

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD APRIL 26, 2017**

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 Dean Dorko, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Dave Redett and Ron Royhab. John Starcher was excused.

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

Visitors in attendance were Austin Lucas, Matthew Essex, Jason Clark, Kathleen Forsyth, Cindy Essex and Terry W. Essex.

MINUTES

Minutes of the April 12, 2017 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

**APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW ESSEX, JASON CLARK AND AUSTIN LUCAS AS
AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS**

On the recommendation of Chief Joy and Mayor Bird it was moved by Mr. Myers with second by Mrs. Kukay to appoint Matthew Essex, Jason Clark and Austin Lucas as Officers with the Village of Marblehead police auxiliary. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Royhab-yes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS ESSEX, CLARK AND LUCAS

Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to Officers Essex, Clark and Lucas.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird reported that the Ottawa Regional Planning Commission office sent notification that an informational meeting regarding plans for the 2020 Census will be held May 10. Bob Hruska will represent the village at this meeting.

Solicitor

No report.

Finance and Records Committee

No report.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. Royhab reported that Chuck Hall of CT Consultants was in the village earlier in the day to take pictures of Radar Park as the first step in planning upgrades to the property.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett had nothing to report.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers distributed copies of the 2016 summary annual report of activity for the Ottawa County Visitor's Bureau as well as an invitation from Director Larry Fletcher to attend the upcoming annual meeting of the Visitor's Bureau on May 11 at the Liberty Aviation Museum.

Street Commissioner

Mr. Lucas had nothing to report.

Police Department

Sergeant Welch extended thanks for council's appointment of the new auxiliary officers.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

Board of Public Affairs

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Police Reverse Raffle April 29, 2017** – Mayor Bird reminded everyone the annual reverse raffle fundraiser for the Marblehead Police Association will be held Saturday, April 29.

- B. **Discussion on Cultivation and Dispensing of Medical Marijuana** – Following up on the recommendation made by Solicitor Jim Barney at the April 12 meeting, Mayor Bird opened discussion on the regulation of medical marijuana in the village. Council passed a resolution on February 22, 2017 imposing a twelve month moratorium on cultivation, processing or retail distribution of medical marijuana within the village limits but will need to determine how to proceed when the moratorium expires. One option is to regulate it and possibly provide a revenue source similar to that realized from liquor permits. Another option is to ban cultivation, processing or retail dispensing within the village. A lengthy discussion followed with arguments and questions on both sides of the issue.

Mayor Bird will ask Solicitor Barney to provide council with additional information about state regulations and permit fees.

- C. **Part-time Seasonal Park Positions** – Mayor Bird stated that an advertisement for the two part-time seasonal park positions was run for two weeks and resulted in only one application which was subsequently withdrawn. She authorized running the ad for another week but stated if no applications are received she will bring the issue back to council to see how they might like to proceed and whether it might be more efficient and cost effective to contract mowing. In response to a question about whether the positions were open to juveniles, council did not rule out hiring a juvenile for the job. Mayor Bird asked Mr. Lucas to work with Mrs. Sowers to obtain quotes for mowing services in the event council chooses to pursue that option.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Sand Bar/Bay Point** – Mayor Bird was recently contacted by Charles Papy, a Bay Point owner, who wondered if the State might consider creating a boat park on the sand bar off the end of Bay Point. He said boat parks are parks only accessible by boat. He said Bay Point owns the sand bar but wanted to know what the village's position would be on this proposal to make it into a State Park. Mr. Hruska pointed out that Bay Point doesn't own the sand bar because it is sand that has built up under the waters of the state. Mayor Bird asked Mr. Hruska to contact Mr. Papy for clarification of his request to the village.

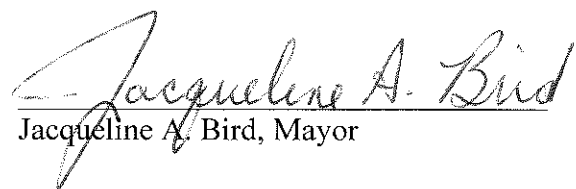
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$8,778.76 was made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Royhab-yes. Motion carried.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer