

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 8, 2020 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Siegfried  
Council Members: Earl Bennett  
Ricky Caldwell  
Gary Brian Collins  
Robert Beck

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom  
Village Solicitor: Adam Landon

Mayor Tim Siegfried called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Robert Beck moves to approve the minutes from December 11, 2019 meetings; Ricky Caldwell seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Brian Collins moves to approve the minutes from January 2, 2020 meetings; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes

**Bills:** Hilary added Plan4Land to list of bills Council reviewed. Brian Collins moves to pay bills; Ricky Caldwell seconds; Roll Call yes; Motion passes.

**Public:** Burgess Castle is at the meeting to provide Council information on the Morrow Co. Hospital. He provided Council a packet of information to review and presented information to Council. Ohio Health is the management company for the Hospital. The hospital is currently losing money every year. Other companies, such as Avita, are interested in purchasing the hospital, not managing it. The Commissioners are urging Council members and the public to contact the Hospital Board to keep the hospital open. He also went over upcoming road improvements and other improvements in the County. Council had discussion on Burgess Castle adding sewer to the building he owns on Seymour Street. There was discussion on pump station locations in the Village.

**Old Business:** The Hidden Drive was surveyed and there are trees needing to be removed to extend the Hidden Drive. Earl Bennett asked Council if they wanted a plat to review on the surveyed area. He would suggest seeing how much a plat would cost. The funds allocated to extend Hidden Drive does not include the tree removal. Mayor Siegfried suggested Council hold on that project until the Village could assess the total cost of the project. There was discussion. Mayor Siegfried received a call from Austin Whited, he is interested in being a Council member and Rhonda Siegfried is interested. Rhonda Siegfried has researched Christmas lights for the Village. She proposed five lighted wreaths for \$1,800, not including shipping. The order needs to be placed by the end of February. Council had discussion on possibly matching funds that was raised. Earl Bennett moves to approve \$1,000 for matching funds out of General Fund for Christmas decorations for the streets; Brian Collins seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Hilary discussed with Council past sewer accounts. Council approved assesses past due sewer accounts on property taxes.

**Zoning:** Don Callahan went over zoning violations with Council. The junk cars were removed from the property on Liberty St. but another car has been added.

**New Business:** Mayor Siegfried discussed with Council committees. He has three committees he is suggesting at this time; Park, Safety and Community Relations. Council and Mayor Siegfried discussed the purpose of the committees. Council had discussion on lights out in the Village and adding additional lighting. Hilary contacted RITA about the Dollar General Distribution Center accidentally withholding Village income tax.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn; Brian Collins seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Out at 8:05 pm.