

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on April 14, 2022 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

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

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom
Village Solicitor: Adam Landon

Mayor Austin Whited called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Mike Baker moves to approve minutes from the March 9, 2022 Council meeting; Rhonda Siegfried seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Mike Baker moves to pay the bills; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Public: Mike Forman asked about the sewer system capacity. Mayor Whited gave him the info from the rate study. KEM feels the Village can add 37 more homes based on current usage and capacity. Council had discussion. Currently there are 3 in construction and 2 will be in construction. The storm water that is coming into the system is being handled but the Village is working to determine the sources so that it can be reduced. The Village is working on a rate study. The Village is working with Delco to get water usage rate to help determine the additional amount of storm water that is coming into the system. Joe Ostrom is here to discuss a variance for the properties at N Main St/60 Hickory St. with Council. He reviewed his plans with Council. Council had discussion. Council had discussion on the set backs of the house currently being built. Mike Baker moves to approve the variance; Robert Beck seconds; Roll Call roll yes; Earl Bennett abstains; Ron Margraff Nay; Motion passes.

Old Business: Mayor Whited has not submitted for road bids. He has a meeting with USDA 4/19/22 to see if any grants are available. Council had discussion on conditions of the roads.

Committee Reports:

Community Improvement & Zoning: Mayor Whited informed Council the Ohio Basic Code book has arrived and he would like the committee to meet twice a month to review sections of the book to determine what they would like to apply to Village. A meeting has been set for 4/27/22 at 5:30 pm. Meeting is open to the public. Council had discussion on how the Village

would approve the new code and what would happen to the old codes. Mike Baker discussed how the ordinances would be enforced and contacting the local Sherriff station to help enforce. Council had further discussion. Adam suggested contacting Mt. Gilead's law director to see if they would help prosecute Village's ordinance violators. Council had discussion on past issues with enforcing ordinances. Council had discussion on criminal code. Mayor Whited informed Council he still has a bid from KEM for GSI mapping of the storm system. Earl Bennett moves to approve; Rhonda seconds; Roll yes; Robert Beck Nay; Motion passes.

Fire & Safety: Nothing

Personnel: Mayor Whited will be putting out the hire request for the Village within the next two weeks.

Park: Mayor Whited stated the ballfield asked if the Village is going to be adding stone. The Village does not have the budget to replace stone. There was also discussion on needing to replace the picnic tables. A bench was damaged at the park and replaced cost will be covered by the family that damaged the bench. Mayor Whited is hoping to get the water trenched in and soil added to the planting boxes. Mayor Whited will also need help building the storage unit.

Zoning: Adam Landon stated Joe Porter contacted him about the vacant house. He is getting it boarded up it up. He is also interested in possibly having it torn down with grant money. Earl Bennett discussed the vacant property that is across from his house with Council. It is going up for Sherriff sale.

New Business: Mike Baker provided a quote from RCD Trailer to fix the dump truck for \$2,800. Mike Baker moves to authorize Mayor Whited to fix the dump truck up to \$3,000, Earl Bennett seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Earl Bennett discussed the future expansion in the County, including across from the legion and by the Dollar Tree distribution. He then discussed the County having funding to remove structures with land bank money with Council. Mayor Whited informed Council the electric to the West Walnut St. pump station has skyrocketed. There is no road to the station but there is an easement. Council had discussion on requesting a new easement to the lift station. Council had further discussion. Mayor Whited provided Council a list of items that he gave Dave to do in the Village. Council had discussion on the Village trees.

Mike Baker moves to go into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation; Rhonda seconds; Went in at 8:28 pm. Mike moves to come out of executive session; Went out at 8:45 pm. Council reviewed zoning inspector job description. Ron Margraff moves to approve the zoning inspector job description; Mike Baker seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:48 pm