

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on March 8, 2017 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker
Council Members: Cherri Burwell
Robert Beck
Ron Margraff
John Brent
Earl Bennett
Becky Margraff

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

The Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Ron Margraff moved to approve the minutes; Cherri Burwell seconds. Motion passes.

Bills: Cherri Burwell moved to pay bills; Robert Beck seconds; Roll Call 6 yes 0 no. Motion passes.

Public: Public asked how the park plans have been coming along. Village is waiting for the weather to improve and the County to move forward with pavilion plans.

Old Business: Mayor Baker received a letter from the Morrow County Prosecutor's office in regards to the Village of Marengo being a village or a township. The answer was the Village of Marengo is a village within the township. Hilary has submitted unaudited financials to the Ohio Auditor of State.

New Business: Mayor Baker stated the Matt Gandee is looking at purchasing the old grocery store. He requested a change of use of for the building (attached.) Village had to pump sewer tanks due to a back-up problem. Sewer will need some repairs in the near future. Pump in pump station behind Dollar General burnt up, had to use the spare and now the Village does not have a spare. A pump will cost approx. \$589 and one can get be purchased in Ashland if needed. The Bob Cat needs repairs and funds will come out of Street Fund because Bob Cat is used mainly on the streets.

Council discussed expansion of the sewer plant and repairs needed. Joe Clase from Plan for Land stated there are grants available for sewer but most require matching funds. Approx. 27 acres in the Village can be expanded at this time and if the Village would allow apartment buildings the sewer could need expanded. It would depend on how property is developed. Mayor Baker will meet with Dave Gale soon and review what is needed.

Mayor Baker informed the Council that the Village has a lot of pot holes and black top patch expensive. The stone that the put on 26 seems to be holding and he would recommend using it to fill the holes. Ron Margraff asked if the Village could contract out having the pot holes patched. Council discussed different options for patching the pot holes. Council agrees that the holes need patched and gravel is the best option with the funds available and approves Dave Gale to start making repairs. Council also discussed the need to add stone to the drive to Village Hall.

Committee Report: Ron Margraff gave a report on the Zoning Committee. They are working on putting zoning regulations in a Word document and the zoning process. They are also planning on creating a vision for the Village and a plan for that vision. Council needs to have five residents of the Village for the Board of Appeals for zoning. Zoning Appeal Board needs five members. Council discussed how to obtain five members, such as posting on the website or doing a mailing with sewer bills.

Earl Bennett had zoning maps made to make available to the public. He informed Council that the Highland Park that is close to the school has been deeded to the Highland School District. Council discussed the future of the park located in the Village limits.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn; John Brent seconds, motion passes.