

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Rich Gillum representing Jim Barney who was excused, Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas, Police Chief Casey Joy and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

There were no visitors.

**ADOPT RULES OF COUNCIL FOR 2020**

Mr. Dorko moved to adopt rules of council for 2020. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Council approved minutes of the January 22, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

There were no visitor comments.

**LEGISLATION**

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

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 1-2020** – 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, 2020 and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1-2020 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Solicitor**

Mr. Gillum had nothing to report.

**Finance and Records Committee**

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report for his committee but advised that after selling his business he no longer needs his bucket truck. Because the village has used it numerous times, he offered to

sell it to the village at a reduced price. Mayor Bird will add it as an item for discussion/action under New Business.

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

Mr. Dorko reported on the February 11 Board of Public Affairs meeting. Mr. Joyce reported caustic soda build up has reduced flow in a pipe feeding the clear well and the pipe needs to be cleaned or replaced. In other business, board member Jim Keys expressed extreme displeasure at the uniform hiring policy adopted by Council last October. Mr. Keys stated the policy was adopted with no BPA input and will drastically change the way the board has handled hiring at the water plant for the past sixty years.

Mayor Bird reminded Council that the hiring policy resulted from concerns expressed by the water superintendent last spring when the BPA did not allow the superintendent to be involved in interviews of applicants for a full-time water operator position.

Mayor Bird then read the following letter she received earlier in the day from Mr. Keys:

*If we were one team, my first look at the new hiring policy would not have been 1/16/20 (when I emailed you). Bob saw it on 1/23/20 at our special meeting; he was shocked. I would like to laugh it off as just a communications faux pas that this policy went thru 3 readings/approval without discussion with the BPA but I don't believe it.*

*50.15 (A) "The Board of Public Affairs (BPA) shall manage, conduct, and control the waterworks, furnish supplies of water, collect all water rents or charges, and appoint necessary officers, employees and agents.*

*Personally, this policy is unacceptable and bullet point 5 needs to be expanded to include: "The BPA will encourage involvement with the waterworks supervisor/employees but will decide on a case by case basis concerning the level of BPA involvement."*

*If such a policy (after 61 years) were known prior to my decision to run in the election, I would not be here!*

*Therefore it's your call, work it out or get a fresh start, no hard feelings.*

During discussion, it was pointed out that the new policy does not prohibit elected officials' involvement in the hiring process. Council agreed that much work went into developing the hiring policy and noted that all department heads – including the water superintendent – received a draft copy last August to review and provide input prior to its adoption last October. The Mayor will reply to Mr. Keys' letter and advise him Council does not wish to change the hiring policy.

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

No report.

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

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

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

Mr. Redett reported that the Planning Commission appointed Richard Zembala to another 6-year term, adopted rules for the year and informally reviewed a potential Bay Point project when it met February 5.

### **Safety/Insurance Committee**

Mrs. Kukay and Mr. App met January 24 with Adam Holmes of The Ashley Group to review current employee health benefits and discuss renewal options.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mrs. Sowers had nothing to report.

### **Street Commissioner**

Mr. Lucas advised that he and Mr. Starcher would inspect the wiring at the village's rental building at 414 W. Main following concerns expressed by the tenant over unusually high electric bills. Mr. Lucas is completing the annual street sign assessment to determine which signs to replace.

### **Police Department**

Chief Joy had nothing to report.

### **Zoning Administrator**

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Clemons Break Wall Update/Repair Quotes** – Mr. Lucas expects an updated quote from Bruce Brockert within a few days. Mr. Brockert originally submitted a quote in the fall of 2018 to reclaim rock from the lake and place it back on the break wall.
- B. **Town Hall Assessment Sub-Committee Update** – Mr. Dorko asked that employee members of the sub-committee prepare a prioritized list of urgent items to address while the committee considers long-term plans for the town hall.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Resignation of BPA member Bailey VanKirk** – Mayor Bird advised that Bailey VanKirk has moved out of the village and resigned her elected position on the Board of Public Affairs effective January 31, 2020. The Fiscal Officer will advertise the opening after which the Mayor will make an appointment subject to approval by council.
- B. **Donate Fire Fund Balance** – At the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer and Finance Committee, Mr. Starcher moved to donate the remaining balance of \$2,512.39 in the Fire Fund to Danbury Township for use by the Danbury Township Volunteer Fire Department. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**C. Purchase Bucket Truck** – At the recommendation of Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas who has used the truck numerous times for projects in the village, Mr. Dorko moved to purchase the bucket truck from Starcher Enterprises at a cost of \$5,500.00. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Starcher abstained from discussion and vote.

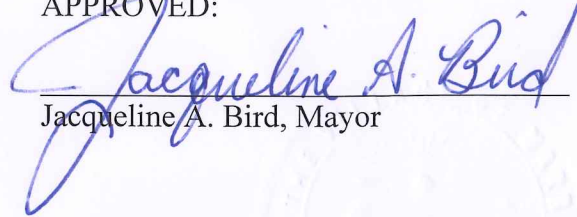
**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$45,474.99 including January payroll made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

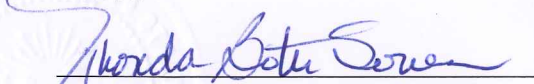
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer