

Marengo Village Council

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

Council Members present: Robert Beck Mike Baker

Ron Margraff Brian Collins 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 June 12, 2024 council meeting; Robert Beck seconds; Roll Yes; Ron Margraff abstains; Motion passes.

Mayor Whited discussed with Council cost to add sewer at the township building. Bennington Twp. will pay for the cost to have sewer added. Mayor Whited reviewed 2 quotes with Council. One from Journey Excavating and the other from Goodman Excavating, both estimates are \$5,500. Cost will be approx. \$23,000 for total project. The Village will also be adding a pump station. Council had discussion about how much it would cost to increase the pipe diameter. Council had further discussion on attaching a solid pipe to the bridge. Brian Collins moves to accept Journey Excavating quote, Ron Margraff seconds, Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Council had discussion on Rising Sons bill. There will be an additional \$652.50 payment to Randy. Ron Margraff moves to pay bills, Robert Beck seconds, Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Old Business: The JEDD Board met last month. The JEDD has starting to receiving funds. JEDD Board is still working on contract negotiations. The JEDD Board has determined the JEDD will cover the cost of RITA to administer the tax and allocate percentages based on net. Council had discussion. Mike will provide contract copies once it is ready. Earl informed Council progress is being made on the annexation. Council had discussion on zoning for the properties that are being annexed. Council reviewed sewer ordinance on storm water being pumped into sewer system and had discussion.

Committee Reports:

Community Improvement:

Fire: 911 Center is being transferred to the police department. Council had discussion.

Park: Mayor Whited will be getting the rubber for the playground. Council had discussion on improvements to the park. Nature Works has a 50K grant available. Council had discussion on a youth soccer field and adding additional fences. Council had further discussion on adding additional playground equipment.

Zoning/Administrator:

New Business: Mayor Whited informed Council a business inquired about renting the building in town. Council also discussed using it for storage. Hilary reviewed 2025 Estimated Resources and budget with Council. Mike moves to approve 2025 Estimated Resources and budget; Brian seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. There are five second late sewer notices. Hilary informed Council the 2022/2023 auditor will be here next Wed and Thurs. Audit is being completed by the State Auditor's office. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:15 pm.