

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AUGUST 26, 2020**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 and Interim Police Chief Kenn Thellmann.

Visitor in attendance was Jeremy Danklefsen.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the August 12, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

APPOINT JEREMY DANKLEFSEN POLICE OFFICER

At the recommendation of Chief Thellmann and Mayor Bird, Mr. App moved to appoint Jeremy Danklefsen as a full-time police officer with a start date of September 13, 2020. 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.

SWEAR IN POLICE OFFICER JEREMY DANKLEFSEN

Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to full-time police officer Jeremy Danklefsen.

LEGISLATION

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

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 3-2020** – Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Redett 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.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 3-2020 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 had a request for the village to trim low hanging tree branches at Clemons Cemetery. Council members stated there are trees with low hanging branches in James and Clemons Park that need to be trimmed as well.

Contract to Trim Cemetery and Park Trees

It was moved by Mr. Myers and second by Mr. App to hire a contractor to trim trees in Clemons Cemetery as well as James and Clemons Park. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Mr. Starcher reported the Finance Committee will meet to review the police budget and consider a proposal from Interim Chief Thellmann to change the police department staffing structure. A meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on September 1.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App will look into information received from CT Consultants grant writer Danielle Steinhauser about a USDA Rural Development program that might provide funding for Radar Park improvements.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers will schedule a meeting of the Streets Committee to discuss pavement projects as well as the request to take over roads on Johnson's Island. Mr. Myers also reported CT Consultants inspected storm sewers village wide and a ditch at 1002 Elliott Street that is not draining well.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Police Report

Chief Thellmann reported the black 2020 Ford Fusion has been striped and equipped for road patrol; all officers completed range fire qualifications conducted by Chief Craig on Kelleys Island, Officer Suppelsa is now a certified Taser instructor, and the department will be returning to traditional blue police uniforms.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers asked about installing a drop box for the public to leave water payments and zoning applications. Council authorized Mrs. Sowers to have a drop box installed outside the Town Hall entrance.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Clemons Break Wall Repair** – Mr. App spoke with Jim Park at the Office of Coastal Management regarding a loan program but he did not feel this project would qualify because it is not in a flood plain. Because neither grants nor loans are readily available, Council asked Mr. App to obtain a quote from CT Consultants to prepare specs and estimates for Clemons Park break wall repairs.

B. **Branding Design Update** – Mr. Starcher requested the Mayor appoint a sub-committee to work with Amy Heflinger of AHA Creative on developing a brand for the Village. Mayor Bird appointed John Starcher, Duane Myers, Lynn App and Rhonda Sowers to the subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Public Restroom Discussion** – Mayor Bird received a request to install another portable toilet in a more accessible location in the downtown area. During discussion that followed, council members opposed locating another portable toilet along Main Street but agreed there is a need for a public facility and the first step is to develop a design and get cost estimates. Mayor Bird appointed Mrs. Kukay to begin this process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dorko moved to go into executive session at 6:47 p.m. to consider the appointment of a public employee. Second by Mr. Redett. 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 7:00 p.m.

PROMOTE INTERIM CHIEF THELLMANN TO POLICE CHIEF

Mr. Dorko moved to promote Interim Chief Kenn Thellmann to full-time Police Chief. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-no, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. App stated he would like to continue the process begun last March of creating the position of Village Administrator. Mayor Bird will contact the Administrators who she scheduled to meet with Council in April to set a new meeting.

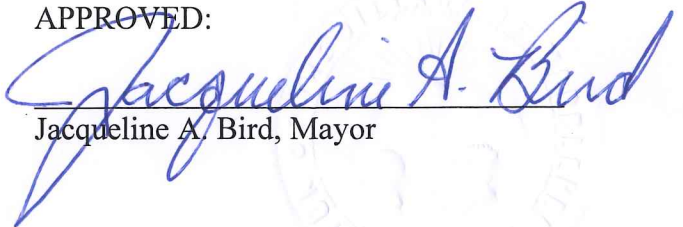
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$4,984.55 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myer-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 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer