

**Marengo Village Council**  
P.O. Box 310  
Marengo, OH 43334

Minutes of the Council Meeting on February 23, 2023 at 6:18 pm at Village Hall

Present: **Council Members:** Ronda Siegfried Earl Bennett  
Mike Baker Brian Collins  
**Village Clerk:** Hilary Ostrom **Village Solicitor:**

Mayor Austin Whited called the meeting to order. The February 8, 2023 was rescheduled due to not having a quorum. Meeting was rescheduled for February 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

**Minutes:** Mike Baker moves to approve minutes from the January 11, 2023 Council meeting; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Mike Baker moves to pay the bills; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Bid advertisement for paving is in the paper and the Village has received request for packets. Council approves additional tool cost. Council had discussion on complications with the truck delivery. Mayor Whited reviewed tree removal quotes with Council. Council had discussion on trees that need removed or trimmed for road paving. Council will wait till road bids come in to see what trees need to be removed or trimmed to get quotes. Mayor Whited met with Joe Clase from Plan4Land and discussed UTV and land procurement grants. Council had discussion.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Improvement:** Meeting will be on 5:30 on the 27<sup>th</sup>

**Fire & Safety:** BWJFD is working Station 39-2

**Personnel:** Mayor Whited will hire a zoning inspector.

**Park:** Nothing at this time

**Zoning:** Nothing at this time

**New Business:** Dave will do permit renewal with EPA. Mayor Whited gave Council a sewer ordinance to inspect sewers to review. Council had discussion on problems with residents hooking other drains to sewer system. Mayor Whited also discussed a junk yard ordinance. Mayor Whited did the first reading of Ordinance 2023-2-8.

Council met with Bennington Twp. to discuss the JEDD. Council and the Bennington Twp. discussed new terms of the contract, such as three 15-year terms. Mayor Whited also proposed contract percent increases for Marengo and Bennington after 15 years, Marengo to 10% and Bennington to 60% and Highland schools would go to 30%. Bennington Twp. discussed terms of 40 years or possibly going to 30 year with 10 year after that. There was discussion on Highlands portion after 15 year or 30 years and future abatements Highland could give new businesses. Council and Bennington Twp. had further discussion. There was discussion on the JEDD Board making determination on percentage allocations after 15 years. There was discussion on term of contract. There was further discussion. Council and Bennington discussed terms of 7% of the net instead of 5%. There was further discussion on next steps. Mike moves to adjourn. Out at 7:58 pm.