

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD JANUARY 11, 2017**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE**

Answering roll call were Dean Dorko, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Ron Royhab and John Starcher.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney, Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska, Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas and Police Sergeant Loren Welch.

Visitor in attendance was Jerry Veverka.

**AMEND AGENDA**

Mayor Bird amended the order of the agenda to authorize payment of bills before election of president pro tem.

**COUNCIL VOTE TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEN REDETT AND MYERS** – It was moved by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mrs. Kukay to excuse Dave Redett from the January 11, 2017 regular meeting and to excuse Duane Myers following payment of bills at the January 11, 2017 meeting. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Royhab-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$56,943.31 including December payroll was made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Royhab-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM FOR 2017**

Mrs. Kukay nominated John Starcher for President Pro Tem of Council for 2017. Second by Mr. Dorko. There were no other nominations. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Royhab-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**REVIEW RULES OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Bird distributed the current Rules of Council prior to the meeting. She asked Council to review the rules and advise her of any proposed changes so that they can be prepared for adoption at the regular meeting on February 8, 2017.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the December 14, 2016 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Jerry Veverka was present to bring two items to the attention of council. First is the area of poor or no cellular phone service between Clemons Street and the lighthouse. He said he has spoken with representatives of Verizon Wireless who said they would be willing to work with the village on options that could improve service in this area. Second, Mr. Veverka expressed concerns about noise, smoke, trespassing and harassment from campers at Surf Campground which abuts the rear of his property. He would like to see a tall fence erected along all of the properties which

about the campground. One of these adjacent lots is the former Gresh property which is now owned by the Village.

### **STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS**

Mayor Bird presented the annual State of the Village address (copy attached).

### **LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Solicitor**

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

#### **Finance and Records Committee**

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

#### **Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee**

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

#### **Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee**

Mr. Royhab had nothing to report.

#### **Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront**

No report.

#### **Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee**

No report.

#### **Safety/Insurance Committee**

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

#### **Fiscal Officer**

Mrs. Sowers reported there has been an ongoing problem since last August with the Frontier Communication bills. The PUCO is now working to resolve the issues. However, last week Frontier sent a shut-off notice effective January 15. In order to keep the village phone lines from being shut off, Mrs. Sowers asked Council to authorize a one-time ACH payment to Frontier. The Mayor will add this item under new business. Council members initialed receipt of the December financial reports which were distributed by Mrs. Sowers prior to the meeting.

#### **Street Commissioner**

Mr. Lucas had nothing to report.

#### **Police Department**

Sgt. Welch had nothing to report.

#### **Zoning Administrator**

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

## **Board of Public Affairs**

No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Volleyball Court Update/RED HORSE Assistance** – Mr. Lucas said he finally made contact with the new commanding officer of the RED HORSE squadron and has arranged a meeting for next week to look at the proposed volleyball site in James Park and discuss what work needs to be done. Mr. Lucas will provide council with an update at the next regular meeting.
  
- B. **Status Update on Keller Property** – Mrs. Sowers said a review appraisal of the Keller property is currently underway. Mr. Barney said he has obtained a copy of the purchase agreement and the assignment from Western Reserve Land Conservancy. Closing is still planned for late March.
  
- C. **Medical Marijuana/Establishment of Policy** – Solicitor Barney explained options available to council for regulating distribution and cultivation of medical marijuana in the village. He added that rules have not yet been established by the state for the legislation that was passed last September. Following discussion council expressed interest in adopting a moratorium to allow time to consider long-term options.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **2017 Committee Assignments** – Mayor Bird made the following committee assignments for 2017: **Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission** David Redett (Chair), Angie Kukay, Ron Royhab; **Beautification/Parks/Cemetery** Ron Royhab (Chair), Duane Myers, Dean Dorko; **Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer** Dean Dorko (Chair), Ron Royhab, John Starcher; **Finance & Records** John Starcher (Chair), David Redett, Angie Kukay; **Safety & Insurance** Angie Kukay (Chair), Duane Myers, David Redett; **Utilities /Ferries/ Waterfront** Duane Myers (Chair), Dean Dorko, John Starcher.
  
- B. **Beacon Assignments for 2017** – The Mayor distributed a list of personnel assigned to submit articles for “The Village Square,” a monthly column which appears in the Beacon. Mayor Bird said these articles are informative and have been well received in the past and now that the Peninsula News is no longer in existence to provide local stories she feels these monthly articles are a service to the community. Councilman Dorko said he would like to discontinue this practice stating he was elected to serve the public not to write entertainment articles. He feels this is a tedious responsibility and other options, such as the village website, exist for conveying information to the public. The Mayor would like the articles to continue in The Beacon at least for this year.
  
- C. **Public Use of Fire Station Meeting Room** – Mayor Bird said she has had some requests by individuals to use the fire station meeting room for private events, such as birthday parties. Council does not have a policy addressing use of the room. Some things to be considered if council is interested in allowing this use would be how to secure the fire bays from the meeting room; what would be done with the conference table and chairs; would the kitchen be available and, if so, do the appliances work. Mayor Bird asked the Safety Committee to look into whether or not the meeting room is suitable for use by individuals and make a recommendation to Council.

- D. **Resignation of Police Officer Kahl McCrory effective January 11, 2017** – Mayor Bird announced that Officer Kahl McCrory resigned from the Police Department effective January 11, 2017 to accept a full-time position with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Chief Joy has put together some potential staffing scenarios for the Finance Committee to study before making a decision on filling the vacant position.
- E. **Authorize One-Time ACH Payment to Frontier Communications** – Mr. Starcher moved to authorize the fiscal officer to make a one-time ACH payment to Frontier Communications in the amount of \$981.73 to avoid shut off. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Royhab-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED:



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Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:



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Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer