

TOWN OF MARENGO

Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2020

**Annual Meeting postponed until Monday July 20, 2020
@ 6 p.m. and Monthly Meeting will follow.**

Motion by Kathy Schutte and second by Jeff Oliphant to postpone Annual meeting until July 20.
Motion carried.

Chairman **Stephen Walston** called regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marengo to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken present were Chairman **Stephen Walston**, Supervisor **Jeff Oliphant**, Supervisor **Kathy Schutte**, Clerk **Donna Koosmann** and Treasurer **Diane Eid**.

Motion by **Kathy Schutte** and second by **Jeff Oliphant** to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by **Kathy Schutte** and second by **Jeff Oliphant** to approve regular minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer **Eid** and bills were reviewed. Motion by **Kathy Schutte** and second by **Jeff Oliphant** to approve Treasurer's report and pay all bills. Motion carried.

Public Comments-

-**Kenny Reese** asked if possible that the culverts could be marked so when they are cutting with the brush hog, they do not smash the culverts. **Jeff** told **Kenny** it will be done.

-**Nancy Swanson** asked about the bathroom being put into the town hall and Chairman **Stephen Walston** stated he talked to **Julie Lippo** and they still have the compost toilet for sale. Price \$600.00 and lowest is \$550.00 he is waiting for a quote from **Daniel Granger** for hook up and **David Blakeman** for the plumbing. **Nancy Swanson** stated she would purchase the toilet so it does not get sold before the board can vote on it next month.

-**Nancy Swanson** asked about updating the plat book on the wall because it is out of date, Chairman **Stephen Walston** said he would check into that.

Town Supervisors Reports:

- Supervisor **Jeff Oliphant** talked about culverts being fixed by **Todd** and **Jared**.
- Supervisor **Kathy Schutte** talked about **Dean Webb** having some things he wanted done and **Todd** and **Jared** finished them.
- Cemetery Deed from **Dick & Phyliss Caya** that would like to transfer their cemetery deed over to cousins **Sackman**. **Kathy Schutte** is checking into this.

Chairman Report:

- **Stephen Walston** had meeting with 3 other chairmen by tele conference, with everything going on is wondering what we are going to cut for next year dollar wise in the Budget because of the COVID-19 Pandemic as it is known that Revenue Sharing and Gas Tax will be cut for the coming year.

Unfinished Business:

-**Hudson Bay Dam**- What **Ken Kozelko** proposed is that the **Town of Marengo** would take over ownership of the **Hudson Bay Dam** and a special tax assessment would be imposed on all property owners around **Spider Lake** and **Moquah Lake**. All property owners around those two lakes would be assessed an additional \$200.00 per year until capped out at \$100,000.00. The **Town of Marengo** would hold the money in a special account to pay any bills that came up regarding the Dam. It was proposed by Chairman **Walston** that all property deeds have an amendment added that “all expense of the Hudson Bay Dam for the present and future” be covered by all the property owners around **Spider Lake** and **Moquah Lake** and that there be no cap on the money collected and a 4% administration fee be added for the **Town of Marengo** for the **Clerk** and **Treasurer** to pay the bills and do any paperwork in regards to the **Hudson Bay Dam**.

-Motion to vote on taking over ownership of **Hudson Bay Dam** by Supervisor **Jeff Oliphant** and second by Supervisor **Kathy Schutte**. Vote was taken and it was decided to vote **NO** to take over **Hudson Bay Dam** in name only, Motion carried. It was asked by **Ken Kozelko** if we would collect the Special Tax on the properties around **Spider Lake** and **Moquah Lake** to cover the Dam. That decision was tabled for further review.

- **Buying Cemetery Plots Back**- Town of Marengo cannot buy them back, owners can sell them themselves or rename them. This is being looked into more.
- **Shirley Long** told **Kathy Schutte** that she wants to purchase another lot for 4 people by the other **Longs**. Supervisor **Kathy Schutte** will get the papers to her.
- **Ashland County Sheriff** was called about some stones at the Maple Grove Cemetery that were damaged, Sheriff Deputy states most likely damaged by kids.

-**Road Plan 2020**- Still getting prices for roads.

-**Going to start ditching Feeney road.**

-**Annual Meeting Date and Location – July 20, 2020 Monday @ 6 p.m. and monthly meeting to follow at Town Hall.**

New Business:

-**Ashland/Bayfield County Tavern League** – One License in Marengo, Motion by **Kathy Schutte** to not lower license fee and seconded by **Jeff Oliphant** and voted **YES** by Chairman **Stephen Walston**. Motion “**not**” to lower the fee carried.

-**Dust Control on Roads** - Calcium Chloroform or Magnesium Chloride, cost is roughly \$5,000 a load. Board will discuss further.

-**Dump Day**- Motion by **Kathy Schutte** and second by **Stephen Walston** to have (1) day for **Dump Day** on Saturday June 13, 2020 from 8-3 pm, need to talk to **Margert Oliphant** first and then will plan the day. \$15.00 car, \$25.00 truck, \$50.00 trailer.

-**Eric Sorenson** Driveway Culvert/ Town Road Gravel- Both ends of culvert are filling up with gravel. Mr. Sorenson wants gravel pulled out and put back on the road. Town employees will take care of this matter.

Future Agenda Items Per Public-

-**Shirley Long** talked about getting floors sanded in the town hall. **Diane Eid** is going to find out a price to rent a sander.

-Miscellaneous –

Put on agenda for next month meeting garage door, lawn mower deck

-**Correspondence** - None this month

-Next Meeting Date: June 15, 2020

-Adjournment- 7:39 pm

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