

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on June 12, 2019 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker
Council Members: Michel Anderson
Ricky Caldwell
Robert Beck
Earl Bennett
Becky Margraff
Gary Brian Collins

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom
Village Solicitor: Adam Landon

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Brian Collins moves to approve the minutes from May 8, 2019 meetings; Ricky Caldwell seconds; Motion passes.

Earl Bennett informed Council Dollar Tree Distribution Center had a job fair at the Community Service building today. He stated there was several applicants there. There was discussion on the tax abatement for Dollar Tree Distribution Center and when the County will start collecting taxes.

Bills: Council reviewed the bills. Hilary reviewed the US Bank credit card charges with Council. Michel Anderson moves to pay bills; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Call; 6 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

Public: Hilary spoke with Council about the interest of renting the pavilion. Becky Margraff suggested waiting until the electric is in. There was discussion on when the sidewalk project was going to be complete and how soon they could drive over the sidewalks. Mayor Baker stated depending on weather, they hope to finish Friday and then 7 days later they could be drove over. There was discussion on the nuisance ordinance and if there is a daily cost for inoperable vehicles. There is not a daily or monthly cost but there is a cost if the Village has to abate the nuisance.

Old Business: Council reviewed AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE VILLAGE OF MARENGO A CHOICE OF REMEDIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF SEWER CHARGES OR OTHER VIOLATIONS RELATING TO USE OF VILLAGE SEWER SYSTEM. There was discussion. Mayor Baker stated he felt if the Village blocked the sewer, the Village could not continue to charge for sewer. The health department also needs to be contacted 48 hours in advance. There was discussion on the length of time the account can be passed due before it would be blocked. Council will continue to review and vote next month.

Mayor Baker informed Council the storm sewers uptown are going to have the debris vacuumed out so they can see the line. He presented an estimate from Erdy Excavation to fix the storm line if required at \$8,864.00. The Village hopes to be able to inspect the line June 18th.

There was discussion on the elevations being off on the sidewalk project. Elmasian Engineering LLC did not survey the property elevations correctly. There has been many changes needed to make to the project but everything is coming along. No additional cost have been added to the project.

New Business: Mayor Baker informed Council the Village is being sued by Brian Benick. He was fired from the Morrow County Health Department and he is suing the Health Department, all Villages, Townships, etc. in Morrow County. He is representing himself.

Dale Healy is here to go over some zoning issues with the Council. He reviewed a letter with Council he would like to mail to all Village residents. He also reviewed actions that have been done since the Village has done zoning and he has been zoning inspector. He then reviewed with Council that two members, Earl Bennett and Brian Collins has not corrected their violations. Gary Brian Collins stated that he has not had a chance to work on his car. Dale stated all Brian Collins had to do was put tags on it. Earl Bennett stated his truck has not been inspected and the other one is current and has legal tags on it. Earl Bennett also stated the other property is not his, it belong to Bennett Distributing Inc.

There was discussion on the food service operation that is being done on the sidewalk. They are not serving the food inside; they are currently using the sidewalk. There was discussion on it impeding the sidewalk. The road easement goes to the face of the building; there is no sidewalk the property owns. There was further discussion. This issue is not a nuisance ordinance issue. Mayor Baker will speak with them.

Joe Clase is here to update Council on the Natureworks application. It was \$19,000 but they will not know until fall if we get it. He is also applying for other grants and other funding. If the Village can use volunteers for help, they may be able to get a bathroom built for the \$19,000. Mayor Baker has been talking with a Boy Scout Troop leader about maintaining the flags at the park. Those have been donated in the past. The cost is around \$700 for all 14 flags.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn; Earl Bennett seconds; Motion passes. Out at 8:04 pm.