

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

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, Duane Myers and John Starcher. Dave Redett and Angie Kukay were excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney, Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas, Police Chief Casey Joy, Police Officer Chris Suppelsa, Police Chaplain Fr. Andrew Bartek and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors were Alexander Keding, Tony Cianciola, Ron Ameigh, Dave Miller, Mike Kelty, Bill Mason and Chris Furey.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the October 23, 2019 meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

ATTORNEY BILL MASON – UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FOR JI ROADS TO BECOME PUBLIC

Attorney Bill Mason, representing the Johnson's Island Investment Group (JIIG) submitted documentation to council from both the Johnson's Island Property Owners' Association (JIPOA) and the Baycliffs Homeowners Association (BHOA) stating the trustees of both associations agree to cooperate with the Village in efforts to transfer ownership of the causeway and all island roads to the village for public maintenance. Mr. Mason, his associate Chris Furey and JIIG member Mike Kelty presented additional information pointing out the procedure for and the advantage of the roads becoming public. Johnson's Island residents Tony Cianciola and Dave Miller expressed concerns about the proposal. Mayor Bird asked that Mr. Mason forward copies of all documentation to Councilman Myers so the Streets Committee may study it more thoroughly and ultimately make a recommendation to Council.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

REPORTS

Mayor

Jack Lautermilch contacted Mayor Bird about a vacant lot for sale on Prairie Street that would make a nice annex to James Park. Discussion followed during which council noted the village is not in the position to acquire additional property at this time.

Solicitor

Mr. Barney had no report.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher had no report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko gave a brief report on the November 12 BPA meeting. The Board approved purchasing shirts and safety vests for department employees. Water Supt. Tony Joyce reported repairs are needed for the old truck and a waterline break was discovered on Main Street near the water tower. Mr. Joyce recommends an 8% pay increase for employees in his department and was told to put together data to support this request.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App reported his committee would meet November 14. Mr. App also reported that the Village’s NatureWorks grant application was not selected for funding in this round of awards.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers will be scheduling a committee meeting to discuss the estimate received from village engineer Julie Thomas for improvements to Church St. and Elliott St.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

No report.

Safety/Insurance Committee

No report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers extended thanks to Officer Matt Essex who conducted ALICE training recently for her office. Council initialed October financial reports distributed by Mrs. Sowers prior to the meeting.

Street Commissioner

Mr. Lucas had no report.

Police Department

Chief Joy reported a dead raccoon was discovered in the ceiling behind the Police Station. The Chief expressed hope that the building sub-committee will have a recommendation soon for improvements.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Set Public Hearing to consider Hruska Retirement/Rehire** – Council set a hearing for 5:45 p.m. prior to the regular council meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 to consider a request by zoning administrator Robert Hruska to retire January 31, 2020 and be rehired to the same position. The finance committee meeting scheduled for 5:30 that day will be moved to 5:15 p.m.
- B. **Update on the Ottawa County Transportation Plan Meeting** – Mayor Bird stated she and Danbury Twp. Trustee Dianne Rozak would meet with Gary Kohli of the Ottawa County Park Board on November 18 to learn more about the Ottawa County Transportation Plan.

- C. **Planning Commission to review Sign Ordinance** – The Planning Commission will hold a discussion at its December 5 meeting to consider amendments that would permit digital signs in the village.
- D. **Update on Grant Money for Breakwall Repair** – Mr. Hruska advised council he has not had much success locating grant money for repairs to the break wall at Clemons Park. Mayor Bird will check with the RED Horse Squadron at Camp Perry for possible assistance with this project.
- E. **Status Update on Ashby Property** – Chief Joy will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Witter on November 15 for a reinspection of the structure at 106 Perry Street. Mr. Starcher added that there have been a number of recent improvements made to the structure and surrounding property.
- F. **Digital Sign Update** – Mr. App submitted a list from the Heart of Soul steering committee of steps to erect a digital sign in place of the message board sign next to the former fire station. The committee hopes a new sign could be in place by next June.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Discussion on Atlantic Reefmaker shoreline stabilization/protection proposal** – Council received information from village engineer Julie Thomas about a shoreline protection technique developed by Atlantic Reefmaker to prevent erosion from wave action along the eastern seaboard. The company would like to expand into the Great Lakes area and is looking for communities interested in becoming demo sites. Council expressed interest in learning more about this project.
- B. **Cancel November 27 and December 25 Regular Meetings** – Mr. Dorko moved to cancel the November 27 and December 25 regular meetings to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving and Christmas. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

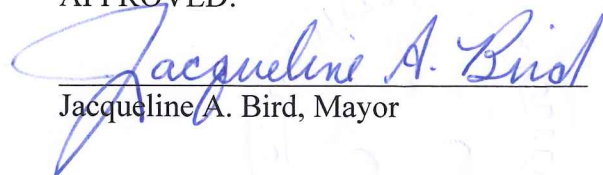
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$47,570.84 including October payroll made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED:


 Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


 Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer