

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD JANUARY 13, 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 and John Starcher. Dave Redett was not present but asked to be excused. Duane 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.

**VOTE TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN REDETT FROM JANUARY MEETINGS**

Mr. Starcher moved to excuse Dave Redett from the January 13, 2021 and the January 27, 2021 regular meetings. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**VOTE TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN APP FROM FEBRUARY MEETINGS**

Lynn App advised he is unable to attend the February council meetings. Mrs. Kukay moved to excuse Lynn App from the February 10, 2021 and the February 24, 2021 regular meetings. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM FOR 2021**

Mrs. Kukay nominated John Starcher to serve as President Pro Tem of Council in 2021. Second by Mr. Dorko. There were no other nominations. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**REVIEW RULES OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Bird asked that council members review the current Rules of Council and notify her of any suggestions for change. Council will consider adoption of the rules at the February 10, 2021 regular meeting.

**MINUTES**

Council approved minutes of both the December 9, 2020 regular meeting and the December 16, 2020 special meeting as submitted.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

There were no visitor comments.

**STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS**

Mayor Bird presented the annual State of the Village address.

**LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation.

## **REPORTS**

### **Solicitor**

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

### **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**

Mr. Dorko reported that Julie Thomas and Chuck Hall of CT Consultants attended the January 12 BPA meeting to discuss construction and financing options for a Bayshore Road water tower to address water pressure concerns and the possibility of an additional 121 new housing units in that area. CT will submit an engineering proposal for the Board's consideration.

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

### **Police**

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of current activity. Included in the report were photos of a semi-truck leaving Lakeside via Harsh Road. Mayor Bird will contact Lakeside Director Dan Rogers to ask what action the Lakeside Board will take to discontinue the practice of directing large delivery trucks out of Lakeside via Harsh Road.

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

No report.

### **Fiscal Officer**

#### **Continue part-time status**

Mrs. Sowers advised council she recently learned full-time status would affect her retirement and asked to continue as a part-time employee. Mr. App moved that the Fiscal Officer position remain part-time and requested the Solicitor prepare an amendment to the pay ordinance reflecting this action. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

#### **Zoom virtual meeting subscription**

Mrs. Sowers asked if council wishes to continue the Zoom subscription at a cost of \$54.99 per month. Council noted the law allows virtual meetings during the Covid emergency and agreed to continue the subscription a little longer because it may still be necessary to use Zoom for a remote meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Continued discussion regarding Village Administrator position** – Following discussion at the December council meeting, Mr. App received a proposal from The Jack Ford Urban Affairs Center of the University of Toledo to conduct a Village Manager

Feasibility study at a cost of \$3,500. After council review, Mr. App moved to accept the proposal for a Village Manager Feasibility study from the University of Toledo and request a contract for the work to begin. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. Reminder to continue with Radar Park Plan for 2021** – Mayor Bird reminded council that improvements need to be made at Radar Park to assure the property complies with the federal deed restrictions. Mrs. Sowers said it might be time to look into loans for completing this work as well as for work to repair the breakwall at Clemons Park since neither project has qualified for grant money.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2021 Personnel List and Committee Assignments** – Mayor Bird distributed an updated village personnel list and made the following committee assignments for 2021: **Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission** David Redett (Chair), Angie Kukay, Duane Myers; **Beautification/Parks/Cemetery** Lynn App (Chair), Duane Myers, Dave Redett; **Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer** Duane Myers (Chair), Dean Dorko, John Starcher; **Finance & Records** John Starcher (Chair), David Redett, Lynn App; **Safety & Insurance** Angie Kukay (Chair), Lynn App, Dean Dorko; **Utilities /Ferries/ Waterfront** Dean Dorko (Chair), Angie Kukay, John Starcher.
- B. Annual Appointment of Street Commissioner** – Mr. Starcher moved to appoint Bryan Lucas Street Commissioner for 2021. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. Council Approval to hire Tom McNeal part-time Street/Maintenance employee** – At the recommendation of Mr. Lucas and Mayor Bird, Mr. Dorko moved to appoint Tom McNeal to the open part-time street/maintenance position. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- D. Amend Police Vehicle Policy** – Mayor Bird stated the current personnel policy prohibits police officers from taking a cruiser home if they live further than a 30 mile radius from the village limits or outside of Ottawa County. The Mayor said the K9 officer lives in Bay View, fewer than 12 miles from the village but in Erie County, and needs to use the cruiser to transport Luke to and from his home. Mr. Dorko moved to amend Section 13.9.2 (A) of the Village of Marblehead Personnel Manual to read “No officer living outside a 15 mile radius of the Village limits shall be permitted to take a cruiser home.” Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.


## **AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$52,599.02 including December payroll made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-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 7:08 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer