

TOWN OF MARENGO

Minutes

Monday August 21, 2020

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 Motion by **Stephen Walston** and second by **Jeff Oliphant** pay all bills. Motion carried.

Public Comments- Dean Webb asked what is wrong with mower, was told the hydraulic pump went and not sure if town is going to rebuild or replace with new. County will mow for \$950.00 a day if approved by the Board.

Dean Webb also would like to see 35 miles an hour speed limit once road is blacktopped, No big trucks either. Chairman stated to Dean to lower speed limit is a big project, must go through state. Will look more into it.

Nancy Swanson would like to give a Big thank you to Todd and Jared for getting the bathroom built and working in the town hall.

Supervisor's Report:

Jeff Oliphant:

Feeney Road pulverized, ditches halfway done. Chairman asked about Mineral Lake Road, Jeff and Todd responded needs more gravel, was wondering if Forest Department should be called for gravel. Going to also check with Peterson Pit or

Highbridge Pit about gravel. Todd states right now they have around 500 yards of gravel on hand.

Kathy Schutte:

Culvert needed to be fixed for one of the new owners in the township so the owners bought the culvert and gravel and Todd went over there and fixed it for them.

Chairman Report:

- Chairman Stephen Walston, is still having problems with the website, Getting information on the site for the public.
- **Thank you** to: Nancy, Evie, and JoAnn for cleaning the Town Hall.
- **Thank you** to: Shirley, Nancy, Miranda, Evie, and Donna for all the work they did for the Election.
- Clerk Donna Koosmann will be done at the end of November and Kim Campy will take over as the clerk. We are certainly sorry to see Donna leave us.
- Enbridge not really happy with Chairman Stephen Walston, Town of Marengo did not pay for Rental of School Auditorium for informational meeting regarding Line 5 Pipeline Reroute, Stephen Walston paid out of his own pocket for it and stated that it was not a Town of Marengo Sponsored event even though posters stated that it was.

Maple Grove Cemetery/Resolution

Kathy- No up to date records for cemetery, Max Lindsey (Lawyer) can help with putting an ordinance together and the taxpayers were told by Supervisor Kathy Schutte that it would cost around \$250.00. The Board needs to approve of spending money and hiring of the lawyer. It has not been approved as of yet. Supervisor Kathy Schutte stated that Max Lindsey has been working on this Cemetery issue since July of 2020. Also, Kathy wants to know if cemetery plots can be bought back and for what cost? This has yet to be determined.

Chairman Walston also stated he does not remember any motion made to hire a lawyer. Supervisor Kathy Schutte says it was made and Supervisor Jeff Oliphant said he could not remember any motion made either. A look at past meeting minutes is needed to find out or listen to past meetings on audio to see if an actual motion was made.

Chairman Walston does not think that Todd and Jared, the road crew, should find plots or mark out sites in the cemetery, he feels that is the Sexton's job.

Cemetery Plot pricing was discussed and the following was agreed upon:
Cemetery Plots: Taxpayers \$60.00 – Non-Taxpayers \$600.00
Full Burial: “Burial Vault Required” Weekdays \$400.00, Weekends \$500.00
Cremation Burials: Weekdays \$200.00, Weekends \$300.00 and Winter Burials are \$4000.00
A “Cemetery Ordinance” was talked about and then was decided to have a “Special Meeting” on September 1, 2020 at 5pm.

ATV/UTV – Bruce Joanis talked about County Highways, policy, and ordinances. Signs must be a certain size. Todd is going to find out price on signs and post and how many we will need. Every road coming into township needs a sign. Valid Driver’s license needed to drive ATV’s on county roads. County C is in the works, but before it opens it was mentioned to have a public hearing because some are for it and some are not.

Snowplowing Agreement- Diane would like to get letter mailed out by the end of September. The Board is going to do a driveway inspection along with Todd on September 03, 2020 @ 5 pm. Supervisor Kathy Schutte will call various landowners to let them know the Board will be stopping by to investigate any problems and advise them accordingly.

Feeney Road, next year pave or blacktop. Chairman Walston asked Todd if he is satisfied with ditching and road and Todd said yes and he will start hauling gravel on Tuesday.

Ambulance Service- 6 Townships are losing Ambulance Service by the end of December 2020 because “Great Divide Ambulance” was pulling totally out of Ashland County thus leaving 6 Townships without Ambulance Service. There will be a meeting with the Mellen Fire and Police Commission on Thursday August 27, 2020 4:00pm meeting at the Mellen Fire Station, The Marengo Town Board is planning on attending to talk to them about picking us up again. Chairman Walston is working on this. Chairman Walston, heard that we do not have to supply ambulance service but are only required to have EMR Service or people on hand and they will call ambulance if needed. This is being looked into more as the Board is looking into getting a service provided before the end of 2020.

Zoom/Kim Campy/Clerk- Motion by Kathy Schutte and second by Jeff Oliphant to except \$149.90 to sign up with zoom. Motion carried.

Having Zoom will allow Kim Campy to join meetings from home in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Future Agenda Items Per Public / Public Comments – Not at this time

Correspondence - None this month

Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2020

Adjournment- 7:57 pm, Motion by Stephen Walston and second by Jeff Oliphant to adjourn meeting.

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