

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 11, 2019**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Answering roll call were Lynn App, 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, Police Chaplain Fr. Andrew Bartek and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

There were no visitors.

VOTE TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN DORKO FROM CURRENT MEETING

Mr. Redett moved to excuse Dean Dorko from the December 11, 2019 regular meeting. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

LEGISLATION

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

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2019** – An Ordinance Setting Temporary Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Marblehead, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020 and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-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, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 4-2019 made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2019** – An Ordinance Providing for a Pay Increase and Setting 2020 Wage Rates for Employees in the Village of Marblehead and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. App and seconded by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5-2019 made by Mr. Redett and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Solicitor

Mr. Barney had no report.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher had no report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

No report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App reported his committee would meet December 12.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers reported his committee would meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17 to discuss street projects for next year.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett reported that the Planning Commission informally reviewed several proposed projects and discussed possible changes to sign regulations during its December 5 meeting. The Commission will meet on the first Wednesday of each month in 2020 with the exception of January when the meeting will be Thursday, January 2 to avoid conflict with the New Year holiday.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had no report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported on the new Star Rating System implemented by State Auditor Keith Faber to audit compliance with Ohio's Sunshine Laws.

Council initialed November financial reports distributed by Mrs. Sowers prior to the meeting.

Street Commissioner

Mr. Lucas had no report.

Police Department

Chief Joy had no report.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Public Hearing to consider Hruska Retirement/Rehire** – Council will conduct a hearing at 5:45 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2020 to consider a request by Robert Hruska to be rehired as Zoning Administrator/Fiscal Assistant following his retirement January 31, 2020.

- B. **Gary Kohli to attend the January 8 meeting to brief council on the Ottawa County Parks Board and Active Transportation Plan** – Mayor Bird and Danbury Twp. Trustee Dianne Rozak met recently with Gary Kohli of the Ottawa County Park Board to learn more about the Board and the Ottawa County Transportation Plan. Mr. Kohli will provide an overview of the County Park Board to council during the January 8 regular council meeting.

- C. **Planning Commission review of Sign Ordinance (Digital Signs)** – Mr. Hruska reported that the Planning Commission discussed the possibility of initiating a zoning amendment to permit digital signs in the village at its December 5 meeting. Members were not in favor of amending the regulations. Mr. Hruska added, however, that municipal signs are exempted by the sign regulations so council could erect a digital sign on village property. Mr. Hruska also said that if council approves such a sign they would need to set regulations governing the sign's use.

- D. **Clemons Break Wall – Pat Wahlers RED Horse Squadron** – Mayor Bird stated the RED Horse Squadron is not able to offer assistance with repairs to the Clemons Park break wall because a number of its members will be deployed overseas in the near future.

- E. **Status Update on Ashby Property** – Following a second inspection of the structure at 106 Perry Street, Fire Chief Kahler determined the building would be in compliance with fire codes once the chimney is braced and the roof repaired. Marry Ann (Ashby) Witter, who was present at the inspection, said she plans to have those repairs completed in the spring. Chief Kahler advised Chief Joy that if the village wants to pursue anything further regarding the building, council should arrange for a structural inspection by the Ottawa County Building Department. At council's request, Mr. Barney will send a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Witter giving them until June 1 to complete the roof and chimney repair at 106 Perry. Council also asked that Mr. Barney send notice to Mr. and Mrs. Witter regarding the unsafe condition of a shed behind their house at 202 Perry Street.

- F. **Nuisance Complaint** – Mayor Bird asked Chief Joy to contact the owners of 130 West Main Street about garbage cans, which keep blowing into Erie Street.

G. **Heart and Soul Steering Committee Update** – Mr. App reported briefly on the December Heart and Soul Steering Committee meeting. The committee continues to work on ways to convey the group’s purpose to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Recommendation for Final Appointment of Officer Simmons from Probationary to Full Time Status** – Based on the recommendation of Chief Joy and Mayor Bird, Mr. Starcher moved for final appointment of Officer Lisa Simmons to full-time status following successful completion of her probation. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes; Mr. Myers-yes; Mr. Redett-yes; Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

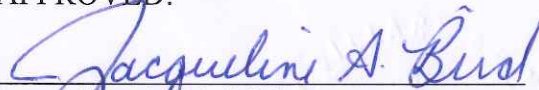
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$64,036.84 including November payroll made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-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 6:38 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:



Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer