

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

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:05 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, Solicitor Jim Barney, Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas, Police Chief Casey Joy, Police Officer Chris Suppelsa and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors in attendance were Marblehead Merchants Beth Lehnert and Lee Walker.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the February 26, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS – Marblehead Merchants Mayfly Festival

Beth Lehnert of Jamestown Tavern informed Council that the Marblehead Merchants are planning a Mayfly Festival in June and asked for approval to close Perry Street between Main and Elliott Streets for one day to host activities in conjunction with the festival. Council had no objections. Chief Joy said he needs to know a week in advance so neighboring property owners can be notified Lee Walker added that the plan is to start with a small event this year and hopefully it will become a larger event in future years.

LEGISLATION

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

A. RESOLUTION NO. 1-2020 – An Emergency Resolution to Accept the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding.

Solicitor Jim Barney explained the Ohio Municipal League encourages municipalities to join the Ohio Memorandum of Understanding in order to participate in any settlement agreement negotiated between the state and pharmaceutical companies regarding the opioid lawsuits.

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. 1-2020 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.

REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird received an anonymous letter requesting riprap be placed on the shore where rocks wash up on Main Street. The letter writer also asked that the quarry be contacted to make sure the conveyor does not come down as it did in 1977.

Solicitor

Mr. Barney advised that the Ottawa County Municipal Court ruling against the operator of a golf cart on Johnson's Island roads has been appealed.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing new to report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko reported on the March 10 BPA meeting where the Board continued discussion on giving raises to water employees, decided to replace rather than attempt to clean buildup in pipes feeding the clear well, and discussed having an interior inspection of the water tower.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App reported his committee met in January with several community members present to discuss ideas for James Park. The committee will meet next at 6:00 pm March 18. Mr. App said last year the Parks committee discussed hiring a Parks Director but as the discussion continued it became apparent, the position they envisioned is actually a village administrator. Mr. Myers added that there is a need for an employee who can oversee grants and projects and pointed out we are the only village in the area without an administrator. Mrs. Sowers said the Finance Committee determined there is sufficient revenue to pay salary and benefits for a full-time administrator. Following a lengthy discussion about where to begin the process, Mayor Bird offered to invite several village administrators to the April 8 council meeting in order to learn more about their role.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers said the Street Committee would schedule a meeting soon to determine this year's paving projects as well as discuss the request for the village to take ownership of Johnson's Island roads.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett had nothing to report.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers had nothing to report. Council members initialed receipt of the December financial reports.

Street Commissioner

Mr. Lucas asked whether headstones designed to hold cremains are permitted at Clemons Cemetery. Mr. Barney recommends amending the cemetery rules to address above ground interments so there is no question in the future.

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 said he is still waiting for quotes from Bruce Brockert and Gill Construction.
- B. **Authorize return of seasonal park maintenance employee Mike Richmond** – Mr. Starcher moved to authorize seasonal park maintenance employee Mike Richmond to work from April 6, 2020 through October 31, 2020. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes and Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Council authorization for Chief Joy to begin the process to fill the opening created by the February 29, 2020 resignation of Officer Lisa Simmons** – Mr. Starcher moved to declare a vacancy following the February 29, 2020 resignation of Police Officer Lisa Simmons and authorize Chief Joy to begin the process of filling the opening per the village hiring policy. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Discussion/Action on purchase of 2020 Police Vehicle** – Chief Joy submitted a quote from Tri Motor Sales, Oak Harbor for a 2020 Ford Fusion and a quote from D.R. Ebel of Northwood to equip the vehicle as a police cruiser. Tri Motor also offered a trade-in credit for the 2013 Ford Explorer. The Chief explained the purchase date has passed to order a Fusion through the state's cooperative purchasing program but added that the price from Tri Motor is less than the state bid price. Mr. Redett moved to authorize the purchase of a 2020 Ford Fusion from Tri Motor Sales at a cost of \$24,015.00 with a trade allowance of \$4,500.00 and authorize \$3,340.23 to equip the vehicle as a police cruiser at D.R. Ebel. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Discussion/Action on quote from Vance's Law Enforcement for tasers** – Mrs. Kukay moved to accept a quote of \$3,487.02 from Vance's Law Enforcement for three taser units and three power magazines. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes. Mr. Starcher-yes, Motion carried.
- D. **Discussion/Action on quote from Cleveland Communications for police radios** – Mr. Starcher moved to accept a quote of \$4,706.00 from Cleveland Communications for three hand held radios for the police department plus speakers and replacement batteries.

Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

E. Council Authorization to continue membership in the Ohio Municipal League's 2021 BWC Group Rating Administered by Care Works Comp – Mrs. Kukay moved to continue membership in the Ohio Municipal League's 2021 group rating for worker's comp claims administered by Care Works Comp at a cost of \$174.00. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

F. Annual Ottawa County Department of Health Meeting – Mayor Bird stated Councilman Myers would represent the village at the annual meeting of the Ottawa County District Health Advisory Board on March 12.

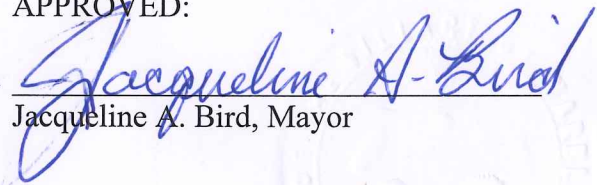
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$49,416.07 including February payroll made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Starcher abstained.

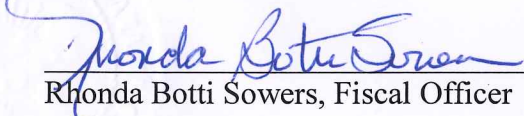
ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer