

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MAY 27, 2020**

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, Dave Redett, Duane Myers and John Starcher.

Also present was Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers.

There were no visitors.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the May 13, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation

REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird read a witness information form prepared by Tim Feller who plans to testify in favor of House Bill 476 that would protect land owners from eminent domain action by park districts. Mr. Feller owns property in Danbury Twp. bisected by an abandoned railway that a park district would like to acquire for a bike path.

Solicitor

No report.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App expressed thanks to volunteers Linda Twarek and Gwen Funderwhite who planted the flowerpots located throughout the village.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers reported the Street Committee met earlier in the day to discuss paving projects that will be discussed under Old Business.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett had nothing to report.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers had nothing to report.

Street Commissioner

No report.

Police Department

No report.

Zoning Administrator

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Update on Clemons Break Wall Repair** – Mrs. Sowers presented a brief overview of estimates received since July 2018 to repair the Clemons Park breakwall. The quotes range from \$5500 to retrieve rock up to \$1.2 million to rebuild the wall. Council is still waiting for an updated quote from Bruce Brockert and in the meantime will investigate what permits, if any, are needed for the rehabilitation work.

- B. **Update on Merchants COVID-19 related requests**
 - a. **DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area)** – Mayor Bird has not heard more from the Marblehead Merchants regarding a DORA application.

 - b. **Hand Sanitizers** – Mrs. Sowers said no merchants requested hand sanitizers for their businesses. Council wants to obtain several to locate on village properties.

 - c. **Additional portable toilet** – Mrs. Sowers will order a second portable toilet to locate at the back of the village parking lot adjacent to Holy Assumption Church.

 - d. **Additional picnic tables** – Mr. Lucas moved some picnic tables from James Park to Clemons Park until new tables are ordered.

 - e. **Public parking area** – Mrs. Sowers needs to complete a Lafarge credit application before the village can obtain additional stone for the parking area west of the conveyer.

- C. **2020 Paving Projects and Storm Sewer Inspections** – Mr. Myers said the Street Committee held a Zoom meeting earlier in the day with Village Engineer Julie Thomas to discuss paving projects. Mrs. Thomas provided estimates for paving Elliott and Church streets with two options for the section of Church between Perry and Stone Streets. The less expensive option is feasible if there is an existing base under the road but the only way to determine that is with core samples. Mrs. Thomas will obtain a quote for core samples. Mrs. Thomas will also provide a quote to have CT Consultants complete an assessment of the condition of the storm sewer system.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Downtown Development** – Mr. App said he has noted a number of signs throughout the village that are in disrepair. He feels it would be helpful to visitors if these signs were replaced. Mr. App will prepare a list for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. App moved to go into executive session at 6:47 p.m. to consider discipline of a public employee. 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.

Mayor Bird reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

UPHOLD SUSPENSION

Following the executive session, Mayor Bird upheld the six month, unpaid suspension issued to Officer Matt Essex on May 23, 2020 by Chief Joy. Officer Essex has the right to appeal the suspension to Council within five days of the Mayor's decision. The suspension follows a criminal charge of coercion issued by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department against Officer Essex for his handling of a complaint in August 2019. Because Officer Essex is the K9 handler, Mayor Bird temporarily suspended the K9 unit and allowed the dog to remain with Officer Essex for the time being.

AUTHORIZE SEASONAL PATROL OFFICERS

Mayor Bird said the Police Department is now down to two full-time officers each scheduled to work 84 hours per week. Because the department is so short-handed, Chief Joy recommends hiring Matt Ignatowski and Kenn Thellmann as seasonal officers to each work 16 hours per week. Council agreed to hire seasonal officers and expressed concern about the number of hours scheduled for full-time officers. Mr. Dorko moved to hire part-time seasonal officers Matt Ignatowski and Kenn Thellmann effective immediately and to limit full-time officers to work no more than 60 hours per week. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

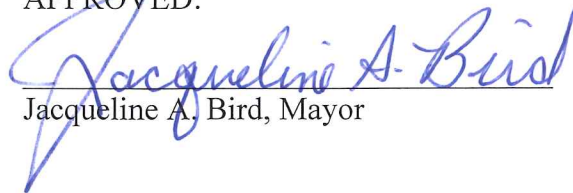
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$4,446.70 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer