

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 9, 2020 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

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

Village Solicitor: Adam Landon
Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Siegfried called the meeting to order.

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

Council needs to elect a President at tonight's meeting. Brian Collins nominates Ronda Siegfried. Ronda Siegfried nominates Austin Whited. Council voted roll yes for Austin Whited; Austin abstains; Motion passes.

Minutes: Robert Beck moves to approve the minutes from November 11, 2020 meeting; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Robert Beck moves to approve the minutes from November 14, 2020 meeting; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Public: Mike Baker is here to address Council on the flags at the park and requested they be taken down due to their condition. He also addressed Council about annexing additional properties into the Village limits. He discussed 40 acres just outside of town as well as the property just behind the sewer plant. He informed Council Sunbury is available to discuss how to annex properties into the Village. Council had discussion.

Bills: Council reviewed bills. Brian Collins moves to pay bills; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Old Business: Joe Clase from Plan4Land is here to give Council survey results. Village had 43% response rate and 78% was residents. Council reviewed results. Joe requested feedback from Council and then he can create an action plan. Majority of residents are open to growth and improvements to the Village. The community wants to continue to improve the park and address the blighted properties in the Village. Mayor Siegfried informed Council the Village has an executed pole attachment agreement with AEP. The Village will need to have a certified electrician add lights to the Christmas wreaths. Mayor Siegfried stated he has not received an estimate for tree trimming on Vine. He also requested an estimate for Hidden Drive also. Austin Whited moves to approve tree removal up to \$6,000 on Vine and Hidden Dr.; Earl Bennett seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Committee Reports:

Fire and Safety: Brian Collins informed Council BWJFD received over \$300,000 in CARES Act funds. They are looking at updating Station 1 to improve sanitation. BWJFD is also looking at purchasing an EMS. Earl asked what percent of the calls are on 71 and Brian believes its approx. 25%.

Community Relations: Ronda informed Council the Christmas in the Village went well on Saturday. There is plans to have a summer festival. The survey showed the community wanted more activities in the Village.

Park and Streets: They decided on waiting on putting in a bathroom and possibly putting in a community garden or basketball court at the park. Joe Clase will be discussing with ODNR possible options to use the NatureWorks grant.

Zoning: Nothing to report. Brian Collins stated that there is a strong sewer smell every now and again in his area. The Village will have Dave or Tyler look.

New Business: Hilary informed Council the Village received an additional \$15,800.39 in CARES Act funds. Council had discussion on what to spend the CARES Act funds on in the Village. There was discussion on purchasing a power washer to sanitize the equipment at the park and in the Village. There was also discussion on purchasing new tables and chairs due to the current ones not being able to be sanitized. Austin moves to approve the purchase of a power washer, table and chairs and other items that are allowed. If there is any remaining funds, the Village could sub-grant with Highland Local Schools; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Mayor Siegfried will talk to Dave about ordering a power washer. Mayor Siegfried discussed with Council concerns of loose dogs in the Village that have attacked other dogs and people. The dog warden was notified. The Village will contact the dog warden to let them know about the dog issues. Council had discussion.

Mayor Siegfried is resigning as Mayor on December 31, 2020. He suggested Council have an organization meeting on January 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Hilary reviewed temporary appropriations with Council. Austin Whited moves to approve temporary appropriations; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Robert Becks moves to approve transfer \$500 from General fund to Park fund; Austin Whited seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:08 pm