

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

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

There were no visitors.

**MINUTES**

Council approved minutes of the March 15, 2021 regular meeting as submitted.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

There were no visitor comments.

**SWEAR IN OFFICER MANIACI TO FULL-TIME POSITION**

Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to full-time Police Officer Erica Maniaci who, at the recommendation of the Mayor and Chief, was promoted to full-time status by council effective March 28, 2021.

**LEGISLATION**

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

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 2-2021** – An Ordinance Setting Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Marblehead, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021 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, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2021 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 4-2021** – A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2021 and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 4-2021 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

### **Safety/Insurance Committee**

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

### **Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee**

Mr. App said his committee would meet soon to discuss upcoming projects.

### **Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee**

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

### **Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee**

Mr. Myers said the Street Committee would meet March 31 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss recent evaluation reports and review plans for Elliott and Church Street improvements

### **Police**

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of recent activity.

### **Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee**

Mr. Redett had nothing to report.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mrs. Sowers shared correspondence she received earlier in the day from the Ohio Office of Budget and Management regarding American Recovery Plan disbursements. To date there are no federal guidelines regarding use of these funds. The money will be disbursed in two payments, the first within 60 days of enactment of the bill and the second approximately one year later. The Office of Budget and Management will schedule instructional webinars once use guidelines are established.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Health Insurance Renewal update** – Because of the 42% increase in rates, the village's agent at The Ashley Group is seeking additional quotes for health, dental and vision insurance. Mayor Bird stated she would like the insurance committee to begin looking into other options for employee health care benefits in the future.

- B. **Status of Village Administrator Feasibility Project** – Mr. App reported the preliminary review of data for the village administrator feasibility project is underway by University of Toledo staff and students. Once that is completed, the project team will schedule interviews with village personnel.
- C. **Sign Branding Update** – Mr. Starcher reported on the March 22 meeting of the subcommittee to develop sign branding. He also presented a proposal from the committee to sponsor a contest for a village flag. The flag idea came from a TED talk by Roman Mars who has a radio program about design. Council agreed to have the subcommittee proceed with developing a plan for a village flag.
- D. **Water Tower Project Update** – Mayor Bird reported briefly on the kickoff meeting for the design phase of the proposed Bayshore Road water tower held earlier in the day. The design phase will determine such things as tower size, location, style as well as funding for the project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Historical Marker Installation** – Mr. Starcher said Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church has been recommended as a location for a state historical marker. If a marker were approved for this location, the church would be responsible for erecting it. Because this is a small congregation with elderly members Mr. Starcher asked if it would be possible for the village to assist. Solicitor Jim Barney feels it would be permissible if council determines the marker is a benefit to the village. Council agreed having a historic site is a benefit to the village and authorized village personnel to assist in erecting the historical marker if it is approved.

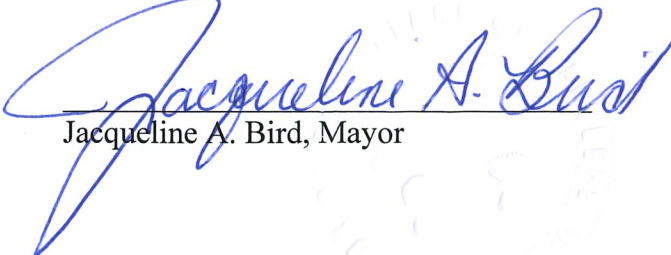
**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$9,458.45 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-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 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED:



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Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:



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Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer