

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on September 11, 2019 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

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

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom
Village Solicitor: Adam Landon

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Brian Collins moves to approve the minutes from August 14, 2019 meetings; Ricky Caldwell seconds; Motion passes.

Bills: Council reviewed the bills. Robert Beck moves to pay bills; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll Call; six yes zero no; Motion passes.

Mayor Baker informed Council Dale Healey, zoning inspector, resigned effective September 11, 2019. He also reminded Council Earl Bennett has resigned as Council President and Council needs to appoint a president.

Public: There are two street lights out, one on the corner of Noble/Church and one on the corner of Liberty/Willow. The Village will call AEP to have the lights replaced. Earl Bennet also believes there is one out behind the old grocery store. There was a question if 229 could be closed at 3pm for the Christmas festival, unfortunately that is not easily possible. Rhonda asked if there could be no parking during that time so kids will not be between cars. Mayor Baker said that should be possible to put up temporary no parking signs. Next week the Village should be able to start on the storm drain.

Mayor Baker reviewed the Drake's damage to their basement due to drainage on their property. Council reviewed the damages. Mayor Baker also suggested the Village turning the expense in on the Village's insurance.

There was a request to replace the U.S. flag at the Village Hall; the Village will have it replaced.

Council had discussion on the grass planted when the sidewalks was replaced and the complaints to the Village about the grass.

Old Business: Hilary reviewed supplemental appropriations with Council. Robert Beck moves to adopt Resolution 2019-9-11-1; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll Call five yes; zero no; Earl Bennett abstains.

Mayor Baker discussed the JED agreement with Council. Robert Beck stated he did not feel it was a value to the Village to be involved. Council reviewed the JED agreement proposal; an agreement has not been reached. Bennington Twp. needs to determine if they want to do a JED agreement and Village of Marengo would administer the tax. Mayor Baker suggested having a special meeting with Bennington Twp. to review the terms of the agreement. Council had discussion. Highland Local Schools did an agreement with Dollar Tree Distribution Center when the school gave the tax abatement, Dollar Tree Distribution Center will not impede a JED agreement. The County gave a 30-year tax abatement in a TIF and the school is abated for 15 years. There are steps required to form the JED. There was further discussion.

Council reviewed the expenses for the damages to Drake's property. There was discussion and a suggestion for a backflow preventer. Brian Collins moves to approve payment to Drake's for reimbursement for the damages to basement but is not deemed an admission to liability; Becky Margraff seconds; Roll Call; six yes; zero no; Motion passes.

New Business: Hilary discussed assessing past due sewer accounts with Council. She will be taking assessments to the auditor on Friday. Mayor Baker no longer has a new hire for the Village, the person took a different position. Council set Trick or Treat for Saturday, October 26th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Council discussed having a driveway/road added to extend Hidden Drive. Michel Anderson moves to approve up to \$5,000 to extend Hidden Drive; Earl Bennet seconds; Roll Call; six yes; zero no; Motion passes.

Earl Bennett moves to adjourn; Robert Beck seconds; Motion passes. Out at 8:15 pm.