

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on March 10, 2021 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Council Members: Ricky Caldwell
Ronda Siegfried
Robert Beck
Earl Bennett
Brian Collins
Ron Margraff

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom
Village Solicitor Adam Landon

Mayor Austin Whited called the meeting to order.

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

Minutes: Ronda Siegfried moves to approve minutes from the February 10, 2021 Council meeting; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes

Public: Joe Clase, Plan4Land, reviewed with Council the results of the meeting with business owners in Marengo. Businesses felt top two strengths are hometown feel and proximity to Columbus. They felt the weaknesses included vacancy in the Village. They are also concerned about business competition at 61/71. Tim Abraham, Morrow County Commissioners, is here to let Council know if they need anything to let him know.

Bills: Council reviewed bills. Mayor Whited spoke with Bennington Twp. and they will sell us bulk salt at a much cheaper rate. Village will look at doing that next year. Brian Collins moves to pay bills; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Appropriations: Hilary reviewed appropriations with Council. Mayor Whited reviewed truck options with Council. He went over a GMC and a Ford; both included a snowplow. He then reviewed bed options with Council. Council reviewed options to include a crane that would attach to the bed. Council had a discussion. Brian Collins feels the Village does not need a crane at this time but to reinforce the bed. Council had further discussion on removing pumps. Council discussed cost of repaving. Ron Margraff moves to approve Resolution 2021-3-10, permanent appropriations, and add additional appropriation accounts; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Mayor Whited will continue to look at truck quotes to present to Council. Brian Collins moves to approved amended estimated resources; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Ronda Siegfried moves to increase wages to \$50 a month; Brian Collins seconds; Robert Beck Nay; Ron Margraff Nay; Earl Bennett abstains; Ricky Caldwell abstains; Brian Yay; Vote results in a tie; Mayor Whited votes Yay; Motion passes.

Old Business: Mayor Whited approved two spots in the community garden to Troop 1995, in which Troop 1995 will provide volunteer hours. Council had discussion on the community garden and other improvements to the park. Mayor Whited discussed with Council renting the Village Hall. Council had discussion on having separate rates for Village residents compared to non-residents. The legion in \$200 a

day and church is \$20 an hour or \$150 a day. Council had discussion on deposit. Ron Margraff suggested \$50 for 3 hours or \$75 for a day and payment is required at beginning of rental. Council had discussion on securing the building. Council had discussion on times available, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Brian Collins moves to approve rental of Village Hall at \$50 for 3 hours or \$75 a day and time available will be from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Ricky Nay; Roll yes; Motion passes.

Council discussed employee responsibilities; Mayor Whited is going to work on a job description for Dave and Tyler's role. Mayor Whited does not have solid pricing on shelving at this time. Council had discussion. Brian Collins moves to approve up to \$1,000 for shelving; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes, Motion passes. Mayor Whited gave a list of items to Council the Village is no longer using and would like to sell. Council had discussion. Robert Beck moves to sell items not needed; Ron Margraff seconds; Roll yes; Earl abstains; Motion passes.

Committee Reports:

Planning: The Village is working on area map and will be interviewing engineers next month.

Fire & Safety: Brian Collins will contact BWJFD to inspect hall.

Parks and Streets: Hilary will contact Tidy Tim's to have a porta-john delivered to the park next month. They are continuing to meet for park plans.

Zoning: Don Callahan (zoning inspector), Mayor Whited and Adam Landon (village solicitor) will discuss what needs to be included in the letter to vacate properties. Don would also like stickers purchased to put on properties. Council discussed the food trailer.

New Business: Mayor Whited discussed a sewer hook-up just outside the Village. The property owner is going to provide a site plan. Council had discussion.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:47pm.