

**Marengo Village Council**

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on May 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

**Council Members present:** Robert Beck Mike Baker Ronda Siegfried

Earl Bennett

**Village Clerk:** Hilary Ostrom **Village Solicitor:**

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

**Minutes:** Robert Beck moves to approve minutes from the April 10, 2024 council meeting; Mike Baker seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Mike Baker moves to pay bills, Ronda Siegfried seconds, Roll Yes; Motion passes

Mike Baker distributed to Council proposed JEDD agreement amendments. He suggested Council to review the original JEDD agreement against the proposed changes. Council had discussion.

**Public:** Ron Margraff provided a plan for drainage to Mayor Whited for his parcel. Council reviewed the drainage map provided. Council had further discussion. Mayor Whited approves his drainage plan. Joe Ostrom is here to see how the annexation is coming along.

**Old Business:** Earl discussed annexation of properties on the North end of town with Council. Adam provided an annexation agreement. Survey has not been completed and Mayor Whited stated that it wasn't required. Council had discussion on who would pay for the survey and survey plat to have the properties annexed. The annexation survey would be required to include Village limits. Council had further discussion. Information from a recent survey can be used to do an annexation survey. Blue Church does annexation surveys and has completed survey work for the Village in the past. Council had further discussion on the annexation agreement. Earl will take care of the annexation process for the Village. Earl then discussed the annexation of the properties just in front of the sewer plant. Mike Baker moves to pay for surveys, Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Council had further discussion on notifying land owners of parcels around the properties being annexed. The deed from the fire station has been recorded and given to the Village and utilities have been transferred.

Mayor Whited discussed a Sustainable Comprehensive Planning Project with Council and public present He asked two questions: What is it in our community that people love, Value? And What do we want our community to become, Hope for? Answers included places to eat, bingo, community activities, small town feel, lots of park, place for physical activity, libraries, fair grounds, hospital, schools, etc. love and value in the community. Answers included: still see some farm grounds, finish paving the Twp. roads, keep a downtown district, obtain productive use of vacant commercial properties, living wage jobs in the County for what do you want your community to become.

Joe spoke more with Council about building on the properties. Mayor Whited feels like it could take 3 months to annex the properties. Council had further discussion.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Improvement:**

**Fire:** Construction on Station 2 is continuing.

**Personnel:**

**Park:** Mayor Whited got pricing for rubber nuggets at \$577.61 a bag and estimates it will take 2 bags for the playground. Council would like to see how far one bag goes.

**Zoning/Administrator:** Final notice has been given to delinquent sewer properties. Council discussed the cars that was tagged and additional cars that have been added. Council also discussed properties that need mowed in the Village.

**New Business:** Joe Clase from Plan4Land is here to discuss CBDG funding with the Council. The grant would cover 100% of the project and require no matching funds. Council had discussion on projects such a sidewalk. Council discussed grants for the park next, Nature Works is 75/25 match. Council discussed improving sidewalks N and S on E Walnut and Liberty/Chan4Land to Williams. Joe Clase provided 5 copies of the zoning regulations that the Village has been working on for a couple of years. He also suggested creating a guidebook by a steering committee of several Council members and village residents volunteered to review the information and discuss. The Village discussed improving the park by adding a half soccer field and the Morrow Co. Health Department also applied for a grant for soccer net, park benches, mulch for the playground, etc.

Mayor Whited is purchasing several new road signs for the village from Kleem. Council had discussion on renting the park for a fee. Flags for Memorial Day are in and Randy will mulch around the trees. Council had discussion about the progress on 229 and the complaints of the road condition during construction, such as bumps in the road. Council had further discussion. Mayor Whited discussed purchasing a weed eater with Council. Ronda moves to purchase weed eater; Mike seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Mayor Whited appoints Ron Margraff to Council, Mike Baker seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Earl Bennet swears Ron into Council. Mike Baker moves to go into executive session to discuss personnel; Ronda seconds; Roll yes; in at 8:44 pm. Robert Beck moves to go out. Out at 8:55 Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:56 pm.