

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on January 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

Council Members present: Mike Baker Ronda Siegfried Ron Margraff

Earl Bennett Brian Collins Robert Beck

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

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

Minutes: Robert Beck moves to approve minutes from the December 11, 2024 council meeting; Mike Baker seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Ronda Siegfried nominates Earl Bennett as President; Roll Yes; Earl Bennett is president for 2025. Mayor Whited appoints Brian Collins to BWJFD. Ronda will serve on Community Improvement committee. Ron and Bob will serve on Park committee. Jerry will serve on Community Improvement. Ronda Siegfried moves to approve all transfer of funds as allocated by appropriations in 2025; Mikes Baker seconds; Ron Margraff Nay; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

Council reviewed and discussed the bills. Brian Collins moves to pay bills; Mike Baker seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes

Old Business: Mayor Whited did the third and final reading of Ordinance 2024-11-13A. Ronda Siegfried moves to approve; Brian Collins seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Mayor Whited did the third and final reading of 2024-11-13B. Brian Collins moves to approve; Ronda Siegfried seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes. Village is continuing the annexation process for properties North of Marengo and documents have been drafted for signatures. Council had further discussion on annexing additional properties and having a survey plat completed for the properties. There was discussion on getting signatures from property owners stating they want to annex into the Village before having surveys completed. Council had further discussion. Mayor Whited has started the newsletter for the Village, which will include new ordinances, committee members, community events calendar, Christmas lights donors, etc. Mayor Whited reviewed progress on CBDG grant of \$58,000 for sidewalks with Council. He is still working on getting lower quotes, additional grants to help cover the cost and gathering information for the project. Council had discussion on the cost to the Village for the sidewalk that goes to Dollar General and required easements.

Committee Reports:

Community Improvement: No updates

Fire: No updates

Park: Mayor Whited would like a list of improvements Council would like to be made to the park.

Zoning/Administrator: Zoning committee will meet on Jan. 29.

New Business: Mayor Whited informed Council a new sewer pump was installed. He reviewed KEM Engineering agreement with Council. Brian Collins moves to accept agreement; Mike Baker seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Mayor Whited reviewed sewer rate study with Council. Council had discussion on including sewer rate increase information in the newsletter. Ronda Siegfried moves to raise rates to \$58 a unit on April 1, 2025; Brian Collins seconds; Mike Baker, Bob Beck and Ear Bennett l Nay, Ron Margraff yes; Mayor Whited yes; Motion passes. Mayor Whited reviewed auditors report for 2022/2023 with Council. Mike Baker move to authorize Hilary to attend Public Records for Council; Ronda Siegfried; seconds; Ron Margraff Nay; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Village had 4 second delinquent notices and 2 first notices. Council had discussion on an ADA parking spot in the Village. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:18 pm.