

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD APRIL 14, 2021**

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, Dean Dorko, Dave Redett and John Starcher.

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

Visitors in attendance were Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Director Terri Cassel and Marblehead Soap owner Patti Wandover.

**COUNCIL VOTE TO EXCUSE ANGIE KUKAY FROM CURRENT MEETING**

Mr. Starcher moved to excuse Angie Kukay from the April 14, 2021 regular meeting. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes; Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Council approved minutes of the March 24, 2021 regular meeting as submitted.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Chamber President Terri Cassel presented information to council regarding Heritage Ohio, a program similar in scope to Main Street and Heart and Soul but one that she thinks might be a better fit for Marblehead. Council is interested in learning more; Mrs. Cassel agreed to get additional information.

Patti Wandover would like to see portable toilets located in accessible locations for use by visitors this summer. She submitted a quote to show what the cost would be to have multiple units cleaned twice weekly. Before deciding, Council asked Mrs. Wandover to suggest possible locations to help determine how many units might be needed for the summer.

**LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation.

**REPORTS**

**Solicitor**

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

**Police**

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of recent activity. He noted the department is now certified with the Ohio Collaborative.

**Safety/Insurance Committee**

No report.

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

Mr. App reported on the April 12 committee meeting. New tables approved last year are being ordered for Clemons and James Park. The committee is investigating different surfacing options for the James Park playground and plans to have restroom partitions replaced this summer. Most of the other items discussed are on the agenda under new business.

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

Mr. Dorko reported on the April 13 BPA meeting where the water superintendent announced the caustic feed pipes were successfully cleaned without having to shut down the plant. Mr. Dorko said the majority of the meeting was spent discussing plans for the water tower.

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

No report.

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

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

Mr. Redett reported the Planning Commission approved a variance request and informally reviewed several prospective projects when it met April 7.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mrs. Sowers shared information received from the State Auditor's office advising there is still no guidance as to how the American Rescue Plan funds can be used. She said Auditor Faber will schedule webinars for local entities once federal guidelines are established.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Village Administrator Feasibility Project** – Mayor Bird reported she and department representatives will be meeting Monday, April 19 with the University of Toledo students and staff who are conducting the village administrator feasibility project. The meeting will be held at 9:00 am in the meeting room of the former fire station.
  
- B. **Water Tower Project Update** – Mr. Dorko reported the design phase for a water tower on Bayshore Road is progressing. The property has been cleared and test borings are currently being completed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Resignation of part-time Police Officer Kristy Duke** – Mr. Dorko moved to accept the resignation of part-time Police Officer Kristy Duke effective April 24, 2021 and authorize Chief Thellmann to fill the vacancy. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
  
- B. **Start Date for part-time seasonal employee** – Mayor Bird stated Street Commissioner Lucas would like to bring seasonal park employee Mike Richmond back to work sooner this year due to the early arrival of warm weather. Council had no objections to Mr. Richmond starting in April rather than May this year.

- C. Reduce hours for Olga Trumpower** – At her request, Mr. Starcher moved to authorize a reduction in hours for fiscal assistant/billing clerk Olga Trumpower from 32 to 24 hours per week effective at the start of the next pay period. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Sowers added that Mrs. Trumpower is aware she will no longer accrue sick or vacation time as a result of the reduction, however, she will be able to use the leave time she has remaining to her credit.
- D. Authorize donations for Memorial Day expenses** – Mr. Starcher moved to contribute \$100.00 each to American Legion Post 555 and VFW Post 7572 to be used for Memorial Day expenses. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- E. Lakeside to host Memorial Day Service** – Mayor Bird reported Lakeside will host this year's community Memorial Day service on May 31. Due to Covid restrictions there will not be a parade this year.
- F. Council authorization to continue membership in BWC group rating** – Mr. App moved to continue membership in the Ohio Municipal League's 2022 group rating for worker's comp claims administered by Sedgwick at a cost of \$183.00. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- G. Renew medical and ancillary health benefits with Anthem** – Mr. Redett moved to renew health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits with Anthem effective May 1, 2021. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- H. Request for library walking tours in Clemons Cemetery** – Mr. App received a request from Jane Crandall to include Clemons Cemetery as a stopping point on the library walking tours conducted by Lori Halblaub and Erin Sandvick. Council had no objections to this request.
- I. Hanging flower baskets** – In appreciation of the village merchants and in recognition of the fact that Covid restrictions created a financial burden for businesses, Council agreed to pay the cost for the hanging flower baskets again this year.
- J. James Park shelter house reservations** – Mrs. Sowers said she and Mr. Lucas are receiving a number of requests to reserve the shelter house in James Park but are uncertain how to handle them due to Covid restrictions. She noted the CDC and Ohio Health Dept. guidelines are changing rapidly and more and more outdoor activities are being permitted. Council agreed to allow shelter house reservations and asked that a provision be included that those reserving the facility agree to abide by Covid restrictions in place at the time of use.
- K. Lions Club request to use James Park for 2021 Perch Festival** – Noting that the Governor recently listed Covid restrictions for festivals, Mayor Bird said the Marblehead

Lions Club would like to reserve the James Park shelter house for the Perch Festival on Saturday, August 28, 2021. The Lions will abide by any restrictions in place at that time.

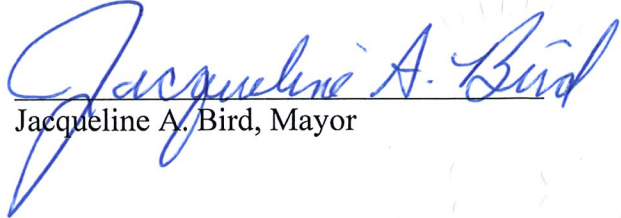
**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$53,043.81 including March payroll made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Starcher abstained.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Redett and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:07 p.m.

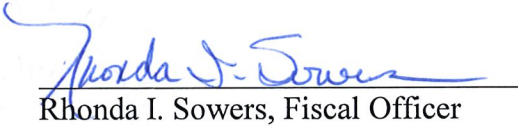
APPROVED:



Jacqueline A. Bird

Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:



Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer