

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JULY 22, 2020**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Answering roll call were Lynn App, Dean Dorko, Dave Redett and John Starcher. At the request of Angie Kukay, Mr. Starcher moved to excuse her from the current meeting. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried. Duane Myers was absent and did not ask to be excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers and Interim Police Chief Kenn Thellmann.

Visitors in attendance were Lee Walker and Jody Geyer.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the July 8, 2020 regular meeting and July 13, 2020 special meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

SWEAR IN INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE KENN THELLMANN

Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to Interim Police Chief Kenn Thellmann.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation

REPORTS

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Safety/Insurance Committee

No report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App reported tables are being ordered for James and Clemons Parks and he believes some trees should be planted at Clemons to provide shade for some of the tables. He learned that Bruce Brockert did the shoreline work for Lakeside. He received information from Danielle Steinhauser of CT Consultants regarding grant money that might be available for repairs to the Clemons Park breakwall. After reviewing the grant criteria, Mr. App said it is unlikely the breakwall project would qualify and said it is likely the village will need to self-fund any repairs.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

No report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko reported on the July 14 BPA meeting. At that meeting the Board reviewed a draft cooperative water agreement with Ottawa County; learned the new generator has been installed and the plant is ready to go back online, inspection and cleaning of the inside of the water tower has been scheduled.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported that she recently participated in a webinar hosted by environmental consultants, TTL Associates in Toledo to learn about grants available for remediation of abandoned gas stations.

Street Commissioner

No report.

Police Department

No report.

Zoning Administrator

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Clemons Break Wall Repair** – Mr. App reported on this under his committee report. Mr. App will try to get a revised estimate from Bruce Brockert.
- B. **Quote from AHA Creative for Sign Designs** – Mr. Starcher submitted an estimate with a range of \$595.00 to \$765.00 from Amy Heflinger of AHA Creative for design of a brand to use on Village signs. Mr. Dorko moved to authorize up to \$1,000.00 for AHA Creative to develop branding for village signs. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Additional Parking for Clemons Park** – Council agreed to reconfigure the parking area on 214 E. Main to provide 10 parking spaces for Clemons Park and to also stone an area for approximately 8 parking spaces on the east side of Lifeboat Lane.
- D. **Hanging Baskets** – Because of Covid-19 related financial challenges businesses have encountered this year, Council agreed to pay the amount that is normally paid by donations from the merchants for the hanging baskets.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Ottawa Regional Planning Commission Membership** – Mr. Starcher moved to continue membership in the Ottawa Regional Planning Commission at a cost of \$541.80. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

B. Safety Council update – Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Bureau of Workers Compensation ruled earlier this year that all Safety Councils must hold virtual rather than in-person meetings. In addition, BWC will not offer safety council rebates this year. Because of these changes, the Ottawa County Safety Council will not charge dues this year and will not require semi-annual reports.

C. Status report on K9 Luke – Mayor Bird reported that the Village's police dog, Luke, was taken to Universal K9 to be boarded. After several days, however, Mike Watkins of Universal K9 called to say Luke was very stressed being kenneled and required medication. Mr. Watkins recommended Luke continue to stay with Matt Essex while Council decides a future course for the K9 unit. Based on that recommendation Mayor Bird agreed to send Luke back to stay with Mr. Essex for the time being.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Redett moved to go into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to consider employment of a public employee. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bird reconvened the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Bird advised that Chief Thellmann will complete the process of reviewing applications and conducting interviews to fill the full-time opening created by the February resignation of Lisa Simmons.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$11,114.73 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Redett and seconded by Mr. App. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer