

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 12, 2018**

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, 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 Chris Suppelsa and Matt Essex, Police Chaplain Fr. Andrew Bartek and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors in attendance were Amanda Kovach, Jack Kovach, Jim Kovach, Laura Kovach, Natalie Twarek, Nancy Bunge, Wayne Golob, Heidi Golob, Susan Guzy, Fred Cassell, Bill Glovinsky, Tim Glovinsky and Marblehead Merchant representatives Jodi Geyer and Lucy.

VOTE TO EXCUSE ANGIE KUKAY FROM THE DECEMBER 12 MEETING – Mr. Redett moved to excuse Councilwoman Angie Kukay from the December 12, 2018 regular meeting. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor Bird amended the agenda to add an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation following payment of bills.

MINUTES

Council unanimously approved Minutes of the November 28, 2018 regular meeting.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Father Andrew Bartek and the Choir of Holy Assumption Orthodox Church presented a selection of Christmas music which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

LEGISLATION

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

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 10-2018** – An Ordinance Setting Temporary Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Marblehead, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2019 and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2018 made by Mr. Redett and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 11-2018** – An Ordinance Providing for a Pay Increase and Setting 2019 Wage Rates for Employees in the Village of Marblehead and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2018 made by Mr. App and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 7-2018** – Resolution Endorsing the Ottawa County Active Transportation Plan. This is the first reading; second reading will be January 9, 2019.

REPORTS

Solicitor

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko reported on the December 8 BPA meeting where the Board discussed leak detection services, the need for Bay Point to convert its existing 6” to an 8” waterline so the system can be turned over to the Village and action to prohibit scheduling 16 hr. shifts in the water department during the summer months.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App submitted a report of the December 3 committee meeting when the group met with Danielle Steinhauser to discuss grant opportunities, the Main Street Ohio program and the Community Heart and Soul program. Mr. App added that after looking more closely at criteria it was determined Radar Park projects will not qualify for a Recreational Trails Grant application. Mrs. Sowers added the committee will proceed with obtaining community input for both Radar Park and Clemons Park projects since this information is needed for future grant applications.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

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

Safety/Insurance Committee

No report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers read correspondence from Western Reserve Land Conservancy advising that Kate Pilacky conducted the annual stewardship visit of Clemons Park on October 17. Ms. Pilacky noted there has been some erosion of the shoreline trail since the last visit but the property still complies with the conservation easements. Council members initialed receipt of the November financial reports distributed by the Fiscal Officer prior to the meeting.

Street Commissioner

Following a request by the Mayor, Mr. Lucas said he has taken care of putting locks on garage doors at the Town Hall so the area is secure after hours. Following a brief discussion, council agreed to have the lock to the front door of the fire station meeting room changed.

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. **Updated Service Contract with CT Consultants** – Following review by the Solicitor, Mr. App moved to approve the updated service contract and fee schedule for engineering services from CT Consultants. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Status Update on Ashby properties at 106 and 110 Perry Street** – Chief Joy said he has not yet been able to contact Fire Chief Kahler to arrange a meeting on this subject.
- C. **Status of Lease for 414 W. Main St. (Downstairs)** – Mr. Barney sent a 10-day notice to lessee Emilia Wise to bring payments current. Ms. Wise responded on the eleventh day. Mr. Barney advised her response was not timely and she is in breach of the contract. He added that if she pays the past due rent of \$1500.00, Council would not pursue damages for the remaining four years of the contract. Ms. Wise agreed to pay the \$1500.00.
- D. **Alexander Pike Update** – Engineer Julie Thomas advised she has been in contact with both Asphalt Materials and Geddis Paving for input on how they propose to correct the Alexander Pike paving thickness so it is a uniform three inches as required by the specifications. The bid retainage amount will be withheld from payment until the issue is resolved.
- E. **Village Investments** – Mrs. Sowers confirmed that the depository agreement with the Marblehead Bank has a limit of \$2,000,000.00. The village currently has just over \$1.8 million in the bank between checking, savings and a CD. Withdrawing money from STAR Ohio for a higher interest CD at Marblehead could put the village over the depository limit when the first half tax settlement is received. Council declined opening a

new CD. Mr. Redett suggested Council consider transferring money to STAR Ohio, which is paying a higher interest rate than the current savings account.

- F. **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.
- G. **Reminder December 26 Regular Session Council Meeting is Cancelled** – Mayor Bird reminded that the December 26, 2018 regular council meeting is cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Annual Contract with Prosecutor’s Office** – Mr. Redett moved to renew the agreement with the Ottawa County Prosecutor’s Office for prosecution of any charges filed under Village ordinances in 2019 at a cost of \$1,150 for the year. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Donation to the Ottawa County Drug Task Force** – It was moved by Mr. Starcher with second by Mr. Dorko to donate \$1,000.00 to the Ottawa County Drug Task Force. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$70,291.26 including November payroll made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Starcher abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Starcher moved to go into executive session at 6:47 pm to discuss pending litigation with the Solicitor. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bird reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Redett and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer