

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 28, 2020**

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 Lynn App, Dean Dorko, Angie Kukay, Dave Redett and John Starcher. Mr. Myers was absent and did not ask to be excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers and Police Chief Kenn Thellmann.

There were no visitors.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the October 14, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

AMEND AGENDA

Since the last meeting, Mrs. Sowers learned that the village could request its allocation of Coronavirus relief funds, approximately \$62,000, and subgrant the amount to another entity for permitted uses. She said several townships in the county are subgranting funds to their school districts and suggested the village consider a subgrant to Danbury Schools to use for an air purification system. Mayor Bird amended the agenda to include legislation requesting the village's allocation of Coronavirus Relief Funds. The Mayor added that if the Coronavirus Relief Funds are not used by November 20 the village's amount would be reallocated for use somewhere else in the county.

LEGISLATION

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

A. RESOLUTION NO. 4-2020 – Resolution Affirming how Funds from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund may be spent and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 4-2020 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App had nothing to report.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

No report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Police

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of current activity,

Finance Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Clemons Park Break Wall Repair** – Council received a proposal from CT Consultants totaling \$90,500.00 for engineering to prepare specifications, bidding documents and construction administration for repairs of the Clemons Park breakwall. CT estimates the cost to do the project will be approximately \$1.1 million. Mr. Dorko said his homeowners association paid \$22,000 to have Ken Gill Construction bring in stone to protect their shoreline and suggested council look into doing something similar. Mr. App will contact Gill Construction for an estimate.

- B. **Update on meeting with Lakeside Director Dan Rogers** – Mayor Bird reported she, Chief Thellman, Bryan Lucas and Councilmen Myers and Dorko met with Lakeside Director Dan Rogers on October 16 to discuss the issue of semi-trucks exiting Lakeside via Harsh Road. Mr. Rogers was not aware of the issue and will discuss it with the Lakeside Board to address the situation.

- C. **Electric Aggregation** – Mrs. Sowers reported that all townships participating in electric aggregation come under Ottawa County’s aggregation program, which is administered by Palmer Energy. Municipalities are on their own to negotiate and do not come under the county’s program. She added that the village’s aggregation contract with Energy Harbor expires next May.

- D. **Tree Trimming at Clemons Cemetery and Parks** – Mrs. Sowers reported estimates were requested from three different companies to trim trees at Clemons Cemetery, Clemons Park and James Park. The only company to submit a quote was Bailey Tree & Landscaping, which is scheduled to do the work within the next two weeks.

- E. **Status of Halloween Trick or Treat** – Mayor Bird asked if council still wanted to proceed with Trick or Treat on October 31 due to the fact the increasing number of coronavirus cases has caused Ottawa County to be designated a high-risk (Red) area. Following discussion, Council decided to continue with trick or treat and encourage those who choose to participate to follow covid-19 safety precautions.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Renewal with Prosecutor’s Office for 2021 representation at a cost of \$1,150** – Mr. Starcher moved to renew the agreement with the Ottawa County Prosecutor’s office for prosecution of any charges filed under Village ordinances in 2021 at a cost of \$1,150.00 for the year. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Cancel November 25 and December 23 Regular Meetings** – Mr. Dorko moved to cancel the pre-holiday meetings scheduled for November 25 and December 23. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Excuse Councilman Dorko from the November 11, 2020 regular meeting** - Mr. Starcher moved to excuse Dean Dorko from the November 11 regular meeting. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- D. **Set Special Meeting** – Mayor Bird set a special meeting for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 2 to consider legislation to amend appropriations to include monies for the Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- E. **Village Administrator** – In response to a question from Mr. App about the next step toward creation of a village administrator position, Mayor Bird said she would add it to the agenda for the November 11 meeting. Mrs. Sowers stated money for an administrator was included in 2020 appropriations in the event council decides to proceed in creating the position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Kukay moved to go into executive session at 6:35 p.m. to consider discipline of a public employee. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bird reconvened the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

EXTEND SUSPENSION

Mr. Starcher moved to extend the unpaid suspension of Officer Matthew Essex through January 2021. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

REACTIVATE K9 UNIT

Mr. App moved to authorize Chief Thellmann to reactivate the K9 unit with a new handler as soon as feasible. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

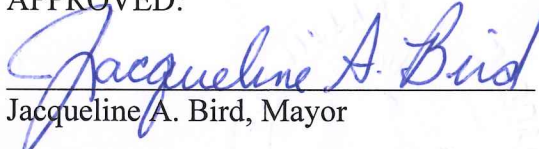
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$3,695.95 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-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 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:



Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer