

Marengo Township Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 7 pm

Supervisor Dave Fountain called the regular meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were board members, Dave Fountain, Doreen Van Sickle, Carole Tabiadon, Duane Hoffman, and Todd Hazel.

Todd Hazel made motion, seconded by Duane Hoffman to approve the agenda.
Motion passed.

Motion by Todd Hazel, seconded by Duane Hoffman to approve the Regular Minutes, 08/27/2024. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the September 2024 bills, \$29,434.77, was made by Duane Hoffman, seconded by Todd Hazel. Roll call: Dave Fountain, yes, Doreen Van Sickle, yes, Carole Tabiadon, yes, Duane Hoffman, yes, and Todd Hazel, yes. Motion passed.

Ambulance Authority Report: Norbert reported replacing springs on garage door at Tekonsha; received donation from Turtle Creek; and other small repairs.

Fire Report by Chief Art Blight: 15 runs, 2 trainings for the month. Motion to approve runs, trainings, bills in the amount of \$10,468.29, and to approve \$1500 from the township to go with \$2500 left from McQueen Grant to purchase stabilizing struts, was made by Duane Hoffman, and seconded by Todd Hazel. Roll call: Dave Fountain, yes, Doreen Van Sickle, yes, Carole Tabiadon, yes, Duane Hoffman, yes, and Todd Hazel, yes. Motion passed. Joe Shingledecker has resigned.

Motion made by Todd Hazel, seconded by Duane Hoffman to deny the request from PW MI CanRe for Marengo to utilize a different, third-party building inspector for the approval and inspection process for the J Drive greenhouse because:

1. The property owner has not paid the current building inspector despite assurances to do so, which indicates a lack of good-faith; and
2. The property owner cancelled its appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals despite the Township scheduling a hearing; and
3. There is no clear process in the State Construction Code allowing a new, different third-party to take over as the enforcing agency for only one project; and
4. The state act has a procedure (Section 20) for the state commission to examine any plans submitted to the enforcing agency to determine code compliance.

Roll call: Dave Fountain, yes, Doreen Van Sickle, yes, Carole Tabiadon, yes, Duane Hoffman, yes, and Todd Hazel, yes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Todd Hazel, seconded by Duane Hoffman, to accept Scott Blanchard resignation from ZBA effective Jan 1, 2025. Roll call: Dave Fountain, yes, Doreen Van Sickle, yes, Carole Tabiadon, yes, Duane Hoffman, yes, and Todd Hazel, yes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Todd Hazel, seconded by Duane Hoffman to approve Calhoun County Road Department Estimates: Regravel J Dr N – 23 Mile to 24 Mile, \$18036.00; Chip seal I Dr N – 18 to 19 Mile, \$23,366.66; Chip seal 19 Mile – Partello to I Dr N, \$48,193.83; and, Chip seal 18 Mile – G Dr N to 2500' north of I Dr N, \$17,891.07 – Marengo Match with Marshall Twp. Roll call: Dave Fountain, yes, Doreen Van Sickle, yes, Carole Tabiadon, yes, Duane Hoffman, yes, and Todd Hazel, yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Tax day come and gone.

Clerk Report – AV's available; acquired grant to purchase new voting booths; getting estimate to paint outside shutters.

Motion to adjourn by Todd Hazel, seconded by Duane Hoffman. Motion passed. Time 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Van Sickle, Clerk
Approved _____

Written October 1, 2024