is still working on getting grant money to tear the house down. She wanted to express her concerns that Council wanted to pass an ordinance the Village itself is not following.

Lillian Whited stated the Village use to have a large dumpster available for residence to throw away large items couple times a year. Mayor Baker stated he spoke with Mid-Ohio and the cost of two dumpsters would be \$4000-\$5000 for a day. Mayor Baker said he would research better cost. Lillian asked what to do with her brush since she cannot burn it or haul it away. She can bag it and the trash hauler will take it away another resident suggested.

Cherri Burwell asked about the appeal time and if it applied to all nuisances, such as grass. Yes, the same appeal time applies to all nuisances as it reads now. Earl Bennett informed the public when an owner does not pay the cost to mow the Village could assess the property taxes. Hilary read he section on vacant properties again. There was a question about foreclosed properties and if the ordinance would apply. There was discussion. There was discussion on properties that are being maintained but not being lived in are not what they feel are a nuisance property. There was discussion on properties that are vacant that are not being maintained. John Brent asked if the Health Department would be able to do anything to help since the Village joined to Solid Waste Revolving Loan Fund.

Council discussed a blocked alley by overgrown brush. There was also discussion on overgrown trees also. There was further discussion on alley conditions. There was discussion on how an ordinance would help correct that situation. There was discussion on inoperable vehicles. There was discussion businesses with nuisances and the effect of other properties and properties that are for sale.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn.