

TOWN OF MARENGO

Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Chairman Stephen Walston called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marengo to order at 6: p.m. Roll call was taken present were Chairman Stephen Walston, Supervisor Bruce Joanis attending via Zoom, Supervisor Jeff Oliphant, Treasurer Diane Eid, Clerk Kimberly Campy. Also, present were Town residents some attending via Zoom.

Motion by **Oliphant** and second by **Walston** to approve the agenda as presented. Vote taken and motion carried.

Chairman Walston read regular minutes from Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Motion by **Walston** and second by **Joanis** to approve minutes with changes of Joanis attendance not via Zoom and changes to snowplowing motion to read corrected costs. Vote taken and motion carried.

Motion by **Walston** and second by **Oliphant** to approve Treasurer's report for main account, ambulance account, and NSB accounts as presented.

Motion by **Walston** second by **Oliphant** to approve vouchers and pay bills as presented. Vote taken and motion carried.

7. **Public Comments** – Residents would like to see agenda and minutes earlier than before meetings.

Town resident discussed the cemetery survey and questioned whether markers had been purchased for boundary lines yet.

Discussion was also held on keeping ambulance purchases at local businesses since donations had been received locally.

8. **Supervisor's Report** – Supervisor Oliphant stated the town employees are busy keeping with mowing the grass on the sides of the roads and that Heino Road is now graveled. Town employee Ylitalo stated that there is approximately 1200 yards of gravel left from what was purchased earlier in the year. Supervisor Joanis had no further information at this time.

9. **Chairman's Report** - Chairman Walston again reminded residents to please keep suggestions coming for the website and to send your email to the website if you already have not done this. Walston also stated that the ambulance is still in need of volunteers and the Town will pay for schooling. He informed the Board that he had received many

compliments on Heino Road and thanked everyone for doing a great job. He discussed Vista Road culvert and stated that there are some problems on the sides of the road where the culvert is, but the middle of the road looks good. He would like to put signs up before the culvert letting people know that there are some bumps there. Signs will be ordered.

Chairman Walston and Clerk Campy thanked the election board for another election well done. Clerk Campy stated that the election workers are a very knowledgeable group of ladies who work extremely hard and are well trained. Campy stated she can always count on them to run an election perfectly! She would like to thank Shirley Long especially for making sure absentee ballots are always done correctly and the election runs smoothly every time. Great job!

OLD BUSINESS

1. Heino Road has been previously discussed – looks very good!
2. Feeney Road – Discussion held on posting the road. Now that the road is completed, there are already people spinning their tires and making black marks on the road. Supervisor Joanis stated he would do another email to the County officers and have more police presence in the area. Also discussed resident's driveways that may have a lip at the end of their driveway and how that will be handled.
3. Town resident was asked by Ashland County Fair if it could use the Town's grader. Board stated that the fair had not used the grader in years, and they were not loaning equipment out at this time.
4. Snowplowing – Further discussion was held regarding wingbacks. After considerable discussion about this topic, the contract states, "Wingback plowing is not part of this agreement," this will remain in the contract. The Board would like to see the contract mailed out to residents in September.
5. Fence - Discussion held on Pine Ridge survey and survey completed by Todd Maki which included a 1914 map. The Board does not want to spend \$10,700 on putting up a fence. Chairman Walston will be meeting with Richard Maatta during Labor Day weekend to discuss this matter further.
6. Midway Park – re-seeding of the Park was not completed properly. Chairman Walston stated that there are still a lot of metal, glass and debris that was not cleaned up before reseeded took place. Walston will call Ritola and express his dissatisfaction with the reseeded and see what can be done at this point.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Election Voting Machine – Shirley Long, Chief Inspector gave a brief update on the election held on August 9th and stated everything went well. She also informed the Board that a new counting machine would need to be purchased by February of 2023 and the cost would be approximately \$3,000-\$5,000. Shirley stated she would have more information by the next meeting.
8. ARPA Compliance – Discussion held on Uniform Guidance when using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Clerk Campy discussed whether the Town should document procurement procedures and written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest when procuring goods and services with ARPA funds. Campy also discussed waiting until the Treasury responds to the inquiries on this matter being made from multiple municipal associations throughout the country. The Board decided to wait until the Treasury Department makes a decision on these procedures.
1. Correspondence – None
2. Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**

Motion by **Joanis** and second by **Oliphant** to adjourn. Vote taken and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.