

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on August 10, 2016 at 7:00pm

Meeting was called to order by Mike Baker with council members Robert Beck, Earl Bennett, Ron Margraff, Becky Margraff and John Brent present.

Shane Farnsworth, Economic Development Director for Morrow Co., is present to discuss Marengo's future with Council. He discussed that Morrow County is seeing one of the highest rates of growth and the talked about the different areas that are growing. He stated Council needs to decide the needs and wants of the community and working with other neighborhoods in Morrow Co. He requested Council provide a list of properties in Marengo that needs to be repaired or torn down and that he is working on getting grant money for that. He is focusing on area's that are served by public water and sewer. He informed Council that they can work with the county with zoning codes, as well as other communities are working with them. There was discussion of annexing and how the village would annex properties. Mike asked if the county could waive some of the past due taxes on the Shattuck property the Village would like to purchase that is located next to the park. Council will get information needed to Shane. Council can speak to David from the County zoning office if they have any questions. Council would like David from zoning to attend next meeting.

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed by the Council. Corrections include Shattuck property paperwork has been turned into Shattuck's attorney. Joe is Joe Erdy in Park Committee report. Ron Margraff moved to approves minutes with corrections. John second Earl voted no, motion passes.

**Approval of Bills:** Robert Beck moves to approve bill except Bennett's Distributing Becky second. Roll yes. Ron moves to pay Bennett Distributing Robert second Earl abstains. Roll yes motion passes.

**Park Committee Report:** Playground equipment was flagged as a donation because may not be able to be considered as matching funds. Check for reimbursement has not been released yet. Playground equipment needs to be inspected to determine it is in usable shape and given a value. Engineer will come to the park to inspect playground equipment at a cost of around \$500 and they will let us know how to install the playground equipment properly. All expenses have been approved but the donations have to be certified. Waiting on money being reimbursed to continue the project. Ron moved to have the

playground equipment inspected and valuation done at max cost of \$600, Robert second, motion passes. Council needs to be thinking of future grant projects.

**Old Business:** Council review letter from the auditor and set a date for post audit. Council reviewed 2017 budget and decided to table till next meeting.

**New Business:** There was a complaint that there is trash in the yard of a rental property. If council provides ordinance info to lawyer, they will draft a letter to property owner.

**Fire Board Report:** New Engine is in and they are having an open house Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business return:** Council reviewed the fund report. Council discussed if they wanted Mike to get estimates to pave or repair South Main Street and other streets. Council would like Dave to fill in some of the larger holes.

John Brent discussed if Council should change law firms or if we could have someone different from current law firm come to meetings. He suggested have a couple council members formed a subcommittee and decide on direction for a law firm. Discussion on the need to have legal counsel at every meeting. John volunteered to be on subcommittee. Discussion on the benefit of keeping the same law firm because they have the ability to do several different things. Council decided that an attorney needs to be present at every meeting.

Fiscal officer will be working on getting the required trainings.

Earl discussed Ryan, Dave's son, helping him at the sewer plant and that he can't due to liability.

Discussion on what to do when Dave needs help.

Discussion on how to get money from sewer bills that haven't been paid and how to turn off sewers that haven't been paid.

Discussion on searching out grants for sidewalks and streets as well as other projects needed in the community. Discussion doing a survey to determine income level of community.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn John Brent second motion passes.