

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 Reas** 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 and waiting for 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-**Nancy Swanson** asked about updating the plat book on the wall because it is out of date, Chairman **Stephen Walston** said he would check into that.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**- A discussion was held with **Ken Kozelko** of **Spider Lake** and he 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, **Jeff**, **Kathy** and **Stephen** all voted “**No**”. 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 it. 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 @ 6p.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 is thinking about it.

-**Dump Day**- Motion by **Kathy Schutte** and second by **Stephen Walston** to have (1) day for **Dump Day** on Saturday June 13, 2020 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. **Kathy** voted “**Yes**”, **Stephen** voted “**Yes**” and **Jeff** voted “**No**”. Motion carried to have a **Dump Day**.

-**Eric Sorenson** Driveway Culvert/ Town Road Gravel- Both ends filling up with gravel, what gravel pulled out and put back on the road. They will have the guys take care of that.

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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