

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING JANUARY 12, 2021
TOWN OF MARENGO & TOWN OF WHITE RIVER
MARENGO VALLEY FIRE DEPT

Present: Steve Walston, Kathy Schutte, Jeff Oliphant, Matt Lehto, Matt Granger, Ryan Van Ornum, Shelley Jolma, Craig Uskoski, Lance Ritola, Kurt Blakeman, and 3 townspeople

Meeting called to Order at 6:00 PM

***TOWN OF MARENGO AMBULANCE SERVICE**

-The Town of Marengo has purchased an Ambulance for their Ambulance Service. Lance Ritola and Kurt Blakeman are in charge of the Ambulance Service and getting everything set up.

Town of Marengo would like to park their Ambulance in the Marengo Valley Fire Dept building. Because the MVFD is owned by both Towns (White River 2/3 and Marengo 1/3), a meeting was called with both Town Boards and the Marengo Valley Fire Dept to discuss this.

The Town of Marengo has expressed that they would pay any extra costs to the Fire Dept that this would cost. Craig U, Fire Chief explained that he doesn't foresee there being much extra cost at all and doesn't see a problem with the parking of the Ambulance in their building. The Chairman and Supervisor of The Town of White River agreed with the Fire Chief and are in support of it parking in there. There was discussion on if there should be a small fee for the Town of Marengo. A motion was made by Town of White River Chairman Matt Lehto and a 2nd by Town of Marengo Chairman Steve Walston to allow the Town of Marengo to park their Ambulance in the MVFD building for a fee of \$10 a month payable to the Fire Dept for the calendar year of 2021 when it will then be revisited. All in favor

-There was then discussion on if the Fire Dept and the Ambulance Service could/should operate as one entity(company) instead of 2. Lance and Kurt were not sure of the exact costs associated but were wondering if the Town Boards would be in favor. Chairman Walston noted there are grants available if the Fire Dept and Ambulance work together and again voiced that the Town of Marengo would be willing to pay the additional costs for this. There was more discussion about insurance liabilities, the legalities of this since the Fire Dept is owned by both towns, contacting the WI Town's Association, and what the benefits and costs would be for this. There was not a decision made on this and it was tabled.

There was not another meeting that was scheduled as the Town Boards' or MVFD can call a meeting as needed.

There was a motion by Ryan Van Ornum to adjourn the meeting and a 2nd by Kathy Schutte. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Shelley Jolma, Clerk
Town of White River