

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JANUARY 8, 2020**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Solicitor Jim Barney administered the oath of office to Mayor Jacqueline Bird prior to the start of the January 8, 2020 Public Hearing after which Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to re-elected Council members Angie Kukay and Duane Myers.

Councilman Dorko will administer the oath of office to Jim Keys and Robert Boytim prior to the January 14, 2020 Board of Public Affairs meeting.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Answering roll call were Lynn App, Dean Dorko, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Dave Redett and John Starcher.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney, Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas, Police Chief Casey Joy, Police Officers Matt Essex and Chris Suppelsa, Police Chaplain Fr. Andrew Bartek and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors in attendance were Gary Kohli, Dave Miller and Tim Feller.

VOTE TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEN MYERS AND APP FROM FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Starcher moved to excuse Duane Myers from the January 22 regular meeting and Lynn App from the February 12 and February 26 regular meetings. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM FOR 2020

Mrs. Kukay nominated John Starcher to serve as President Pro Tem of Council in 2020. Second by Mr. Dorko. There were no other nominations. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Starcher abstained.

REVIEW RULES OF COUNCIL

Mayor Bird asked that council members review the current Rules of Council and notify her of any suggestions for change. Council will consider adoption of the rules at the February 12 regular meeting.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Dave Miller provided copies of court documents regarding Johnsons Island roads. Mr. Myers will include it with the information under review by the Street Committee.

GUEST SPEAKER GARY KOHLI – OTTAWA COUNTY PARKS BOARD & ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Gary Kohli of the Ottawa County Parks Board was present to provide an overview of the Board's history and function and present goals for the active transportation plan and bike trails. Mr. Kohli said there is discussion about a future park levy to help fund the projects. The Board will meet January 17 to set its meeting schedule for the year. The Board meets in Room 109 of the Ottawa County Courthouse; meetings are open to the public.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS

Mayor Bird presented the annual State of the Village address.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

REPORTS

Solicitor

Mr. Barney had no report.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher had no report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko had no report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App had nothing to report.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers stated the Street committee met December 17 to discuss projects and begin reviewing documentation in support of JIIG's request for the village to take ownership of the roads on Johnson's Island. Mr. Myers said the committee determined Church and Elliott are in need of paving in 2020. The committee will continue discussion on the Johnson's Island road proposal but will not be able to meet again until at least late March due to scheduling issues.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett reported the Planning Commission approved both an application for a lot split as well as a request for a variance at its January 2 meeting.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had no report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers read correspondence from the Holiday Bureau extending thanks to personnel from the Village Police and Maintenance departments who helped transport items for the Christmas distribution. Council members initialed receipt of the December financial reports.

Street Commissioner

Mr. Lucas reported on the active shooter training conducted by Officer Essex for Street department personnel earlier in the day.

Police Department

Chief Joy had no report.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Update on compliance notices for Ashby property at 106 Perry and Witter property at 202 Perry** – Mr. Barney mailed notice to Mary Ann Witter of a June 1, 2020 deadline to complete fire safety repairs to the roof and chimney at 106 Perry Street and advise her that building department codes need to be met as well. Mr. Barney included in the notice council's concerns regarding the condition of the shed behind the Witter home at 202 Perry Street.
- B. **Nuisance Complaint** – Chief Joy contacted the owners of 130 West Main Street again about the problem of the tenants' garbage cans blowing from the property into Erie Street. The owner will look for a different location for the trash containers.
- C. **Blessing of Lake Erie at Clemons Park** – Fr. Andrew Bartek will conduct the Blessing of Lake Erie at Clemons Park on Saturday, January 11 at noon, weather permitting.
- D. **Clemons Park break wall repair update** –The village has not been successful in obtaining grants or FEMA funding for repairs to the storm damaged break wall at Clemons Park. Mr. App said that at this point the best solution might be to pull the rock that has been pushed into the water by the storms, back up onto the wall until a more permanent solution can be found. Mr. App and Mr. Lucas will inspect the wall to assess any new damage and devise a plan for making repairs.
- E. **Heart and Soul Steering Committee Update** – Mr. App said the next meeting of the Heart and Soul Steering Committee would be January 15.
- F. **Reminder: Continue with Radar Park Plan for 2020** – Reminder that work needs to proceed this year to bring Radar Park into compliance with property deed restrictions.
- G. **Status of gutter repair in front of 110 W. Main Street** – Mayor Bird asked for an update on the contract awarded to 7L Construction last April for repairs to the gutter in front of 110 W. Main Street. Mr. Lucas said 7L will honor the quoted price from last year and hopes to do the work early this spring.
- H. **Status of Water Dept. generator replacement and painting of water tower** – Mayor Bird asked Councilman Dorko to get an update from the Board of Public Affairs on the status of the generator replacement and re-painting of the water tower.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **2020 Committee Assignments** – Mayor Bird made the following committee assignments for 2020: **Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission** David Redett (Chair), Angie Kukay, Duane Myers; **Beautification/Parks/Cemetery** Lynn App (Chair), Duane Myers, Dave Redett; **Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer** Duane Myers (Chair), Dean Dorko, John Starcher; **Finance & Records** John Starcher (Chair), David Redett, Lynn App; **Safety & Insurance** Angie Kukay (Chair), Lynn App, Dean Dorko; **Utilities /Ferries/ Waterfront** Dean Dorko (Chair), Angie Kukay, John Starcher.
- B. **Annual Appointment of Street Commissioner** – Mr. Starcher moved to appoint Bryan Lucas Street Commissioner for 2020. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Council action on request to rehire Bob Hruska as the Zoning Administrator/Fiscal Assistance following his retirement January 31, 2020** – Mr. App moved to rehire Robert Hruska as the Zoning Administrator/Fiscal Assistant effective February 1, 2020 with his starting hours and rate of pay as set in Ordinance No. 4-2019. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- D. **Recommendation to re-appoint Richard Zembala to the Planning Commission as a citizen member for a 6-year term** – Mr. Redett moved to re-appoint Richard Zembala to a six-year term on the Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

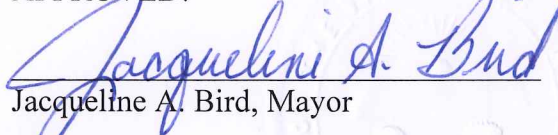
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$50,995.57 including December payroll made by Mr. Redett and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Starcher abstained.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer