

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on November 9, 2016 at 7:00pm

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

Council reviewed and discussed website.

Minutes: Cherri Burwell moved to approve minutes from last meeting. Ron Margraff seconds Motion passes.

Bills: Cherri Burwell moved to pay all bills Robert Beck seconds Motion passes.

Brian Benick from Morrow County Health Department was at the meeting to inform Council on the Morrow County Waste Program and the Solid Waste Revolving Loan Fund. The fund is used to clean up nuisance properties in Morrow County. The fund receives its money from contributions from its members, such as townships and villages, as well as assessing cost on the property taxes of properties that the fund is used on. Townships or Villages can require a property owner to clean up their property and the fund can help get the properties cleaned up. The Village would pay \$500 to become a member. The only time additional money is requested is when fund runs low, around once every 5 years or so has been the average. As long as money is returned from assessments on property taxes the money is replaced. Council also discussed the process of shutting off sewer with Brian. He stated the Village could contact the health department when shutting off the sewer. There was discussion on the process to shut off sewer and that the Village would have to pass an ordinance to shut off a sewer for non-payment.

Zoning: Bea Walker - car port proposal. Council discussed the requirements. Mike measured from the lot line and she does have 3' to put in a car port. There was discussion about the property and that the car port may have already been put up. Property owners must submit drawing and have it approved before project is started.

Zoning and Subdivision Regulation: Council reviewed some regulations. There was discussion on new businesses that have started in the Village and have not been reported to Zoning Inspector. Council discussed putting signs up to help advertise businesses. Council also discussed businesses have to have a zoning permit to open. There was discussion that the zoning laws don't have enough clarity and there are not enough resources to enforce the zoning laws. Council discussed creating letters to help enforce zoning laws and putting zoning info on website. Council discussed going over a small section of zoning each meeting, with the council reviewing the zoning information so they know what the zoning laws say and then improving it. The zoning ordinance was copied after Mt. Vernon's zoning and current properties compared to newly built properties. Council determined that they will bring their zoning book to the next

meeting to review and discuss. Council discussed how to notify public of zoning, such as putting on website and sewer bill.

Sewer Report: Council reviewed and discussed delinquent accounts. Hilary provided council sewer accounts that have been assessed. Council wants to make sure it is legal to plug sewers. There was discussion on the steps to make an ordinance to shut off delinquent sewer accounts. Council needs to determine length of time that the bill would be late to plug sewer. Hilary will go to Fulton and see if she can get Fulton's ordinance and letter they send to accounts that are delinquent.

Mike praised the Council for the work they have done over the last year and everything they have done to improve the community. He just wanted to say Thank you

RITA: Hilary informed Council that she is working with RITA to get all documents required.

New Business: Earl handed out a survey to council. He discussed the property owned by Florence Snyder. Property is outside of village he believes. Property is next to sewer property. He believes she wants to sell the property. Earl suggested that the village purchases the property and annex it. He hasn't been given a price. Council suggested finding how much she wants for the property and Earl will see if he can. Council wanted to know the benefit of purchasing the property. It would make annexing property easier and easier to annex more property in the future.

Joe Clause still has some time left on his contract and no work is needed on the park at this time. Mike suggested using the rest of the time that is on his contract to help with some of the needs of the village, such as zoning, businesses coming to village, etc. Mike suggested having Joe talk to some of the businesses outside the village about possibly annexing them. There was discussion on annexing everyone on village sewer but focusing on one direction, such as towards Marengo Fab. There was discussion on the process of annexing and the high cost. Mike suggested that they village survey and go from there, council needs to get an idea of how the public feels. Village residents have to be on village sewage. Ron feels that Joe's time would be better used for zoning issues and Cherri agrees that he should help with zoning but would like to see a letter sent out about annexing. Mike suggested having Joe deliver zoning letters as well. Council agrees that he needs to help with zoning.

Ron Margraff moves to do go into executive session for personnel review; John Brent seconds it Roll 5 yes 0 no Went into executive session at 8:59 pm Ron Margraff moves to go out of executive session John Brent seconds Roll 5 yes 0 no Went out at 9:06 pm.

John Brent moves to adjourn Ron Margraff seconds motion. Motion passes Meeting adjourned