

**Marengo Rescue Squad District
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting-Minutes
120 E. Prairie Street, Marengo, IL
August 26, 2026**

The Budget Hearing was called to order by Board President, Scott Higgins at 7:00pm. There were no public attendees or public comments. The Budget Hearing was closed at 7:00pm by Scott Small.

The Regular Open Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Board President, Scott Higgins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Absent: E. Weskema

Others Present: Chief Kimmel, Asst. Chief D. Davidson, Deputy Treasurer Jodi Wightman, Attorney Joe Ponitz and Admin Assistant Cinda Proffitt

Public Participation: None

Changes to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Beisner with a second by Whitney to approve the Open meeting minutes from July 22, 2026.

Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: E. Weskema

Motion Carried

Old Business: None

Treasurer's Report:

- Jodi reported that we are still working with the new EMS billing company to get them up and running as soon as possible. The CD we have with Prairie Bank will be maturing next month, and she will look up rates before renewing.

A motion was made by Hemmingsen with a second by Beisner to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$625,445.17.

Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: E. Weskema

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Whitney with a second by Higgins to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: E. Weskema

Motion Carried

Attorney's Report: Attorney Ponitz reported the following:

- The 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance #2026-06 was reviewed and signed.
- He will have the Estimated Tax Levy for review at the next meeting.
- He will have a proposed Resolution #2026-R1 to review public speaking regulations per the Open Meetings Act at next month's meeting.

Chief's Report: Chief Kimmel reported off on the following:

- There will be a moment of silence at the station on 9/11 at 8:45am for the public. That night, at the high school football FNBO Challenge game against Harvard, we will be doing a ceremony for

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9/11. Chief and his father donated 9/11 Memorable patches for the players jerseys and Hyper Stitch is selling the patch design on T-shirts and sweatshirts for the public.

- Information has been sent out on the upcoming 2026 Christmas Parade and festivities surrounding it hosted by the Fire & Rescue Districts. We are looking to expand the event this year and are being proactive on reaching out for sponsors to help with this initiative.
- The Fire Commission has established an Initial Eligibility List with Preference Points and will be setting up interviews on September 8th and 10th to hire 1 Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic.

New Business:

A motion was made by Hemmingsen with a second by Higgins to approve the Budget Ordinance #2026-06.

Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: E. Weskema

Motion Carried

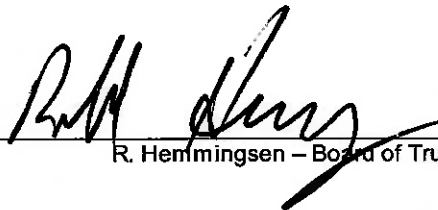
A motion was made by Hemmingsen with a second by Beisner at 7:16pm to adjourn the Open Meeting.

Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: E. Weskema

Motion Carried



R. Hemmingsen – Board of Trustees Secretary