

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JULY 8, 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, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Dave Redett and John Starcher.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers and Solicitor Jim Barney. There were no visitors.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the June 24, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation

REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird received a request from Kathy and Brett York to close village streets for a parade honoring law enforcement. Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, council unanimously declined a request for a parade at this time.

Solicitor

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay was contacted with concerns about vehicles that park too close to the intersection of Main and Stone Streets. Mr. Starcher said parking is prohibited within 20 feet of an intersection and suggested posting a sign with that message at this intersection.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App had nothing to report.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett reported the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing, informally reviewed two proposals, and held discussions on campgrounds and a land use plan when it met July 1.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers had nothing to report.

Street Commissioner

No report.

Police Department

No report.

Zoning Administrator

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Clemons Break Wall Repair** – Mr. App had no additional information at this time.
- B. **Update on adding 10 parking spaces at 214 E. Main** – Mayor Bird spoke with Bryan Lucas who is waiting for an account to be set up with Lafarge in order to get stone for a parking area.
- C. **Sign Replacement Update** – Agreeing with the recommendation from last meeting to develop an overall theme for signs, council asked Mr. Starcher to obtain a quote for sign branding from Amy Heflinger who developed the signage for the Town Hall.
- D. **Visit of Village Administrators** – Mayor Bird postponed the meeting with village administrators until COVID-19 restrictions allow larger gatherings. Purpose of that meeting will be to obtain first-hand information about the role of village administrators.
- E. **Downtown Development/Planning Commission Input** – Mr. Redett reported on the Planning Commission discussion that originated with a suggestion from Councilman App to consider a downtown development or overall land use plan. Mr. Redett said the Commission determined that zoning already addresses uses and restrictions and did not feel a need to adopt additional restrictions.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Tree Removal** – Mayor Bird noted there are still a number of downed trees that need to be cleared from public property following the June 10 storm. She expressed concern that it is more than the village's one full-time and two part-time maintenance employees can address while still keeping up with their regular responsibilities. Mr. Starcher noted heavier equipment is likely needed to remove these large trees. Mr. Myers moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with a tree removal company to remove downed trees from the Alexander Pike property, 214 E. Main and Clemons Cemetery. 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.

B. Review draft of emergency water agreement with Ottawa County – Council received a draft prepared by the Ottawa County Sanitary Engineer’s office of an agreement between the county and the village for emergency use of water. Mrs. Sowers explained the village has been on county water since June 12 when there was an electrical fire at the plant and will remain offline while repairs are made. There is currently no agreement in place to address situations such as this. Solicitor Barney reviewed the draft agreement and stated the Board of Public Affairs has authority to enter into this contract. Mrs. Sowers said the BPA meets July 14 and will review the draft at that time. Council had no objections to or recommendations for the proposed contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Redett moved to go into executive session at 6:32 p.m. to consider discipline of a public employee, consider appointment of a public employee and confer with the Solicitor regarding litigation. Second by Mr. Dorko. 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 7:18 p.m.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF CHIEF JOY

Mr. App moved to accept the resignation of Chief Casey Joy effective at 7:00 a.m. Sunday, July 26, 2020. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

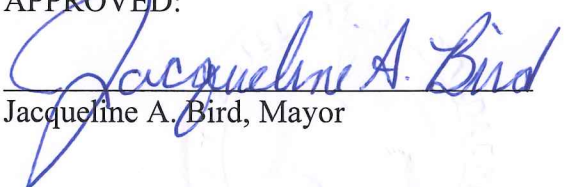
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$60,625.72 including June payroll 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer