

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on June 13, 2018 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

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

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom  
Village Solicitor: Adam Landon

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Michel Anderson moves to approve the minutes from May 9, 2018 meeting; Robert Beck seconds; Motion passes.

**Bills:** Council reviewed bills. Robert Beck moves to pay bills; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Call 4 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

**Public:** No comments from the public.

**Village Solicitor:** Adam Landon, Village Solicitor, is here. He is in the process of getting the Villages records from the previous solicitors' office. He is looking for the Villages old ordinances. Earl Bennett believes he has some of the old ordinances. There was discussion if the Village ever had a Village Administrator or Village Marshall. The Village gave the Solicitor what ordinance records they had available. There was discussion on current Village Administration and past Village ordinance and enforcement. Council believes it has been approx. 25+ years since they had a Village Marshall. Village did hire Sheriff Department for a short period but they did not enforce any ordinances. There was discussion on what Council would like to make a priority for ordinances and how the Village would enforce the ordinance. There was discussion on the Marshall position and what the duties or pay include. Council will need to determine what ordinances need updated how they want them enforced and if they have anyone in the Village who would like/qualified to be a Village Marshall. The Village does have the option to give the Mayor the ability to enforce ordinances. There was discussion again on the requirements, such as training, the Marshall is required to have. There was discussion on different properties in the Village that need cleaned up. The Solicitor can put together some letters the Village can send to properties that are not complying with the current ordinances.

**Old Business:** Mayor Baker asked Council if they had thought about the Mr. Whited's proposal last month about changing the entrances to the park and making other changes. Mayor Baker suggested moving the fence and adding railroad ties. The fence the Village put up is causing people to use the alley and causing problems with the neighbors but there was problems with car traffic in the alley before the park. The cars are cutting into private property yards when using the alley.

**Park:** Memorial Parade went very well and Mayor Baker thanked Council for attending. Some residents wanted to know if there was any public restrooms. Village will do some research on having bathrooms added and what grants are available to help pay for them. Concrete bathrooms would cost around

\$45,000 to \$50,000. Mayor Baker suggested turning the house into a public restroom. There has been request to reserve the pavilion. Council needs to determine if they want to charge for the pavilion and how someone would request reserving. Council also needs to determine what projects need to be completed for park project.

**Zoning:** Dale Healy would like to see letters he can send for zoning enforcement.

**Old Business:** Sidewalk bid opening is June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Commissioner's Office. The sidewalk bid packet went out before Council was able to review the packet. The Village will need to speak with the contractor for any change orders, which the Village has a few change orders they would like. The Village will wait for the bid opening to see what happens. Earl Bennett stated there was nothing in the bid packet that specifies the thickness of the concrete. Mayor Baker stated the contractor would determine the thickness needed. Earl Bennett also discussed adding additional parking with Council. Adding additional parking would require Council, contract and budget approval. There was discussion.

**New Business:** The Village had three sewer pumps fail recently. The Village had spare pumps to replace them but did not have equipment needed to replace the pumps. Poore's Septic provide a lift to replace the pumps and helped Dave replace them. The Village is going to look at fabricating a lift to replace pumps in the future. The pumps are being rebuilt and the Village needs to look at changing the pump by Dollar General. Michel Anderson asked about where Council was on updating sewer rates, tap fees, unpaid balances, etc. There was discussion but Council has not made any decisions.

Brian Collins stated he lives on the road people use to bypass 229 and he has had problems with people going fast down the road. He suggest putting in a four way stop or other ways to help slow the flow of traffic. There was discussion. Village Solicitor will look at drafting an ordinance to put in a four way stop.

Earl Bennett provided Council information on the Dollar Tree warehouse going in at 61/71. There was discussion on the roads being widened and the entrance for the warehouse.

Mayor Baker adjourned meeting at 8:44 pm