

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on January 9, 2019 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker
Council Members: Michel Anderson
Ricky Caldwell
Earl Bennett
Robert Beck
Becky Margraff
Gary Brian Collins

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom
Village Solicitor: Adam Landon

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Robert Beck moves to approve the minutes from December 12, 2018 meetings; Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes.

Bills: Council reviewed the bills. Hilary informed Council she has not received December's bank statement and she will add the additional December expenses for Council to review at the February meeting. She will also provide revenue report for Council to review. Brian Collins moves to pay bills; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll Call; six yes zero no; Motion passes.

Public: John Harsh for homeland security is here to discuss with Council the Morrow County Mitigation plan. He reviewed the benefits of passing the resolution to join the County with Council.

Andy Ware, Morrow County Economic Dev. Director, is here to discuss with Council the sidewalk bid package. He explained the items that did not go out in the previous bid packs with Council that are required. There was discussion. The bid package will be reviewed by Mayor Baker and Joe Clase before it goes out, hopefully in next couple of weeks.

Ricky Caldwell nominates Earl Bennett for President, Brian Collins seconds; Roll Call; five yes zero no; Earl abstains.

Old Business: Mayor Baker presented Council an insurance quote from Rinehart Insurance for \$2,592. Rinehart increased the insurance on the pump stations and came in under the quote from Griffin. Mayor Baker also added the additional equipment to the plan.

Adam Landon sent the nuisance violation letter to John Corrado but it was returned as unclaimed. He will resend the letter to the address the Village sends his sewer payment too. Becky asked about the zoning for the property. Adam Landon stated the nuisance ordinance is not changed by how the property is zoned. Council reviewed and approved the letter Dale Healy drafted for nuisance violations in the Village.

Mayor Baker discussed with Council removing the trees at the park and the ones required for the sidewalk project. The best quote Mayor Baker received was from Select Tree Services for \$7,000. They will also trim the trees in the Village for \$50 a tree; total cost would be around \$8500. They will be removing nine trees as well as trimming all the trees in the Village. He also received a quote from Complete Clearing's for 7,200 to remove the trees. Council had discussion on tree removal quote and the trees being removed.

Mayor Baker also presented a quote to Council for the demolition and removal of the house and barn the Village owns by the park from Goodman Excavating for \$6500. Earl Bennett moves to authorize Mayor Baker to accept a bid for house/barn demolition up to \$7,000; Michel Anderson seconds; Motion passes.

Earl Bennett presented information to Council about bid challenges for communities. Council discussed the property that went onto Sherriff Sale and how it was purchased by the bank for more than property was appraised. Council discussed what would happen to the property now. Council discussed contacting the bank regarding the sewer bill, nuisance violations, etc.

Council discussed properties that are not paying their sewer bills. Village cannot shut off sewer at this time because it is not in the ordinance. Hilary will send Adam Landon the history of properties that are continuously behind on sewer. There was discussion on sewer service in the Village and options for accounts that are behind. There was discussion on if the Village can stop service to one location and not affect other properties. The Village does not have any terms of service agreements from when the sewer accounts was established in the Village. The Village does have an easement on properties for sewer. Adam Landon will research options for delinquent sewer accounts to present to Council.

Joe Clase reviewed the changes in the sidewalk project with Council. The sidewalk will not go past Rolling Dough now and the added a clear coat sealant to the sidewalk. Council reviewed the plans with Joe Clase. Joe Clase also discussed with Council the easement with the owner of the apartment complex by the park for the sidewalk is almost complete.

Joe Clase discussed with Council grant options available to Marengo. He stated Natureworks has a grant available for \$20,000 and Land and Water Conservation grant is a 50% matching state competitive grant. He discussed going for the CDBG grant again if the grant is available. ODOT also has funds available that may be able to help the 61/229 intersection. Council discussed how cost was covered on previous improvements to the Village. Joe Clase will present information to Council for different projects later.

New Business: There was no new business.

Earl Bennett moves to adjourn; Robert Beck seconds; Motion passes. Out at 8:20 pm