

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JUNE 9, 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 Lynn App, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Dave Redett and John Starcher. Dean Dorko was excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney, Police Chief Kenn Thellmann and K9 Officer Jeremy Danklefsen.

Visitors in attendance were Michael Scherer, James Scherer and Kelli Kilburn.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the May 26, 2021 regular meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments

RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT MICHAEL SCHERER PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

At the recommendation of Chief Thellmann and Mayor Bird, Mr. Myers moved to appoint Michael Scherer as a part-time police officer with the Village of Marblehead. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

ADMINISTER OATH TO OFFICER SCHERER

Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to Officer Scherer.

PRESENTATION OF BADGE TO OFFICER SCHERER

Chief Thellmann presented Officer Scherer with his departmental badge.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird extended thanks for the mementos presented to council members recognizing the 100th anniversary of Biro Manufacturing, an international company founded in Marblehead a century ago.

Solicitor

Mr. Barney advised he was contacted by engineer Julie Thomas who is reviewing Johnson's Island road documents at the request of the village street committee and was concerned whether she should be communicating directly with representatives of the JI road group. Street committee chair, Duane Myers stated all communication should go through the solicitor who will forward it to the committee.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay will attend the June 10 meeting of the committee planning activities for the Lighthouse Bicentennial celebration next year.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App stated the recent nor'easter caused additional break wall damage at Clemons Park.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers reported a Bay Point property owner contacted him asking if there was a disaster declaration following the recent northeast storm. Mr. Myers learned from the Ottawa County Emergency Management Agency that damage from this storm did not reach the level triggering a disaster declaration and, even if it had, federal assistance money would only be available to cover uninsured loss to year around properties, not vacation homes.

Police

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of recent activity.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. App reported on the June 8 BPA meeting where approval was given for waterlines in the proposed 121-unit Waterview at Bay Point development. The Board also agreed to update assessment estimates for Johnson's Island water if those interested in extending lines to the island pay the cost to update the study.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett reported the Planning Commission continued discussion on density restrictions at its regular meeting on June 2.

Finance Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers said state auditors have completed the 2019-20 compliance audit and the report will be released soon.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Update on portable toilets and enclosures** – Mayor Bird stated Mr. Lucas is still waiting to hear from Jon Oglesbee to work out details for building enclosures for the portable toilets.
- B. **Verizon Wireless request for antenna upgrades on water tower** – Verizon Wireless has requested authorization to perform upgrades to the cellular antennas and equipment on the water tower. The Board of Public Affairs has no objections. Mr. Starcher moved to authorize the work to upgrade Verizon antennas and equipment on the water tower. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Discussion on possible Special Levy for streets/sidewalks** – Council continued discussion on the possibility of levying a tax for streets and sidewalks in the village.

Paving cost estimates included in the street pavement evaluation completed last November made council aware of the need for additional funds to keep up with street maintenance. In addition, council has discussed paying for maintenance of and improvements to sidewalks rather than have this a responsibility of individual property owners. Council needs to determine how much revenue is needed per year and the number of years to collect and then adopt a resolution of necessity requesting levy rates from the county auditor. Mr. Barney will advise whether streets and sidewalks can both be included in a single levy. Discussion was continued to the next meeting.

- D. **Sign Branding Update/Village Flag** – Mr. Starcher had nothing new to report yet on this project.
- E. **Storm damage at Clemons Park** – Mayor Bird reported the recent northeast storm obliterated a section of the break wall at Clemons Park. Council reviewed previous repair proposals and expressed concern that without a costly major rebuild any repairs might only be temporary and susceptible to future storm damage. To date the project has not qualified for any type of grant funding. Council briefly discussed shortening the wall by abandoning the damaged portion reasoning that a shorter wall would allow better circulation in the pond and prevent the water from becoming stagnant. Mr. App will contact village engineer Julie Thomas to update her on the damage and see what she might suggest.
- F. **Update on water tower Design and Planning loan applications** – Mrs. Sowers updated council on the loan application to the EPA. The Design and Planning phases will be combined into a single application which is due September 1, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Danbury Local Schools Career Readiness Program** – Chief Thellmann has agreed to participate in Danbury High School’s career readiness program by allowing students to do shadowing and job exploration with the police department.
- B. **Anonymous donation for flags and police expenses** – Mrs. Sowers stated an anonymous donation of \$3,000 was received for replacement of the American Flags which have flown continuously throughout the pandemic and to provide police safety equipment. Cost of the flags was \$1,986.00; the balance will be used for police equipment.

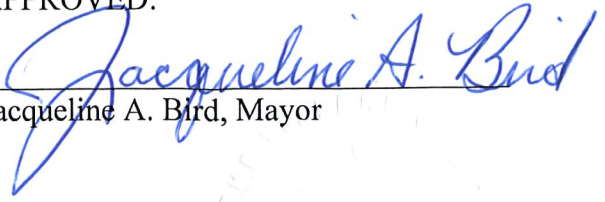
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$51,590.72 including May payroll made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

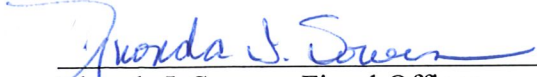
Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:



Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer

