Marengo Rescue Squad District
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting-Minutes
120 E. Prairie Street, Marengo, IL
September 23, 2026

The Regular Open Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Board President, Scott Higgins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins, E. Weskerna
Absent:
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 Hemmingsen to approve the corrected Open meeting minutes from July 22, 2026, fixing the typo in the Disposal Ordinance number.
Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins, E. Weskerna
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Weskerna with a second by Beisner to approve the Open meeting minutes from August 26, 2026.
Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins, E. Weskerna
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Carried

Old Business: None

Treasurer's Report: Jodi reported out on the following:
- We are making progress with getting the new EMS billing company up-and-running.
- The CD with Prairie was renewed and will mature on 12/10/26.

A motion was made by Hemmingsen with a second by Higgins to approve the bills payable in the amount of $24,881.01.
Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins, E. Weskerna
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Beisner with a second by Weskerna to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.
Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins, E. Weskerna
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Carried

Attorney's Report: Attorney Ponitz reported the following:
- The Estimated Tax Levy Ordinance #2026-07 was reviewed and signed.
- Resolution 2026-R1 was reviewed and signed.
- He will have the Truth in Taxation and Levy Ordinance for the next meeting.

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

- The 9/11 ceremony at the High School football game was a success.
- We are planning various events for Settler's Days including Touch-A-Truck, Bingo, and the parade. All 15 McHenry County Fire Departments are anticipated to attend the event.
- The cameras were installed at Station 1. Additional cameras may be needed at Station 2 depending on the visibility at dawn/dusk. We will know more when installation starts. We will need to upgrade equipment at Station 3 before the cameras can be installed.

New Business:

A motion was made by Hemmingsen with a second by Weskerna to approve the Estimated Tax Levy Ordinance #2026-07.
Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins, E. Weskerna
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Beisner with a second by Weskerna to approve Resolution 26-R1.
Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins, E. Weskerna
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Higgins with a second by Beisner to approve the commercial insurance package of premiums and crime coverage in the amount of $39,693.00.
Ayes: C. Beisner, M. Whitney, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins, E. Weskerna
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Hemmingsen with a second by Weskerna at 7:12pm to adjourn the Open Meeting.

R. Hemmingsen – Board of Trustees Secretary