

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 9, 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 and John Starcher. Dave Redett was absent and asked to be excused. Mr. Myers was absent but did not ask to be excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney and Police Chief Kenn Thellmann.

There were no visitors.

VOTE TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN REDETT

Mr. Starcher moved to excuse Dave Redett from the December 9 regular meeting. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes; Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the November 11, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

REPORTS

Solicitor

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App had nothing to report for his committee but did ask about having remote meetings due to the increase in COVID-19 cases. Council agreed to evaluate the situation after the holidays.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

No report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko reported on the December 8 BPA meeting where the Board reviewed a draft of an interim agreement with the county for emergency water use and also discussed concerns about providing water to a proposed 121-unit condominium at Bay Point. The Board will study the need for a second water tower.

Finance Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Police

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of current activity. The Chief reported K9 Luke is doing well with Officer Danklefsen.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

No report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Status Update on Ashby Property** – Chief Thellmann met with Mr. and Mrs. Witter who are making progress on repairs to the structure at 106 Perry. Council will monitor the progress but agrees there is no need for further action at this time.
- B. **Sign Committee Update on Sign Branding** – Mr. Starcher had no update but advised he will schedule a meeting soon.
- C. **Clemons Break Wall Repair** – Mr. App obtained a quote of \$68,500 from Shortridge Construction for repairs to the break wall at Clemons Park. Because all quotes received to date, exceed \$50,000 the work will need to be bid. Council agreed the first step is to determine if there is sufficient revenue to budget \$100,000 in next year's appropriations for break wall repair.
- D. **Continued Discussion Regarding Village Administrator Position** – Mayor Bird shared information she received from the Administrators of Milan, Monroeville and Oak Harbor explaining what led each village to create the position of Village Administrator. Mr. App provided information on resources available from the Ohio City/County Management Association to assist council in making decisions regarding a village administrator position. Mr. Starcher said council needs to be able to justify the need for a village administrator to taxpayers and asked that council members prepare a list of pros and cons. Solicitor Jim Barney expressed his opinion that administrators tend to make councils more effective by being the coordinator for projects and finding funding sources for those projects. Mr. Barney offered to forward copies of Village Administrator reports from the other villages he represents. Mayor Bird will continue this topic for further discussion at the next meeting.
- E. **Discussion on Possible Cat Ordinance** – After reviewing a cat ordinance adopted by the Village of Oak Harbor, council will forgo adoption of similar legislation and will look into other options for addressing concerns of feral cats.
- F. **Update on Danchisen Property** – Mayor Bird said both she and Tim Pedro of TTL Associates spoke with a member of the Danchisen family regarding grant money available to local governments for cleanup of abandoned gas stations but heard nothing back. The village cannot proceed without cooperation from the family.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/Action on changing Fiscal Officer from part-time to full-time** – Mayor Bird stated Mrs. Sowers, after verifying it is not restricted by her OPERS retirement, has offered to temporarily go from part-time to full-time status in order to complete the cataloging and inventory of records required for a retention schedule. Mr. App moved to change the fiscal officer status from part-time to full-time beginning in January 2021. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. Disbursement of Additional CARES Money** – The village received an additional \$5,895.45 in CARES funding which must be spent by the end of December. Mrs. Sowers said council can choose to return the funds, can apply a portion to expenses the village incurred and subgrant the remainder to the school, or can subgrant the entire amount to the school. Mr. Starcher moved to apply a portion to qualifying expenses incurred by the village and subgrant the remaining amount to Danbury Local Schools. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. Set Special Meeting** – Mayor Bird set a special meeting for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 to address legislation and any additional year-end business to come before the council.

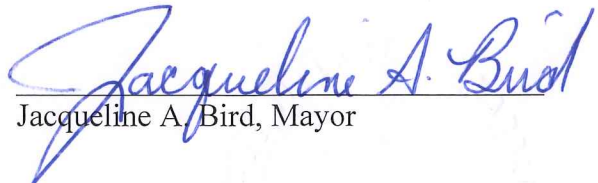
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$116,119.55 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-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 7:22 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer