

Marengo Village Council

P.O. Box 310

Marengo, OH 43334

Minutes of the Council Meeting on April 11, 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: Robert Beck moves to approve the minutes from March 14, 2018 meeting; Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes.

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

Mayor Baker informed Council the Village averages \$8600 a month in sewer billing and receives an average of \$7400 a month in sewer payments. Leaving approximately \$1100 a month in unpaid sewer accounts. Hilary informed Council the FY16/17 Audit is currently being conducted.

Old Business: Earl Bennett said the statute for the Village Administrator states the Village may have one and there is no statute that requires a Village Administrator. Mayor Baker spoke with the Ohio Attorney General to see if the Village was required to have a Village Administrator. The Ohio Attorney General suggested the Village have the County Prosecutor or Village Solicitor request an answer from Ohio Attorney General on the requirement for a Village Administrator. The previous Village Solicitor felt the Village did need a Village Administrator. The Village is currently in the process of hiring a new Village Solicitor. Mayor Baker agrees with Earl, he felt the Village does not need one but would like the new Village Solicitor to request the answer. Council discussed past sewer accounts and Village businesses. Council discussed the need to inform businesses in the Village's the requirements of notifying Council of their business and what type of business they are/will be conducting. Earl Bennett asked if there was any grant funds for demolition, Joe Clase stated there is not any grants for demolition. There was a grant in the past that helped with the demolition of buildings, Moving Ohio Forward, but that grant is no longer available at this time. Becky Margraff asked if there is a way to only mail to the businesses to provide them information on the requirements to have a business in the Village. Earl Bennett requested Hilary post a notice at the post office about the website.

Grants: The Critical Infrastructure Grant is a 90-10 grant up to \$300,000. Village would need to contribute \$30,000. It can be used for things like work on the sewer plant, sidewalks, park, storm water, etc. Joe Clase also discussed doing an application with the USDA for sewer plant repairs. Earl Bennett asked about the cost to do a storm water survey to submit for the grant. Council discussed the storm water system and some sink holes that have developed in the Village. Council discussed possible causes of sinkholes and how to research the causes. Council discussed having a camera system ran through the storm water system to map and gather information. Joe Clase discussed it may be cheaper to just do a replacement of the storm drain system. It could cost \$20,000+ to have the storm drain system mapped

and assessed but that will only give info it does not repair or replace storm lines. Joe Clase recommends having a drafts man for the project and do it over a course of several years. The Village would need to have plans ready to apply for the grant. Critical Infrastructure Grant cannot be used for roads. There is 0% interest loans for roads. Council discussed applying for a grant to update the sewer plant and lines. Morrow County has allocated \$28,900 for Morrow County from Nature Works. The match for the Village would be \$9,333 and donations can be used as the match. Village has already received funds from Nature Works. Council discussed applying for demolition for the house and barn on the old Shattuck property and additional park items. Council discussed keeping the garage for storage and possibly adding a lean too for additional recreational purpose and it would need to be tied into the sidewalk. Volunteers could tear down the house and haul it away. Michel Anderson mentioned Mt. Vernon Barn Co. might be interested in taking it down. Council also discussed doing a basketball court or half a court and the need for more mulch. Council discussed applying for sidewalk money on the Critical Infrastructure Grant. Village of Chesterville asked if Marengo would like to go in on storm water with them. Council would be looking at replacement on storm water lines, putting in new lines not repairing old lines. Council discussed what area's need done. Council agrees to do a co-application with Chesterville for storm water project. Earl Bennett objects to applying for the grant money until a schematic is done on the whole storm water system. Becky Margraff states the Village knows they have storm water system issues and the Village should apply for grants. Michel Anderson moves to go into a joint application with Chesterville for storm water lines around Noble St. to the Marathon; Becky Margraff seconds; 4 yes Earl Bennet No; motion passes. Earl suggest doing the intersection of Williams and Main. Joe stated a park committee helped the grant receive a higher score in past projects. Michel Anderson moves to apply for Nature Works Grant; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Call 5 yes 0 no; Motion passes. Brian Collins will join the park committee.

Michel Anderson asked if the Village could purchase parts of the codebook it needs. Joe Clase stated we cannot and he feels it will cost more to piece together and update the old ordinances. There is a yearly subscription but it is not required. The Village would not be required to use all the ordinances in the codebook. The Village's current ordinance adopted in the 70's does not cover everything the Village needs. Dale Healy, zoning inspector, would like the Council to adopt the new ordinances so he can start enforcing those ordinances. Becky Margraff feel it provides security of a more current guidelines then the Villages Ordinance. Michel Anderson moves to purchase the 2018 codebook and license; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Call; Brian Collins-Yes, Becky Margraff- Yes, Robert Beck- No, Earl Bennet- No, Michel Anderson- Yes; Motion passes. Joe Clase is still working on zoning code.

Zoning: Council reviewed updated Zoning Permit Application with the three additional items added, rebuild/remodel, temporary housing, and driveway/approach. Council would like the address and website added to the application. Becky Margaff moves to adopt new zoning permit application; Robert Beck seconds; Motion passes. There was a sidewalk meeting on Saturday.

Grants cont.: There are changes that need made to the sidewalk plan. Changes included allowing additional parking around the apartment's area. The parking would be gravel with parking blocks. On 229 (W. Walnut) Main Street Market would lose parking and is opposed to losing parking, Council agrees they don't want them to lose parking so it will shorten the sidewalk in that area. Council discussed changing the crosswalk area and the challenges. The Village of Marengo will need an easement from the apartment's owners for the sidewalk. Council approves the changes.

New Business: Chester Twp. and Chesterville have joined BWJFD. Pat Davies will be at the meeting tomorrow to discuss reducing Bennington/Marengo's tax levy. The department is researching grants and funds for a new firehouse. Highland School is selling BWJFD the old school property in Chesterville for \$1. Council discussed putting up flag in the Village. Cost for 50 new flags with mounting brackets cost around \$2,000 to \$2,500. Flags last approx. 6 years. Becky Margraff moves to purchase new flags with

mounting brackets; Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes. Council discussed Memorial Day parade in the Village. The parade will start at the park, have a flag raising and then go to cemetery. The Village will have a hay wagon for Council to ride on during the Village. Parade will start around 11. Council discussed gravel needed in different areas of the Village, such as park and driveway of Village Hall. Council discussed what type of gravel needed, such as 57's or 304's. Cost will be approx. \$2000. Robert Beck moves to purchase gravel, Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes. The Village requested qualifications for Village Solicitor. 2 of the applicants are in the price range the Village is currently spending. One was from Zelkowitz, Barry and Cullers, current firm Village is using. The other is with Critchfield, Critchfield and Johnston. Council will meet with them to determine whom they would like to hire. Meeting will be April 25th at 7:00 pm for going into executive session for the hire of new village solicitor.

Becky Margraff moves to adjourn, Robert Beck second; adjourned meeting at 9:45 pm

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on April 25, 2018 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker
Council Members:

Becky Margraff
Michel Anderson
Gary Brian Collins
Robert Beck

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Michel Anderson moves to go into executive session for personnel; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes. Went in at 7:01 pm. Becky Margraff moves to go out of executive session; Michel Anderson seconds; Went out at 9:12 pm. Meeting adjourned.