

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on August 9, 2017 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker

Council Members: Cherri Burwell
Robert Beck
Ron Margraff
Becky Margraff
Earl Bennett

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Cherri Burwell moves to approve the minutes from July 12, 2017 meeting with corrections; Robert Beck seconds; Earl abstains; Motion passes.

Bills: Cherri Burwell moves to pay bills except Bennett Distributing; Earl Bennett seconds; Roll Call 5 yes 0 no. Cherri Burwell moves to pay Bennett Distributing; Robert Beck seconds; Roll Call 4 yes 0 no Earl abstains.

Public: Brad Ebersole from Consolidated Electric is here to present Council information regarding a franchise agreement with the Village. A franchise agreement would allow new customers (such as new construction businesses and residents) the opportunity to choose what utility company they would like. Current residents cannot change electric company. The Village is currently being served by AEP. Council asked why Consolidated Electric needs a franchise agreement. PUCO created territories for utility companies and this would allow Consolidated Electric to serve the Village. Consolidated Electric left information for the Council to review at their leisure.

Old Business: Hilary reviewed the estimated 2018 expenditures and resources with Council. Council reviewed budget and discussed each fund and made corrections as needed. Council also discussed work that has been completed on Park and work that still needs done. The Village applied for another \$10,000 grant they believe they will receive in 2018. Council also discussed the sidewalk grant. Council discussed getting quotes to replace one sewer tank or both tanks at the sewer plant and possibly getting another loan to replace the tanks. Council also discussed recoating the tanks, the tanks were not coated all the way to the top the last time they were recoated and they needed coated to the top. Council also discussed the need to replace the pipes as well. Robert Beck moves to accept the 2018 proposed estimated resources and expenditures; Cherri Burwell second; motion passes.

Council discussed sending a letter to new business owners welcoming them to the Village and letting them know the Village is zoned. Becky Margraff read a letter that she drafted to the Council members. Mayor Baker discussed the need for a letter for residents currently living in the Village. Council also reviewed a letter that was drafted to send to residents. Council feels the letter needs to be more welcoming. Council also discussed the need to create letters to send to residents/businesses that don't comply with zoning requirements. Council discussed zoning and if the Village should continue to pursue zoning in the Village or if they should abandon it. Council continued to discuss the need for creating letters for zoning offenses.

New Businesses: Mayor Baker discussed with Council the need for parking ordinances. Council discussed how the ordinance would be enforced. The Village does not have any police officers, which would be required for the ordinance to be enforced. Mayor Baker asked if the Village could hire an off duty police officer to enforce the ordinances.

Park: Mayor Baker asked Council if the Village would like to have a party for the when the park pavilion is completed and if anyone would like to help plan that. Lilian discussed including the fire department. Council discussed entertainment and food options as well as having games, like softball. Council discussed the Memorial Day parade next year. Mayor Baker also discussed the Memorial section of the park, material have been donated.

Fire Department: Chester Township requested to join Big Walnut Joint Fire District. Chester Township has increased their tax levy to match what is needed to join the district. It could lower Village residents' mileage for fire protection because all mileage will be equal. Cherri Burwell moves to pass Resolution 08-09 approving the addition of Chester Township to join the BWJFD; Beck Margraff seconds; Roll Call 5 yes 0 no.

Zoning: Mayor Baker asked if the Village needed to notify the Auditor that the Village allowed changes to zoning. Council didn't believe so.

New Business Cont... Mayor Baker asked Council members if they are planning on rerunning when their term is up for Council and Council discussed whose term is up at the end of 12/31/2017. Mayor Baker asked Council about getting a trash dumpster for the Village and putting in over by the park. The lid can be locked so the public can't dump their trash. Council then discussed adding trash service for residents and increasing the sewer bill to include trash. Mayor Baker will contact Mid-Ohio about trash service for the Village residents. Ron Margraff moves to get a dumpster for the Village; Robert Beck seconds; motion passes. Village Solicitor informed Council there is no easement with property owned by Bob Steck. The property owner (Perry) behind the Village could be required to pay at least half if the Village has to put in a fence. The current easement doesn't have any ongoing agreement to maintenance requirement of a fence for the Village. The easement states there is to be a fence on the east and west driveway but doesn't go into detail for repair or maintenance. Bob Steck is willing to pay for half the fence. Council discussed the need to update the terms of the current easement.

Earl Bennett moves to adjourn; Robert Beck seconds; Motion passes.