

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 11, 2020**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Answering roll call were Lynn App, Angie Kukay, Dave Redett and John Starcher. Council previously excused Dean Dorko; Mr. Myers was absent and did not ask to be excused.

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

There were no visitors.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the October 28, 2020 regular meeting as submitted. Minutes of the November 2, 2020 special meeting were approved with corrections.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird reported speaking with Tim Pedro of TTL about grant money available to local governments to clean-up abandoned gas stations. Mr. Pedro explained the village can enter into an agreement with the land owners so the work can be done and the owners will still maintain ownership of the property. The Mayor agreed, with council's consent, to contact the Danchisen family and find out whether they are interested in learning more about this program.

Solicitor – request for executive session

Mr. Barney stated he would like to provide a status update on pending litigation. Mayor Bird amended the agenda to include an executive session following New Business.

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

Mrs. Sowers reported Kevin Linsky of the Bay Point Condos was present at the November 10 BPA meeting with questions about the potential impact 121 new condo units at Bay Point would have on water service in the village.

Police

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of current activity. The Chief also reported on increased measures to enforce wearing masks in retail establishments in an attempt to curb Covid spread.

Finance Committee

Mr. Starcher said the finance committee will meet to work on budgeting and to prepare temporary appropriations on Wednesday, November 18.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett stated the Planning Commission informally reviewed a proposed project, approved a setback variance on Johnson's Island and conditionally approved a condominium development for Bay Point at its meeting November 4.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported transfer of an additional \$100,000 from The Marblehead Bank to STAR Ohio to stay in compliance with limits of the village's depository agreement. Council initialed receipt of October financial reports Mrs. Sowers distributed earlier in the month.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Status Update on Ashby Property** – Chief Thellmann has been unsuccessful contacting Mrs. Witter about the status of necessary repairs to the structure at 106 Perry Street. He will send a written request. The Chief submitted recent photos to council noting it does not appear much has been done recently. Mr. Starcher noted progress has been made but there is more left to complete.
- B. **Clemons Break Wall Repair** – Mr. App has been unsuccessful getting a response from calls to Gill Construction. Mr. App added that he and Bryan Lucas met with Rick Shortridge for suggestions or a proposal on repairs to the breakwall. Mr. App also submitted a revised proposal from CT Consultants. Council agreed to wait for a proposal from Shortridge before taking any other action.
- C. **Proposal from CT Consultants for Church and Elliott Paving** – Council received a proposal from CT Consultants for design, bidding and construction administration for paving Church and Elliott Streets. Mrs. Sowers explained that because there is sufficient money appropriated this year, the Street Committee recommends authorizing all of the preliminary engineering work now so that the project can be bid early next year and scheduled for paving in the spring. Mr. Starcher moved to accept CT Consultant's quote of \$32,700.00 for design, bidding and construction administration of Church and Elliott Streets. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- D. **Discussion Regarding Creation of Village Administrator Position** – Mayor Bird asked for council's thoughts on the next steps in considering creation of a village administrator position. Mr. App suggested a special meeting to discuss and get input from the public. Mayor Bird recommends the Board of Public Affairs be involved in the discussion. Mr. Starcher thinks a sub-committee should be formed to develop a list of pros and cons for council to consider before seeking public input. Mrs. Sowers suggested finding a

consultant to evaluate the village's current structure and determine if there is a need for a village administrator. Council agreed to look for consultants to do an evaluation.

- E. **Update on Sign Branding** – Mr. Starcher said there is nothing further to report on branding yet.
- F. **Update on K9 Unit** – Mr. Barney reported that Matt Essex was notified the K9 unit has been reactivated and he is to return the dog to the Police Department as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Assignment of Lease at 414 W. Main Street** – Paul and Joni Hasselbach of Pottery Perfection have asked to assign the balance of their lease at 414 W. Main Street to Rick Dziak effective November 1, 2020. Mrs. Kukay moved to accept the assignment of the lease at 414 W. Main Street from Paul and Joni Hasselbach to Rick Dziak effective November 1, 2020. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Accept Resignation of Part-time Employee Ron Eckel** – Mr. Redett moved to accept the resignation of part-time maintenance employee Ron Eckel effective November 19, 2020 and authorize filling the position in compliance with the Hiring Policy. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Feral Cats** - Mr. Starcher had a complaint of feral cats in the Island View area and asked if the village has any policy on cats. Mr. Barney will provide council with legislation adopted by Oak Harbor to address people feeding and attracting feral cats.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. App moved to go into executive session at 6:55 p.m. to confer with the Solicitor regarding pending litigation. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bird reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

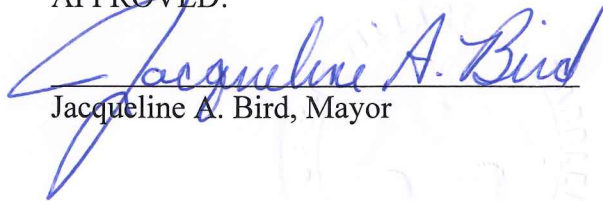
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$64,445.28 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-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 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer