

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 12, 2016 at 7:00pm

Meeting was called to order by Mike Baker with council members Cherri Burwell, Earl Bennett, Ron Margraff, Becky Margraff and Robert Beck present.

RITA: RITA was at the meeting to provide information to Council about income tax and services they offer. RITA would contact the local businesses and residents, process the payments and take care of some of the process for those who don't file, for an additional fee. The cost is \$8.00 per subpoena. Residents still have to file even if they have no payment to make. There is a fee if RITA needs to go to court at \$35 an hour. They provided council with an estimate for what 1% tax would generate, information on the time frame the tax would come in and how payments are made by residents. The cost of RITA to administer the tax would be approx. \$3,000. RITA could hold a percentage of the income tax collected to pay for the cost. Residents can request tax forms, get them online or e-file. Income tax would only be on earned income. Anything over 1% would require public vote. RITA believes the 1% tax would generate approx. \$68,000 a year before fees. RITA believes at the low end it would be approx. \$58,000. Village could exit RITA at any time and no longer have a 1% tax. RITA provided the council with timelines on implementing a 1% income tax.

Park Committee Report: Refiling information will be reviewed on Monday and hope to get the check soon. Paperwork had to be resubmitted due to donated park equipment. They should send out check almost immediately.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed by the Council. Cherri Burwell moved to approves minutes Becky Margraff second, motion passes.

Approval of Bills: Cherri Burwell moved to approve payment of the bills except Bennett's Distributing Earl Bennett second. Roll yes. Cherri Burwell moved to pay Bennett Distributing Robert Beck second Earl abstains. Roll yes.

Old Business: Cherri Burwell stated that Bill Shorts property hasn't been cleaned up. The Village will have the attorney send them a letter.

Council discussed doing the income tax. Discussion included that it wouldn't cost the Village much for RITA's services, there is no upfront cost, process to have it implemented by Dec. 1, doing a 1% and having Fiscal Officer prepare the ordinance for the attorney to review. Ron Margraff moved to have attorney review the information/contract provided by RITA and to have a special meeting on Wed. Oct. 26th at 6:30 pm. Cherri Burwell seconds. Roll yes.

FY14/15 audit is completed and the auditor has submitted to state.

Shattuck property has been purchased.

Joe Clase from Plan4Land has a monthly/set expense. Council discussed future need for Plan4Land's services and the benefits of the services provided. Work on the park has been suspended due to waiting on funds spent being refunded. Equipment that has been already purchased for the park will be stored at the old Shattuck property. Council discussed using the Shattuck house for fire training but the EPA would have to inspect it. If EPA approves it to be burnt the fire department would take care of the rest of the process getting it ready to being burnt. It would cost approx. \$10,000 to demo and haul, it would cost approx. a 1/3 if it is burnt down and hauled away.

Mike spoke with Ryan Gale and he did accept the position offered by the Village.

Mike discussed with the Council changing the location of the playground equipment and putting it on the newly purchased property. That would get the playground away from the driveway and provide more room for picnic tables. Mike suggested putting playground equipment in backyard of new property.

Council discussed the length of meetings and ways to shorten them and the time required to complete Council business.

Zoning application was submitted for garage being built at the parsonage.

Earl moves to authorized purchase of computer for sewer. Robert Beck seconds. Motion passes

Discussed zoning in Marengo and the need to make sure businesses get permits and enforces zoning code. Discussed occupancy permits needed by businesses. The fire department is now checking all new businesses and will start inspecting old businesses next.

Council discussed they believe that the old grocery store has sold.

Ron Margraff moves to adjourn Earl Bennett seconds. Motion passes.