

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 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, Dave Redett, Ron Royhab and John Starcher.

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

Visitors in attendance were: Fr. Andrew Bartek, Matthew Pollard and Ethan Pollard.

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 13, 2017 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Mr. Royhab introduced Matthew Pollard, Tiger Scout Leader who had contacted him about a project the scouts are currently working on. Mr. Pollard explained that one of the requirements for the troop's Backyard Jungle Adventure is to plant a tree and he asked if there is a place in the Village where they would be able to plant one. Council members noted that several dead trees were removed recently in James Park and have not yet been replaced. The Village will purchase a small tree for the scouts to plant in place of one that was removed. Work will be coordinated with Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird said the dedication of the volleyball court was held earlier in the day. Members of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce presided over the ribbon cutting; Fr. Andrew Bartek of Holy Assumption Church blessed the court; Mayor Bird presented proclamations of appreciation to Danbury School and to the RED HORSE Squadron for their part in the creation of the Court. Representatives from US Coast Guard Station Marblehead, who enjoy using the park for their recreational activities were also in attendance and expressed appreciation for the new court.

Mayor Bird also announced that Fr. Bartek has offered to serve as the Village's Police Chaplain. Council expressed appreciation to Fr. Bartek.

Solicitor

No report.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report for his committee. He did, however, inform Council about Ohio History Connection which provided grants in the hope of painting a significant historical image on one barn in each of Ohio's counties. The Ottawa County Historical Society last week dedicated its painting located on a barn on SR 105 just outside of Oak Harbor which displays an

image of Oliver Hazzard Perry. Artist Scott Hagan who painted all 88 of Ohio's bicentennial barns, was the artist. A time-lapsed YouTube video of the project was created by Lake Erie Shores and Islands.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Dorko reported that both Erie and Church Streets are in need of paving maintenance which should be scheduled for work in the spring. Mr. Starcher asked that the committee also look at plans to repair Alexander Pike.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. Royhab had nothing to report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront

Mr. Myers had nothing to report

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett reported that the Planning Commission met September 6 and granted approval for a fence variance. The Commission also offered input on two informal requests.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers had nothing to report.

Street Commissioner

Mr. Lucas had nothing to report.

Police Department

Sgt. Welch distributed copies of the monthly report of activity listing a total of 403 incidents handled by the department.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska advised that the issue of overgrown bushes which obstruct vision at two different intersections has been resolved.

Board of Public Affairs

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Keller Property Donation to James Park** – Mayor Bird said Solicitor Barney has advised her the costs for engineer Pete Seggaard to prepare the legal description for transfer of the small section of property adjacent to James Park owned by Main Street Center LLC (the Keller family) will be \$400.00. Mr. Starcher moved to authorize \$400.00 to pay the cost of engineering for transfer of property from Main Street Center LLC to the Village of Marblehead. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Royhab-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. **Volleyball Court Rack and Volunteer Maintenance Program** – Mr. Lucas said the rack holding a landscape rake for the sand volleyball court has been installed. He also reported that Tim Heffernan of Danbury High School is no longer in charge of the

community service program at the school. Mr. Lucas will continue to look into the possibility of having students obtain community service credit by helping to maintain the volleyball court.

- C. **Status of Sidewalk and Overgrowth at Boytim Curve** – Mr. Lucas said a representative of ODOT will inspect the area to determine who is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk in that location. The trees have been pruned so they are no longer a hazard to either pedestrians or cyclists.
- D. **5K Thanksgiving Turkey Trot** - Mr. Starcher reported that the Marblehead Merchants have moved up the date for the 5K Turkey Trot to Saturday, November 18 so that it will not conflict with two other 5K events being held in the area on November 25. All other details of the event remain the same.
- E. **Electric Aggregation Program Update** – In a follow-up from the September 13 meeting, Mrs. Sowers reported that she checked to find what options other governmental entities in the county have selected for their electric aggregation amendment only to learn that there are only four aggregators (Ottawa County, Village of Clay Center, Village of Rocky Ridge and Village of Marblehead) and none of the others has been contacted yet. In reviewing the three options presented by First Energy Solutions, Council felt the best might be to continue with the current 6% off for residential customers and 4% off for commercial users. Council also noted the current arrangement is an opt-out plan whereas the other two choices presented were opt-in plans which might be more confusing for electric customers. Legislation will be drawn up for consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Tiger Scout Tree Project** – Was discussed under Visitor Comments.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$17,174.43 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. Mr. Starcher abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:24 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

JOHN STARCHER, ACTING MAYOR

Attest:



Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer