

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on November 11, 2020 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Siegfried
Council Members: Earl Bennett
Austin Whited
Brian Collins
Robert Beck
Ricky Caldwell

Village Solicitor: Adam Landon
Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Siegfried called the meeting to order.

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

Minutes: Brian Collins moves to approve the minutes from October 14, 2020 meeting; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Public: Randy Wilkinson is here. He lived in the Village previously and is currently building a house in the Village.

Bills: Council reviewed bills. Ricky Caldwell moves to pay bills; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Old Business: Mayor Siegfried spoke with Dave and sewer plugs are approx. \$75.00 each. Council had discussion. The Village sent out survey's to residents. They will review results at next month's meeting. Mayor Siegfried received the pole attachment agreement from AEP and it has been sent in. The Village would like to have four poles to put Christmas lights on.

Committee Reports:

Fire and Safety: Architects will be at BWJFD's meeting tomorrow.

Community Relations: Trick or Treat was well attended.

Park and Streets: The survey will help the Village determine what to purchase with the NatureWorks grant.

Zoning: Nothing to report. There was discussion if there is any zoning ordinances for dogs. Adam will see if the Village has any.

New Business: Council discussed the need to trim trees on Vine Street that are on Village property. Robert Beck moves to approve Mayor Siegfried to get quotes; Austin Whited seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Council discussed temporary appropriations next month and needs for the Village, such as tree removal and roads. Council had discussion on raising sewer rates. Earl Bennett moves to raise present

sewer rates \$5.00 a month per unit; (38.50 to 43.50 keeping the \$5.00 discount if paid by the 15th) effective January 1, 2021; Brian Collins seconds; Roll yes; Ricky Caldwell abstains; Motion passes. Council discussed replacing flags on the streets and parks as needed. There was also discussion on having local businesses adopt a flag. There was discussion putting a link on the website to sponsor a flag.

Mayor Siegfried won the election for Commissioner and will be resigning as Mayor next month. Council will also have an opening in January. Earl Bennett resigns as Village President effective November 11, 2020. Earl Bennett reviewed pictures of crosswalks in the Village that need repainted with Council. He also found the easement for the town hall/sewer plant driveway with the original property owners. He will provide copies next meeting.

Joe Clase will be able to provide the results of the survey at the next meeting. He reviewed a top 10 preliminary report with Council from the survey results but will gather all the data from the survey for a full report next month. The Village is looking at implementing a community plan.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:14 pm