

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD JANUARY 9, 2019**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 Austin Lucas, Police Chaplain Fr. Andrew Bartek and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors in attendance were Deb Stephens representing the Marblehead Merchants and Joel Barton of the Ottawa County Drug Task Force.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM FOR 2019**

Mrs. Kukay nominated John Starcher for President Pro Tem of Council for 2019. 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; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**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 rules are slated for adoption at the February 13 regular meeting.

**MINUTES**

Council approved minutes of the December 12, 2018 as submitted.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

There were no visitor comments.

**STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS**

Mayor Bird presented the annual State of the Village address.

**LEGISLATION**

President Pro Tem John Starcher read the following legislation by title only:

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 7-2018** – Resolution Endorsing the Ottawa County Active Transportation Plan. This was the second reading; third and final reading will be January 23, 2019.

**REPORTS**

**Mayor**

Noting that January 9 is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Mayor Bird took a moment to recognize and extend thanks to the Village's law enforcement officers.

**Solicitor**

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

**Finance and Records Committee**

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

**Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee**

Mr. Dorko was unable to attend the January 8 BPA meeting so Mrs. Sowers reported briefly that the Board met with Bay Point Manager John Paul Dress to discuss a plan to upgrade the private waterlines in the resort.

**Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee**

Mr. App had nothing to report.

**Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee**

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

**Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee**

Mr. Redett had nothing to report because the January Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.

**Safety/Insurance Committee**

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to 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 said the owner of 110 W. Main Street contacted him to find out who is responsible for repair of the gutter at the end of his driveway. Mr. Lucas will consult with solicitor Barney to determine whether ODOT, the Village or the property owner bears responsibility for the repair.

**Police Department**

Chief Joy had nothing to report.

**Zoning Administrator**

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

**Board of Public Affairs**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Status Update on Ashby properties at 106 and 110 Perry Street** – Mr. Barney said he and Chief Joy met with Fire Chief Keith Kahler about inspecting the buildings at 106 and 110 Perry Street and issuing an opinion on the stability of the structures. If the structures are unsafe, the village can demolish the buildings and certify the cost as a lien on the owners' tax bill.

- B. **Lease Status for 414 W. Main St. (Downstairs)** – Mrs. Sowers advised council that Emilia Wise paid the past due rent amount of \$1,500.00 and her lease of the downstairs room at 414 W. Main is now terminated. Mrs. Sowers added that Kathie Widing who rents the upstairs room expressed interest in leasing the downstairs rather than upstairs but is not willing to pay \$300.00 per month. Following discussion Council decided to evaluate the building for best future use and will not lease the downstairs for the time being.
- C. **Alexander Pike Update** – Mrs. Sowers reported that Geddis Paving is planning to do additional core samples on Alexander Pike to determine the actual limits of the deficient areas and then discuss repair options to bring the pavement depth to the required three inches. Engineer Julie Thomas will attend the January 23 regular Council meeting to provide an update on the Geddis findings.
- D. **Blessing of Lake Erie at Clemons Park January 12, 2019 at noon** – Mayor Bird reminded all that Fr. Andrew would conduct a service to bless Lake Erie at Clemons Park at noon on January 12. A light luncheon will follow at Holy Assumption Orthodox Church.
- E. **Review and Approval of Lexipol Police Policies & Procedures** – Mr. Barney said he and Chief Joy are continuing to review and revise the proposed Lexipol Police Policies and hope to have them ready for Council approval soon.
- F. **Jefferson Health Plan Run-Out Claims and Pro-Rata Share of OPEC-HC Deficit** – Council received a final accounting of the run-out health claims paid by Jefferson Health Plan on behalf of the village's covered employees which amounted to \$26,117.63. The village previously paid JHP \$18,707.96 toward those claims leaving a balance owed of \$7,409.67. In addition, JHP has allocated the deficit owed by Ohio Public Entity Consortium – Health Care (OPEC-HC) members to JHP and determined that Marblehead's share of the deficit is \$27,905.93. The run-out and deficit amounts (\$35,315.60) are due no later than January 31, 2019.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. **K9 Proposal by Officer Essex** – Officer Matt Essex made a request to Council to reinstitute a K9 unit for the Marblehead Police Department. In addition to stressing the need, Officer Essex presented a proposal for funding the purchase and ongoing expenses of a K9. Agent Joel Barton of the Ottawa County Drug Task Force was present to provide additional information on the benefits of a drug and tracking dog. A lengthy discussion followed. Of primary concern is the additional overtime expense the department would incur as a direct result of K9 callout time. Mrs. Sowers and Officer Essex agreed to contact departments with K9 units to gather additional information on overtime costs.
- B. **2019 Committee Assignments** – Mayor Bird made the following committee assignments for 2019: **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.

- C. Annual Appointment of Street Commissioner** – Mr. Starcher moved to appoint Bryan Lucas Street Commissioner for 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. Council Authorization to Continue Membership in the Ohio Municipal League's BWC Group Rating Administered by Care Works Comp** – Mr. Myers moved to continue membership in the Ohio Municipal League's Group Rating for Worker's Comp claims administered by Care Works Comp at a cost of \$166.00. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

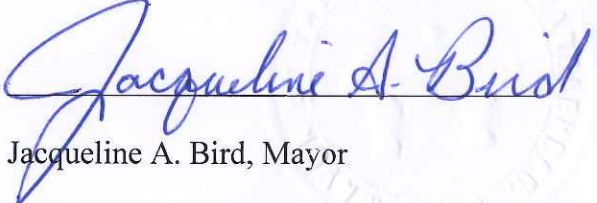
**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$231,456.39 including December payroll made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-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 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer