

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 10, 2018 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker  
Council Members: Michel Anderson  
Becky Margraff  
Rick Caldwell  
Earl Bennett  
Gary Brian Collins

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom  
Village Solicitor: Adam Landon

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Becky Margraff moves to approve the minutes from September 12, 2018 and September 26, 2018 meetings; Rick Caldwell seconds; Motion passes. Earl Bennett abstains.

**Bills:** Council reviewed the bills with the addition of Plan4Land for \$900.00. Michel Anderson moves to pay bills; Rick Caldwell seconds; Roll Call 4 yes zero no; Motion passes. Gary Brian Collins was not present at vote.

**Public:** Avanza from Main Street Market and Deli has been working on the Fall Fun Day for October 27, 2018. She stated the Bent and Dent is looking into getting kid rides and having local business offer activities for the kids. Avanza suggested doing a scavenger hunt at local businesses. She asked Council about a beer garden and Council stated since it is trick or treat that evening, a beer garden may not be appropriate. Becky Margraff had volunteered to meet with local business to help coordinate activities in the Village. There was discussion on traffic during trick or treat. Avanza will get more information to the Mayor as she gathers it and more people to commit.

**Old Business:** Sidewalk bid opening was last week and only one company submitted a bid. The bid was for \$36,000 more than the grant allotted. Mayor Baker spoke to the contractor to see what the Village could do to help reduce the cost. The Village would have to contribute an additional \$20,000 to \$25,000. Suggestions to reduce cost was reducing gravel depth, having Village remove trees and reducing depth of approaches. The engineer has the project needing 8" of gravel under sidewalks and Delaware and Columbus only require 4" of gravel under sidewalks. Contractor thought the Village would be able to remove the trees for less than they bid. Contractor also suggested doing 6" on the approaches instead of 8". Public asked if the Village could have the project rebid and Mayor Baker stated they did not have time to rebid this year. Ike Hickman (Grant Specialist) can see if the Village can get an extension from the State. Council had discussion.

Hilary Ostrom informed Council of additional revenue that was not included as part of the budget.

The survey was completed on Lot 115/116 and the survey matched Patridge Surveying LLC survey. The Village will need to enter into an agreement with the apartment owner to get an easement for the storage unit or have the storage unit tore down. Becky Margraff asked if the owner of the apartments was adamant about having the building tore down. Mayor Baker stated the business owner had asked for the building to be removed in the past. Mayor Baker would like Adam Landon to talk with the apartment owner about the storage unit and see what he is agreeable too. Mayor Baker got an estimate to demo the house on Lot 115/116 at around \$12,000.

Select Tree can take down all the trees in the sidewalk area for \$8,400 and he will check into a price from Complete Clearing. Mayor Baker asked Council what they would like to do with the sidewalk project. The contractor stated he could get it done this year. Mayor Baker informed Council he had asked Ike Hickman if the Village could apply for more money on this project and Ike Hickman said no. Mayor Baker has not talked to the Engineer about reengineering the project. If the Village gets the project reengineered and takes the trees out, they would still need an additional \$12,000 to \$15,000. Total Village investment would be approx. \$46,000 for the sidewalks. Becky Margraff asked if Council wanted to get this done this year, what the next step is. Mayor Baker stated the funds would need to be approved this meeting. Council had discussion. Michel Anderson moves to approve Resolution 2018-10-10-1 to approve the additional funds needed up to \$25,000; Brian Collins seconds; Roll yes Earl abstains; Motion passes.

Committee to recommend pay scale for zoning inspector recommends zoning inspector position should be paid \$300 a month. The zoning permits are bringing in income. Brian Collins moves to accept Committee's recommendation, Rick Caldwell seconds; Motion passes. Starting October 1, 2018 and pay current.

**New Business:** Hilary presented Resolution 2018-10-10 to Council (supplement of revenue accounts). Michel Anderson moves to approve Resolution 2018-10-10 as presented; Becky Margraff; Roll Yes; Earl abstains; Motion passes. Adam Landon presented a draft letter for Council to review for nuisance violations.

Earl Bennett moves to adjourn, Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes. Out at 8:29 pm