

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

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 and John Starcher. Lynn App was previously excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Police Chief Kenn Thellmann as well as Officer Jeremy Danklefsen and K9 Luke.

There were no visitors.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the February 11, 2021 special meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

REPORTS

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Police

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of current activity. Included were photos of a semi-truck that jackknifed in the Island View subdivision when the driver's GPS directed him down Harsh Road. The Chief also reported K9 Luke is making great progress training with his new handler, Officer Jeremy Danklefsen.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

No report.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko reported the BPA accepted a \$25,000 quote from CT Consultants at its February 9 meeting to begin the planning process for a second water tower to be located on Bayshore Road. The Board is pursuing a nomination for a 0% interest loan for the water tower project.

Finance Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report for his committee.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett had no committee report but advised he will be unable to attend the March 10 meeting. Mayor Bird said there will not be a quorum to meet on the 10th but there would be a quorum if the first regular meeting in March is rescheduled to Monday, March 15.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers distributed a copy of a draft letter that will be mailed on council's behalf by Energy Harbor to village customers in mid-March regarding renewal of the electric aggregation program. Council reviewed and approved the draft letter.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Status of Village Administrator feasibility project** – Mayor Bird signed the approved contract February 24 with the University of Toledo to begin the Village Administrator feasibility project.
- B. **Sign Branding Update** – Mr. Starcher reported the subcommittee to develop sign branding will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 22.
- C. **Harsh Road and Lakeside Truck Traffic** – Mr. Starcher said Bryan Lucas reminded him that signs prohibiting truck traffic on Harsh Road were removed several years ago during a county project in that area. Council will investigate further whether the signs can be replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Recommendation of Mayor for final appointment of Kenn Thellmann as Police Chief following successful completion of probation** – On the Mayor's recommendation, Mr. Starcher moved for final appointment of Kenn Thellmann as Police Chief following successful completion of the 180-day probation period. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Food Truck regulations** – Council received a request from Deacon Bill Fredrick of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church to allow food trucks to operate as a fundraiser on weekends this summer from the church parking lot which is adjacent to the Marblehead Lighthouse. Following a lengthy discussion, council noted the current legislation allows the church to have a food truck on the premises on four separate occasions during the year and, as a result, declined to change the regulations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dorko moved to go into executive session at 7:08 p.m. to consider discipline of a public employee. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bird reconvened the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

EXTEND PROBATION

At the recommendation of Chief Thellmann and Mayor Bird, Mr. Starcher moved to extend the probation of part-time police officer Kristy Duke for an additional 180 days. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

RESCHEDULE MARCH 10 REGULAR MEETING TO MARCH 15

Noting there will not be enough council members available to make a quorum for the first regular meeting in March, Mayor Bird rescheduled the meeting from Wednesday, March 10 to Monday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. The finance committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. to review bills prior to the meeting.

VOTE TO EXCUSE ANGIE KUKAY FROM MARCH 15 MEETING

Mrs. Kukay stated she will be unable to attend the March 15 meeting. Mr. Redett moved to excuse Angie Kukay from the March 15, 2021 regular meeting. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

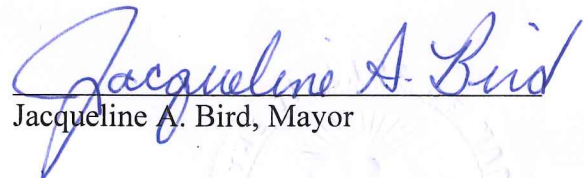
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$55,702.61 including January payroll made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-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 7:27 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer