Marengo Township Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 7 pm

Supervisor Dave Fountain called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members present: Supervisor Dave Fountain, Clerk Deb Withee, Treasurer Carole Tabiadon, and Trustee Vic Potter. Absent: Trustee Todd Hazel.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA: No comments.
APPROVED AGENDA: Motion to approve with amendments: Potter;
Support: Tabiadon. Passed.
MINUTES: Motion: Potter; Support: Tabiadon to approve the August 25, 2026 Board minutes. Passed.
SEPTEMBER BILLS: Motion: Potter; Support: Tabiadon to approve the
August 2026 bills of $28344.01. Roll: Yes: Fountain, Withee, Tabiadon, Potter. Passed.
APPROVE EXPENSES: Uphaus Blight Removal ($20,000), Johnson Cemetery Emergency Tree Removal ($4,400), and Blight Mowing on Michigan Ave ($650). Motion: Potter; Support: Withee. Roll: Yes: Withee, Tabiadon, Potter, Fountain. Passed.
APPROVE NEW BUDGET LINE ITEMS: Motion: Potter; Support: Tabiadon to add:

- 101-000-619 Planning Fees (Escrow)
- 101-262-703 Election Coordinator Salary
- 101-265-732 Blight Removal
- 101-701-964 Refunds (PC Escrow)
- 101-702-964 Refunds (Zoning Escrow)

Roll: Yes: Tabiadon, Potter, Fountain, Withee. Passed.
BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: Motion: Potter; Support: Tabiadon for overall budget adjustments. Roll: Yes: Potter, Fountain, Withee, Tabiadon.
APPROVE DEPUTY TREASURER APPOINTMENT: Motion: Potter; Support: Withee to appoint Katie Barnes as of 10/1/26. Passed.
SEPTEMBER FIRE REPORT: By Chief Art Blight. 37 Runs, 2 trainings. Received FEMA Grant for hoses. Motion: Potter; Support: Tabiadon to approve report, pay bills of $12,702.55, hiring of Cadet Benjamin Rapp and purchase of fire brush truck from R & R. Art will pursue a letter of intent from Lee for the $250,000 for fire brush truck. Roll: Yes: Fountain, Withee, Tabiadon, Potter. Passed.
PUBLIC HEARING on Resolution 2026-15 Amsterdam Cultivation License Renewals: Motion: Potter; Support: Tabiadon. Passed. 7:20 pm. Township Counsel Matthew Kuschel presented the non-compliance history. Response was made by Amsterdam Cultivation LLC Counsel Ben Joffe. Public comments were made by Amsterdam Cultivation employees (acknowledged odor and security concerns, expressed loss of jobs concerns); Marengo Township residents and fire firefighters (expressed odor, compliance, and health concerns). 7:51-8:38 pm. Motion: Potter; Support: Tabiadon to close the hearing. Passed 8:39 pm.

RESOLUTION 2026-15 AMSTERDAM MARIJUANA LICENSES NON-RENEWAL: Motion: Potter; Support: Tabiadon. Roll: Yes: Fountain, Tabiadon, Potter. Abstain: Withee

IPMC DISCUSSION: Justin Munn, SCMCCI Building Inspector from presented on the IPMC. Tabled until next meeting.

APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION MASTER PLAN AMENDMENTS: Motion: Potter; Support: Tabidon. Passed.

ORDINANCE 2026-2 APPROVE PARCEL 15-230-018-01 Jeffery and Michelle Weaver and PARCEL 15-230-021-01 Adam and Kayla Childs from Commercial to Agriculture. Motion: Potter; Support: Carole. Passed.

SHERIFF REPORT: Undersheriff Tim Hurtt gave a report on Marengo Township**.**

DISCUSS MISSED WORK PAY FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS WHEN ATTENDING REQUIRED TRAINING: Michigan Township Association training and mileage expense may be paid but not individual work compensation unless paid for all.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY REPORT: By Norbert Freitel. Runs trending up but still lagging previous year; Main station: 2 overhead doors repaired (bad circuit sensor and the other door needed a sunshade for the sensor eye); Antenna for one truck, Uniforms, miscellaneous repairs; Opened CD at SMBT.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: By Mary Fountain. Bellair's Walking Tour requires registration, October is Library Card Sign-up Month, and a magnifier is available at the library.

PUBLIC SAFEY REVENUE SHARING FUNDS: Motion: Potter; Support: Tabiadon to supply Marengo Fire Dept. 25% and Calhoun County Sheriff Dept. 75% (Knoxboxes for Marshall Academy and Mar Lee Schools; and bullet proof vests for deputies).

TREASURER REPORT: 2026 Audit Corrective Action Plan will be submitted. Carole Tabiadon submitted resignation effective October 31, 2026.

CLERK REPORT: Received $10,000 cemetery grant Marshall Community Foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Time: 9:51-9:54 pm

NEXT MEETING: Board Meeting October 27, 2026.

ADJOURN: Motion: Potter; Support: Tabiadon. Passed. Time: 9:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Withee, Clerk Written 10/1/2026 Approved