

Marengo Village Council

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Marengo, OH 43334

Minutes of the Council Meeting on March 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

Council Members present: Brian Collins Robert Beck Mike Baker Earl Bennett

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom **Village Solicitor:** Adam Landon

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

Minutes: Mike Baker moves to approve minutes from the February 14, 2024 council meeting; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Council reviewed bills. Brian Collins moves to pay bills, Mike Baker seconds, Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Old Business: Council had discussion on JEDD. Village and Bennington will need to meet to discuss JEDD contract. There was discussion on Village residents paying JEDD tax also. Council had further discussion.

Committee Reports:

Community Improvement: Construction has started on the 229. They found a crushed clay tile and that has to be replaced.

Fire: BWJFD received a 1.32 million grant from Senator Sherrod Brown's office to help cover the cost of construction on the new station in Chesterville.

Personnel:

Park: We will get a porta potty delivered to the park.

Zoning/Administrator: Council had discussion on the building on the corner of Main and W Noble. A certified letter was sent to 11 S. Main St., it was received. They had 30 days to clean up the property. Council had discussion. Council had further discussion on other properties in the Village. Adam Landon will check the Ordinance.

Public: Joe Ostrom is here to discuss property that is for sale just outside the Village and the ability to annex into the Village. He spoke with another property owner about annexing in and that would create contiguous property. Council had discussion on sewer. Council had discussion on contiguous property. Mayor Whited will talk to Bennington Twp. about annexing properties. Council had discussion on properties that are just outside the Village. Council had discussion on the time lime for annexation. Adam Landon is getting Mayor Whited requirements for annexation.

New Business: Mayor Whited discussed leasing the property next to Pizza to Go for 4 months at \$250.00 a month to help with limited parking during construction on 229 with Council. The Village will line the lot. Mayor Whited informed Council Bennington Twp. would like to donate the old fire station to the Village. Council had discussion. Village would need to draft an acceptance letter of the property. Mike Baker moves to accept property; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Earl abstains; Motion passes. Hilary reviewed permanent appropriations with Council. Brian Collins moves to approve appropriations; Robert Beck seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Village has 10 first notice delinquent sewers. Earl Bennett informed Council he completed the required paperwork for the new property to be except from property taxes. Michael Baker moves to approve request of tax exception; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:12 pm.