

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on May 9, 2018 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker
Council Members:

Becky Margraff
Michel Anderson
Gary Brian Collins
Earl Bennett
Robert Beck

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Brian Collins moves to approve the minutes from April 11, 2018 meeting; Michel Anderson seconds; Earl Bennett abstains; Motion passes. Robert Beck moves to approve the minutes from April 25, 2018 meeting; Becky Margraff seconds; Earl Bennet abstains; Motion passes.

Bills: Council reviewed bills. There was discussion on the Hartman Printing bill. There was discussion on individual Council members approving purchases. The Village saved over a \$1,000 by purchasing the flags at Hinkle's Marengo Hardware. South Main Street paving is complete. Robert Beck moves to pay bills; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll Call 5 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

Public: Mr. Whited is here to discuss his concerns in regards to different aspects of the park. He provided a handout for the Council to review. He suggested adding a chain link fence, abandoning the alley, changing access points, etc. He would be willing to work with the Village and help to absorb some of the cost. Council discussed some of the items he proposed.

Zoning: Dale Healy (zoning inspector) has been working with businesses to make sure they know zoning requirements and having them fill out the business form. He encourages Council members to follow zoning requirements and to set a good example for the community.

Old Business: Auditors are done with the onsite review. The Village added gravel to different areas in the Village and they have been working on the sinkholes. Mayor Baker proposes to Council they hire Adam Landon from Critchfield, Critchfield and Johnson as village solicitor. Becky Margraff thought both candidates was qualified but she agrees with Mayor Baker. Robert Beck moves to hire Adam Landon as Village Solicitor; Michel Anderson seconds Roll Call 4 yes 0 no Earl Bennett abstains. Earl Bennet informed Council Ross Porter has not submitted a deed for the parcels he would like to split. Ross Porter would like to request a house number and Mayor Baker informed him he needed to request the number from Council. Council discussed the sidewalk grant and the requirement it goes to the corner. Public asked how far the sidewalk was going. It is going from the corner by Main Street Market and Deli to the Village limit on both sides of 229.

New Business: Earl Bennett informed Council the ballot had village residents voting on Bennington Twp. issues. Village of Marengo is also Big Walnut Twp. Earl Bennett called the prosecuting attorney for more information. Earl Bennett was wondering what is going to happen to the house that burnt in the Village. Bill Short is having it torn down. The owners of the mobile home are still trying to find someone

to have it removed. Earl Bennett talked to Dave Gale about the lack of schematic plans for the storm water drains. Dave Gale will put what info he knows on the maps provided. Council discussed there is a need to know where the storm drains are. Earl Bennett also informed Council on some of the roads the county is planning on paving. There was discussion on having Mid-Ohio doing more paving in the Village if Mid-Ohio gets the contract to do Southern Morrow County. Cost would be approx. \$57,000 to do the majority of the Village roads that need done. Council approved participating in RITA's delinquency program for income tax; there is no cost to participate. Council discussed a rat problem in the Village. Some Village residents are feeding stray cats in the Village but this also is feeding rodents and pest.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn, Becky Margraff seconds; adjourned meeting at 7:53 pm