

TOWN OF MARENGO MINUTES

Monday, February 20, 2023

Chairman Stephen Walston called the 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 Bruce Joanis, Supervisor Jeff Oliphant-Absent, Treasurer Diane Eid, Clerk Kimberly Campy. Also, present were Town residents some attending via Zoom.

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

Chairman Walston read minutes from the Ambulance meeting held on *Wednesday, January 11, 2023*. Change wording of access to state from Kurt to “Lance access.” Chairman Walston read regular minutes from *Monday, January 17, 2023*, change “Curt to Kurt”. Motion by **Joanis** and second by **Walston** to approve regular minutes and ambulance minutes with above listed changes. Vote taken and motion carried.

Also discussed starting an equipment fund – needs to be designated as equipment fund. Once designated this account cannot be used for anything else. Motion by **Walston** second by **Joanis** to open an account at NSB. Account will be named Equipment Fund and \$25,000 will be deposited into this account. Vote taken and motion carried.

Motion by **Joanis** and second by **Walston** to approve Treasurer’s report for main account, ambulance account, and Northern State Bank accounts as presented. Also, to approve vouchers and pay bills as presented. Vote taken and motion carried.

1. **Public Comments** – Nancy discussed the Marengo Creamery and the Town Hall (1952) Nancy suggested some of these pictures and information needs to be displayed at the Town Hall to show the history of the Town.
2. **Supervisor’s Report** – Supervisor Joanis stated that clean-up has been going on and working on vehicle repairs. Discussion held on replacing the Oshkosh. Replacing clutch and shoe quotes received range from \$4,200-\$5,000 for repairs. Oshkosh is old and may just keep breaking down. Need at least 400 hp, all-wheel drive vehicle plus other accessories. Bill Gast knows several dealers and will also check on prices. Joanis also discussed the purchase of John Spanberg’s house, a discharge survey was completed. Discussed Springbrook and Fox Farm and the drainage on these roads. Mineral Lake Road has new bridge, due to the way it is constructed, when Todd was plowing, he hit part of the guardrail and the USFS would like the Town to pay for it. Bruce will be discussing this further with the USFS.
3. **Chairman’s Report** - Chairman Walston discussed the website and is always looking for suggestions. He is taking suggestions for a logo for the website. Discussion continued regarding developing a quarterly newsletter for the Town. Chairman Walston would like to thank Merle Oliphant for finding Dean during a snowstorm and making sure he got to safety.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Cemetery** – Jennifer Stevens discussed the cemetery and has everything entered in the program with pictures attached. Jennifer has forwarded the new ordinance to the 2 funeral homes in Ashland and the ordinance will be posted at the cemetery.

Grant – Community Development Block Grant – Jennifer stated that unfortunately the Town does not qualify for this grant. Regarding the Federal Emergency Management Grant, Jennifer talked to Kurt and this grant will be available in April. It is not available for construction but possibly other things that maybe needed. Some of the grants will require ordinances.

Surface Transportation Grant – if we have grants already can we match this one? This grant is an 80/20 split. LRIP is in the Fall and the money was turned down last year. Chairman Walston stated Marengo will possibly be on the top of the list this year. Discussion on Wildcat and the work needed on this road.

2. **Feeney Road Update** – Brief update on the \$55,000 for Feeney. Clerk Campy has submitted all the necessary paperwork and Town has been approved to receive the money.
3. **Ambulance Update** – No update at this time. Minutes read earlier in meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Test of new election** – New machine, Express Vote, was tested before primary on February 21. Testing was completed by Shirley Long, Deputy Clerk and Nancy Swanson, Election Inspector. Both reported that machine works very well and encourage all electors to use the machine as it is very easy to use.
2. **Employee Handbook** – Tabled
3. **Correspondence** – Letter from Town's Association, Board of Review will be needed for new supervisor's elected in April.
4. **Future Agenda Items**: Special meetings needed for truck
5. Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** Annual meeting will be **Tuesday, April 18th at 5:00 p.m.** with regular meeting to follow.

CLOSED SESSION – Tabled due to Supervisor Oliphant's absence

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.