

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on February 9, 2022 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Council Members: Ronda Siegfried
Earl Bennett
Brian Collins
Ron Margraff
Robert Beck
Mike Baker

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom
Village Solicitor: Adam Landon

Mayor Austin Whited called the meeting to order. Council had discussion on vacant council position. Mike Baker and Randy Wilkinson is here for the position. Brian moves to go into executive session to discuss Council position; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll Yes; Went in at 7:05 pm. Ronda motioned to come out of executive session. Went out at 7:12 pm. Mayor Whited appoints Mike Baker to vacant position. Roll yes; Motion passes. Adam Landon swears Mike Baker in.

Minutes: Ron Margraff moves to approve minutes from the January 12, 2022 Council meeting; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Public: None

Earl Bennett moves to pay the bills with the addition of Tom's Auto Service; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Old Business: Mayor Whited reviewed the parking Ordinance with Council. Council had discussion. Council had discussion on how fines would be collected. Ron Margraff moves to pass the Ordinance 2022-2-9; Ronda seconds; Mike Baker abstains; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Adam reviewed status of Utility Indemnity Agreement. Hilary needs to locate further documentation from Charter on the franchise agreement. Mike Baker said the agreement is old because it was when Time Warner put satellites in the Village. Robert Beck asked about the stop sign for Hidden Drive, Village will get one put up.

Committee Reports: Mayor Whited reviewed goals for the committees the Council discussed last meeting. Randy Wilkinson volunteer for Community Improvement & Zoning.

Community Improvement & Zoning: Meeting set for 2/23/22 at 5:30.

Fire & Safety: Reviewed goals. Mike Baker joined that Committee

Personnel: Reviewed goals. Mayor Whited gave each committee member a personnel handbook. Meeting set for 2/22/22 at 6:00 pm.

Park: Robert Beck and Mike Baker joined that Committee. Reviewed the goals. Council had discussion on trying to procure additional land to the West of the park. Grant funds are available for land purchase. Mike Baker stated that he has discussed leasing the baseball field with the Highland School Board. School Board is not considering it at this time. There was discussion on bike paths/trails along old railroad beds.

Hilary will post committee members and goals to the website.

Council had discussion on posting signs and towing vehicles that are violating ordinances. Council had further discussion on trailers parking on Main St. Council had discussion on vehicles being parked for extended periods of time on Main St.

Zoning: Mayor Whited asked Don Callahan about the status of notices being sent to vacant houses. Mayor Whited requested notices be sent to the property owners. Council had further discussion on vacate houses in the Village. Zoning application has been turned in from Richard Helneman for a building.

New Business: Mayor Whited provided information to Council about the newly elected Council Seminar by OML. Ronda and Ron would like to attend. Mayor Whited reviewed the recent snow removal in the Village and problems that incurred. Ronda discussed reminding the Village business owners and residents to shovel their sidewalks. Council discussed getting a Village Facebook page, Mayor Whited will manage the page. Mayor Whited discussed with Council an ordinance for no parking with 2" or more inches of snow. Council had discussion on what roads would require that Ordinance. Council had further discussion. Adam Landon will draft an Ordinance for Council to review. Council had discussion on where to put snow when plowed. Council had discussion on plowing sidewalks and maintaining snow/ice removal. Hilary reviewed contract extension with Julian and Grube for 20/21 Audit for \$9,600 with Council. Robert Beck moves to approve to contract extension; Ronda seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes

Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:57 pm