

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

The Budget Hearing for the Budget Ordinance #2026-05 was called to order at 6:01pm by Board President, Gene Paprocki. There were no public attendees or public comments. The Budget Hearing was closed by the Board Secretary, Scott Small at 6:03pm.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by the Board President, Gene Paprocki followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Gene Paprocki & Scott Small

Absent: Joe Miceli

Others Present: Chief Kimmel, Jodi Wightman, A/C Davidson, Attorney Ponitz, and Admin Assist Cinda Proffitt

Public Participation: None

Changes to Agenda: None

A motion was made by Paprocki with a second by Small to approve the meeting minutes from July 22, 2026.

Ayes: Gene Paprocki & Scott Small

Nays:

Absent: Joe Miceli

Motion Carried

Old Business: None

Treasurer's Report: Jodi reported out on the following:

- We are still working with the new EMS billing company- EMS MC to get them set up to start taking over our EMS billing and aging accounts.

A motion was made by Small and a second by Paprocki to approve bills payable as presented in the amount of \$100,432.57.

Ayes: Gene Paprocki & Scott Small

Nays:

Absent: Joe Miceli

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Small and a second by Paprocki to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Ayes: Gene Paprocki & Scott Small

Nays:

Absent: Joe Miceli

Motion Carried

Report of Attorney: Attorney Ponitz reported off on the following:

- The 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance #2026-05 was reviewed and signed.
- He will have a proposed Resolution #2026-R1 for review of public speaking time limits per the Open Meetings Act at the next meeting.
- He will also have the Estimated Tax Levy Ordinance for review at the next meeting.

Report of the Fire Chief: 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 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.

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- 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 Paprocki with a second by Small to approve the Budget Ordinance #2026-05.

Ayes: Gene Paprocki & Scott Small

Nays:

Absent: Joe Miceli

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Small with a second by Paprocki to approve the quote from Anderson Brothers Drywall for painting services for the outside of Station #1 for \$11,350.00.

Ayes: Gene Paprocki & Scott Small

Nays:

Absent: Joe Miceli

Motion Carried

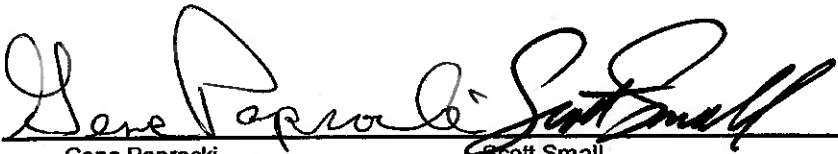
A motion was made by Small with a second by Paprocki to adjourn the Open meeting at 6:21pm.

Ayes: Gene Paprocki & Scott Small

Nays:

Absent: Joe Miceli

Motion Carried


Gene Paprocki Scott Small Absent
Joe Miceli