

**Marengo Village Council**

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on April 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

**Council Members present:** Brian Collins Robert Beck Mike Baker Ronda Siegfried

Earl Bennett

**Village Clerk:** Hilary Ostrom **Village Solicitor:** Adam Landon

Mayor Whited called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Minutes:** Brian Collins moves to approve minutes from the March 19, 2024 council meeting; Mike Baker seconds; Roll Yes; Ronda Siegfried abstains. Motion passes.

Jim Young provided a quote for stones for Hidden Drive of \$3,314.00. Brian Collins moves to approve quote, Mike Baker seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Earl Bennett arrives at the meeting.

**Public:** Commissioner Tim Siegfried is here to inform Council of County updates. County is putting up a new county building at Home Rd and the Health Department new location has started remodel. Don Callahan from the Legion is here to update Council on events at the Legion. Legion is researching PA system for the Village.

Council reviewed bills. Robert Beck moves to pay bills, Brian Collins seconds, Roll Yes; Motion passes.

**Old Business:** Council had discussion on JEDD. Council discussed annexation and Earl Bennett suggested Council get surveying done on properties the Village is looking at annexing. He also presented a checklist to Council that the County provided to him for annexation. Council had discussion on expedited annexation. Council had further discussion on properties to be annexed. Adam will work on creating the agreement. Council had discussion on getting an easement also for sewer line. Earl Bennett discussed Bennington Twp. transferring old fire station, Tom Smith created the deed. Adam and Council had discussion on settlement agreement.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Improvement:** Construction is continuing on the 229.

**Fire:** Broke ground on station.

**Personnel:**

**Park:** Mayor Whited will provide quote for next month for rubber at the playground. Council had discussion on the new property the Village purchased at the park. Mayor Whited is working with Joe Clase to discuss grant opportunities for the park and CBDG.

**Zoning/Administrator:** Jerry tagged inoperable cars, they need to be removed May 5<sup>th</sup>. Council had further discussion.

**New Business:** Village had 3 sewer tanks pumped. Randy is going to start checking tanks in town. Mayor Whited discussed with Council annexing properties that wish to receive sewer but are currently not in Village limits a requirement to annex in the future. Earl Bennett raised concerns. Council would like Adam to draft an ordinance. Mayor Whited also discussed sump pumps running into the sewer, which is illegal and how to check. Village could either check the property or property owner provide proof of it being checked. Council had further discussion. Council would like Adam to draft an ordinance. Council had further discussion on where the storm water will go and time frame for how long to allow the remedy. Hilary discussed renewing property tax levy. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:05 pm.