

Marengo Village Council

P.O. Box 310

Marengo, OH 43334

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on January 6, 2021 at 6:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Council Members: Earl Bennett
Austin Whited
Brian Collins
Ricky Caldwell
Ronda Siegfried

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Austin Whited called the meeting to order.

Council needs to elect a President at tonight's meeting. Earl Bennett nominates Austin Whited. Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll Yes for Austin Whited; Austin abstains; Motion passes.

Council had discussion on increasing Mayor's salary. The current salary for the Mayor is \$100 a month. Council discussed the Mayor's duties and Mayor's salary for other Villages. Council discussed between \$200 and \$500 a month. Austin Whited abstained from all discussion. Earl Bennett moves to set Mayor's salary at \$350 a month; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Austin abstains; Motion passes.

Hilary declared there is a vacancy for the position of Mayor therefore the current Council President will become Mayor. Hilary swears Austin Whited in as Mayor.

Brian Collin nominates Earl Bennett as Council President; Ronda seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

There is a vacate position on Council. The Village will notify the public and appoint a member at the February 2021 meeting.

Brian Collins moves to adjourn. Out at 6:45 pm.

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on January 13, 2021 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Council Members: Ricky Caldwell
Ronda Siegfried
Robert Beck
Earl Bennett

Village Solicitor: Adam Landon
Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Austin Whited called the meeting to order.

Dave Gale is not here to give sewer report to Council.

Minutes: Robert Beck moves to approve minutes from the December 9th Council meeting; Ricky Caldwell seconds; Roll Yes; Motion Passes.

Public: Morrow Meadows is here to request a reduction in sewer units at 4560 St. Rt. 229 from three units to one units due to reduction in units being rented. Currently one unit is rented. Council had discussion on how to determine the usage of the unit currently. There was discussion on using water usage. Council had discussion on other properties in the Village. Council request past 2 years water usage and will discuss again at next month's meeting. There was discussion on Fishburn removing two tanks in the Village and the process required. Dave will locate the tanks Fishburn would like to remove. Village had discussion on plugging the tank instead of pulling the units. Council had discussion on vacate units in the Village. Mayor Whited informed the public there is a vacate Council position and will be filled in the Feb. 10th meeting.

Bills: Council reviewed bills. Ricky Caldwell moves to pay bills; Ronda Siegfried; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Old Business: Council discussed taking down Christmas lights and flags and the need for a licensed electrician to install outlets to on the poles for the wreaths. Mayor Whited will contact a licensed electrician for pricing. Mayor Whited also discussed purchasing two sets of flags for the park and taking them down in the winter. Robert Becks moves to the purchase 2 sets of flags and continue to purchase flags as needed; Earl Bennett seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Committee Reports:

Planning: Joe Clase (Plan4Land) is looking into the cost of a basketball court at the park. There was discussion on community garden and meeting with the businesses in the Village. There was also discussion on future growth and zoning. The date of the meeting with the business has yet to be set. They also discussed 229 and getting funds to repave and fix the underneath of 229.

Fire & Safety: BWJFD purchased an ambulance with CARES funds.

Parks and Streets: Nothing to report. Mayor Whited discussed with Council the need to patch and resurface roads in the future. Joe Clase (Plan4Land) is also looking into grants for street repairs.

Zoning: Nothing to report.

New Business: Village discussed renting the Village Hall to the public. Council had discussion on having two rates, one for Village residents and one for non-Village residents. Council will research rates and discuss at next meeting. Mayor Whited discussed the need to organize the shop with shelving. He suggested purchasing some industrial shelving. He will discuss with Dave and get some pricing to Council. Mayor Whited discussed employee responsibilities and the need for a job description. There was a discussion on Dave's job responsibilities. Dave was responsible for all the needs for the Village and Tyler was added to help Dave with his responsibilities. Council had discussion on hiring additional help in the Village. Council had further discussion. Mayor Whited will talk to Dave and Tyler next week to see what their responsibilities are in the Village and will discuss at next meeting. There was discussion on who is responsible for plowing sidewalks, Village or property owners. Council also discussed the zoning inspector's responsibilities with the zoning inspector. Mayor Whited would like Hilary to check into an email address for the Mayor and provide a description of her responsibilities to Council. There was discussion on getting a cell phone for the Mayor. There was discussion on getting a Voicemail system for the Village that goes to email. Hilary will check the voicemail once a week.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:14 pm.