Marengo Township Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 27, 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: Concerns about gravel roads.
APPROVED AGENDA: Motion to approve with Ground Penetrating Radar Presentation addition: Potter; Support: Hazel. Passed.
MINUTES: Motion: Potter; Support: Hazel to approve the September 29, 2026 board minutes. Passed.
OCTOBER BILLS: Motion: Hazel; Support: Potter to approve the September 2026 bills of $43,836.16. Roll: Yes: Fountain, Withee, Tabiadon, Hazel, Potter. Passed.
BUDGET MEETINGS: Set for 12/16/2027 4 pm to review 2026-27 revenue and expenses; 1/20/27 4 pm to plan 2027-28 budget, 2/23/27 7 pm for public hearing and board vote.
OCTOBER FIRE REPORT: By Chief Blight. 27 Runs, 2 trainings. Motion: Potter; Support: Hazel to approve report and pay bills of $8,291.15. Brush truck ordered; getting bids on hose grant, waiting on DTE truck to become available; congrats to Chris Snook on receiving the Marshall Exchange Club 2026 Fire Fighter of the Year Award. Roll: Yes: Withee, Tabiadon, Hazel, Potter, Fountain. Passed.
RIDE CALHOUN: Mallory Avis gave an update on this service.
CEMETERY GROUND PENETRATING RADAR: Joyce Foondle explained the GPR that will take place in the Marengo Cemeteries.
ROAD REPAIR DISCUSSION: Residents voiced opposition to turning 21 ½ Mile between J and L, and L drive west of 21 ½ Mile to dirt/gravel. The Board will not pursue.
IPMC DISCUSSION: Board would like this to be pursued further.
ORDINANCE 2026-3 REGULATION OF WEEDS/GRASS GROWTH AND VIOLATION PENALITIES: Fountain to present draft for next meeting.
APPROVE TREASURER CAROLE TABIADON'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE 10/31/2026. The board thanked Carole for her service. **APPOINTED KATIE BARNES as TREASURER EFFECTIVE 11/1/26, and APPROVED PATRICIA KEIPER AS DEPUTY TREASURER EFFECTIVE 11/1/26:** Motion: Hazel; Support: Potter. Yes: Hazel, Potter, Fountain, Withee, Tabiadon. Passed.
AMBULANCE AUTHORITY REPORT: By Norbert Freitel. Vehicle repairs made, runs have dropped, and reviewed director's evaluation.
TREASURER REPORT: Summer taxes still coming in; preparing for Winter tax bill mailing.
CLERK REPORT: Will accept bids for snowplowing. Update on Amsterdam Cultivation non-renewal. Early voting has started for the November mid-term election.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Time: 8:11-8:27 pm. Concern raised re: IPMC.
NEXT MEETING: Board Meeting November 24, 2026.
ADJOURN: Motion: Potter; Support: Hazel. Passed. Time: 8:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah Withee, Clerk Written 10/30/2026 Approved