

Marengo Village Council
P.O. Box 310
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Minutes of the Council Meeting on November 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

Present: **Council Members:** Brian Collins Ron Margraff Ronda Siegfried
 Mike Baker Robert Beck Earl Bennett
Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom **Village Solicitor:**

Mayor Austin Whited called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: Mike Baker moves to approve minutes from the October 11, 2023 council meeting; Rhonda Siegfried seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Brian Collins moves to pay bills, Mike Baker seconds, Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Public:

Old Business: JEDD Board met last night. Phone conference has been scheduled for 8:30 am with RITA. JEDD board requested the Village of Marengo pay insurance cost until JEDD board has funds and then they will reimburse the Village of Marengo. Council had further discussion. Income from the JEDD will pay off the expenses incurred in creation of the JEDD before distributions are made to the entities. Council had further discussion on reimbursements and providing insurance cost. Council will have the Village Solicitor draw up an agreement for reimbursement for insurance expense. Earl Bennett moves to have a light added to the end of the Village Hall driveway; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Ron Margraff Nay; Motion passes. Council had discussion on pursuing a grant for additional lighting in the Village, Plan4Land is researching. Mayor Whited read Ordinance for Village Administrator. Declaring an emergency Mike Baker moves to pass the ordinance (2023-11-15); Robert Beck seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Council had discussion on title search for property being purchases, Earl Bennett will get the title search completed.

Committee Reports:

Community Improvement: Christmas parade is December 2nd at 6:00 pm. Mayor Whited discussed purchasing new Christmas flags for the Village with Council. Council had discussion. Ron Margraff moves to purchase flags up to \$1,000; Brian Collins seconds; Roll yes; Earl abstains; Motion passes.

Fire & Safety: Bids for Station 2 will be opened Nov. 21st.

Personnel: Nothing

Park: Village will decorate the park for the parade.

Zoning: Nothing at this time. The old gas station did dispose of several tires.

New Business: There are 6 first notices and 4 second late sewer notices. Hilary reminded Council temp appropriations is next month. Robert Beck moves to approve supplemental appropriations; Ron Margraff seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 7:52 pm.