

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MAY 10, 2017**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE**

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

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

There were no visitors in attendance.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 26, 2017 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

There were no visitor comments.

**LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation.

**REPORTS**

**Mayor**

Mayor Bird brought up several projects that have previously been discussed and/or authorized by Council to determine whether or not they have been completed and, if not, whether Council still wants to proceed. The crosswalk sign which disappeared has not yet been replaced because a camera to monitor the sign was never installed in the area of the Redfern Inn crosswalk. Council agreed they would like the sign replaced and authorized Mr. Lucas and Sgt. Welch to make arrangements to install a camera. The picket fence in front of the village owned shops at 414 and 414 ½ W. Main has not yet been replaced. Mr. Lucas was asked to obtain an updated quote from Fremont Fence. Mr. Lucas was also asked to inspect and make any needed repairs to the boardwalk in front of the shops. In addition, Mayor Bird noted that the lighthouse which sits in front of the shops is in need of either cleaning or painting and asked Mr. Lucas to inspect it to determine what needs to be done to spruce it up.

**Solicitor**

Mr. Barney reported that charges have been filed against a local business owner for locating a temporary sandwich board sign in the road right-of-way. Seven citations were issued, one for each day the sign was placed in violation of zoning. The business owner failed to appear in court for an initial appearance. The case was continued to May 17 to give the owner an opportunity to appear and make a plea as to the charges.

**Finance and Records Committee**

Mr. Starcher announced the first Farmers Market of the season will be Saturday, May 13, 2017. He also reported being recently contacted by a Lafarge representative to say the quarry is willing to negotiate a lease to the village of the former Neuman parking area directly west of the Marblehead Bank. Mr. Starcher contacted the quarry superintendent some time ago to see if a

lease could be arranged, primarily because it could be a good location for the Farmers Markets. Mr. Starcher will work with Lafarge to see if terms can be arranged for a long term lease of the property beginning next year.

**Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee**

No report.

**Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee**

Mr. Royhab said he has not heard anything yet from 7L Contractors as to when they will return to complete repairs to the basketball court in James Park. He will contact 7L to determine when the work will be done.

**Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront**

Mr. Myers reported that the Board of Public Affairs approved purchase of a new touch read meter reader which will significantly reduce the amount of time needed to read meters and enter readings into the billing software. Use of the device will also eliminate the need for manual calculation of readings. Mr. Myers also advised that work will begin May 11 on replacement of the underdrain on filter #1 at the water plant. Arrangements have been made with Ottawa County to obtain water from the Regional System while the work is being done

**Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee**

No report.

**Safety/Insurance Committee**

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

**Fiscal Officer**

Mrs. Sowers provided information on Project Connect which will be hosted on October 20 by the Community Support Services at the Sutton Center in Port Clinton. Mrs. Sowers also reported that a single year audit resulting from last year's large federal grant award began May 9 and will be concluded by September. Council members initialed receipt of the April financial reports which Mrs. Sowers distributed prior to the meeting.

**Street Commissioner**

Mr. Lucas advised that Alexander Pike has been patched in preparation for the May 13 Daisy Run and the Main Street parking area has been mowed and is ready for the first Farmers Market of 2017.

**Police Department**

Sergeant Welch distributed a monthly summary of police activity. He also asked if it would be possible to replace the flagstone walk in front of the Town Hall with a sidewalk noting that the flagstones are uneven and prone to flooding during heavy rains. Council agreed to replace the stones with a sidewalk. Mr. Lucas will do the work.

**Zoning Administrator**

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

## **Board of Public Affairs**

No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Public Hearing May 24 on Proposed Rezoning** – Mayor Bird reminded everyone that there will be a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. May 24, 2017 in the meeting room of the Fire Station on a request by Adam Pendleton to rezone 14.24 acres at 10515 E. Bayshore Road from R-2 Residential to Business.
- B. **Bay Point Sand Bar/Boat Park** – Mr. Hruska reported on his recent contact with Bay Point owner Charles Papy regarding turning over the newly created beach area at the south end of Bay Point to the state of Ohio for creation of a boat park. Council members agreed they have no objection to this use but stressed that the Village does not want to take the lead on this project.
- C. **Discussion on Cultivation and Dispensing of Medical Marijuana** – Mr. Barney presented the requested information regarding newly adopted state rules for the cultivation and dispensing of medical marijuana. Following a lengthy discussion, Council members concluded that in light of all the limits imposed by the state, the limited number of permits that will be issued and the high cost of those permits, it is highly unlikely that any medical marijuana facilities will be located in the village. Nonetheless, Council asked Solicitor Barney to draw up legislation prohibiting the cultivation and dispensing of medical marijuana in the Village of Marblehead.
- D. **Status Update on Keller Property Acquisition** – Mrs. Sowers reported that closing on Lot 7 of the Lifeboat Station property which is currently owned by the Keller trust is set for May 26. Approximately one-third of the money (the Clean Ohio Grant) is in place. The other two-thirds, which will be from excess CELCP and NOAA awards, has not yet been confirmed but can be received as a reimbursement after closing.
- E. **Update on Website Enhancements** – Mrs. Sowers advised that Amy Heflinger of AHA Creative, administrator of the Marblehead Village website, will begin taking photos this weekend during the Daisy Run and Farmers Market to be used for updates to the website.
- F. **Status of Part-Time Seasonal Park Positions** – Two applications have been received for the seasonal park positions. Mr. Lucas said he had not obtained any quotes for mowing services. Mr. Starcher said he would prefer to have part-time employees who could help with other duties in addition to mowing rather than merely contracting for a mowing service. Mayor Bird said the goal either way is to keep the Street Commissioner from having to do mowing so that he can focus on other job duties. Mr. Lucas was told to go ahead with interviews of the two applicants and bring a recommendation back to Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Recommendation to Appoint Matt Essex from Auxiliary to Seasonal Police Officer Effective May 16, 2017** - Mrs. Kukay moved to accept the recommendation to appoint Auxiliary Officer Matt Essex to the newly created part-time seasonal position effective

May 16, 2017. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Mr. Royhab-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. **Memorial Day Service Monday, May 29, 2017** – Mayor Bird advised that Lakeside will host this year’s Memorial Day Service which will be held on Monday, May 29, 2017.

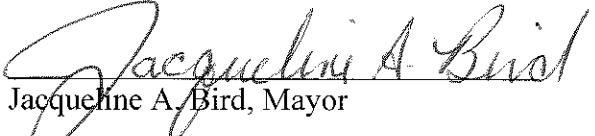
**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$40,595.50 including April payroll was made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Royhab-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 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer