

Marengo Village Council
P.O. Box 310
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Minutes of the Council Meeting on December 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

Council Members present: Brian Collins Ronda Siegfried Robert Beck
Mike Baker Earl Bennett
Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom **Village Solicitor:** Adam Landon

Mayor Austin Whited called the regular meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Minutes: Mike Baker moves to approve minutes from the November 15, 2023 council meeting; Rhonda Siegfried seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Mike Baker moves to pay bills, Earl Bennett seconds, Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Public:

Old Business: JEDD meeting was last night and they had a phone conference with RITA. RITA still needs the list of addresses that need to be taxed, which the JEDD Board members are working on gathering. Council had discussion on properties that are exempt from the JEDD and discrepancies. Tree trimming has started in town and several have been taken down. Council had discussion on having some trees taken down instead of having them trimmed. Tree trimming will be done in a couple of weeks. Council had discussion on the Village Administrator position. Robert Beck moves to make the pay for zoning inspector and Village Administrator at \$250 each, Mike Baker seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Mayor Whited submits Jerry Bowling as Village Administrator, Council accepts. Mike Baker moves to raise the Mayors salary to \$520 a month; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Adam Landon informed Council on the status of legal agreement and request of extension of the down payment, Council had discussion.

Committee Reports:

Community Improvement: Christmas parade December went well. Council had discussion on decorating next year. The new flags are in and Village will get them up this month.

Fire: Accepted bid for new Station 2.

Personnel:

Park:

Zoning: 2 zoning letters went out this month. Council had discussion.

New Business: 229 bid advertisement will be in the Sentinel for the next two weeks, bid opening will be next month. There are 4 first notices and 7 second late sewer notices. Hilary reviewed supplemental appropriations for 2023 with Council. Brian moves to approve supplemental appropriations, Robert Beck seconds; Motion passes. Council reviewed and had discussion on temp appropriations for 2024. Ronda Siegfried moves to approve 2024 temp appropriations; Mike Baker seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 7:58 pm.