

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JUNE 24, 2020**

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

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor Bird amended the agenda to add New Business items E. Emergency approval of water plant generator and F. Fax line.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Answering roll call were Lynn App, Dean Dorko, Angie Kukay, Dave Redett and John Starcher. Duane Myers was absent and did not ask to be excused.

Also present was Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers.

Visitors in attendance were Dennis and Maureen Kennedy.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the June 10, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Dennis and Maureen Kennedy were present on behalf of the Marblehead Merchants. Mr. Kennedy said the businesses have been surprisingly busy and would like the village to consider additional public parking spaces on the property at 214 E. Main across from Clemons Park. Mayor Bird said she would confer with Bryan Lucas to add some additional spaces.

Mr. Kennedy also announced construction began on the new restroom facility at the Marblehead Lighthouse State Park.

LEGISLATION

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

A. ORDINANCE NO. 3-2020 – An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Marblehead, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3-2020 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App had nothing to report.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

No 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 on the June 3 Planning Commission meeting. The Commission approved a lot split and a variance, reviewed an informal proposal and began discussion on creation of a Land Use Plan.

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 said CT Consultants has advised a Corps of Engineers permit will be required for work on the breakwall. The problem now is how to pay for the work. Mrs. Sowers said the project has not qualified to date for grant funding so the village will need to stand the full cost of repair and without specific plans and cost estimate it is difficult to know how much to budget. A lengthy discussion followed. Council will seek some additional quotes to pull the rock back onto the wall. Discussion will continue at the July 8 meeting.

- B. **Hand Sanitizers** – Mrs. Sowers spoke with several companies and determined the most cost effective way to provide hand sanitizers outdoors is to use gallon containers with pump dispensers because touchless dispensers do not work well outside. Council agreed to put several dispensers at James Park and possibly at Clemons Park.

- C. **Clemons Park Picnic Tables** – The Parks Committee met recently and recommends purchasing three coated metal tables for Clemons Park and an additional three tables of the same type to place near the playground in James Park. Council agreed to proceed with ordering tables.

- D. **Sign Replacement List** – Mr. App presented a list of signs in need of repair, removal or replacement. Dennis Kennedy recommended council develop an overall theme for signs to use throughout the village. Mr. App will look into sign proposals.
- E. **Draft of amendments to Cemetery Ordinance** – Mr. App said the Park/Cemetery committee reviewed the current cemetery ordinance and feels the regulations should be reorganized for clarity. The committee will prepare a draft for council review.
- F. **Status Report on Ashby Property** – Mayor Bird reminded Council a June 1 deadline to complete roof and chimney repair at the Ashby property at 106 Perry Street has passed. She said Chief Joy reports the only work done to date is to removal of the shed behind the Witter property at 202 Perry. Mayor Bird will consult with Solicitor Barney for an update at the July 8 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Discussion on opening James Park facilities** – Mr. App said the Parks Committee discussed re-opening the playground, basketball and volleyball courts, ballfields, restroom, and shelter house at James Park and found there are no state or federal COVID-19 guidelines. Most communities that have opened facilities post signs advising the site is not sanitized. Council will open the park facilities for the Fourth of July weekend. Dennis Kennedy will work with the village to create signs to post in the park.
- B. **Proposals from CT Consultants for Storm Sewer and Pavement Evaluations** – Mr. Starcher moved to accept quotes from CT Consultants of \$7,600 for an evaluation of the village's storm sewer structure and \$6,300 for an inventory and evaluation of street pavement. Both studies will be used for future improvement projects. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Motion to renew casualty and liability insurance with the Ohio Plan** – Mr. Starcher moved to renew casualty and liability insurance with the Ohio Plan administered by Hyland Administrative Services at a cost of \$24,011. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- D. **Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)** – Mrs. Sowers stated there are federal funds available to reimburse local governments for coronavirus related expenditures. She has reviewed the criteria and determined the village does not have qualifying expenses at this time.
- E. **Emergency approval for Water Plant generator** – Mrs. Sowers informed Council that the Board of Public Affairs held an emergency meeting at 4:00 p.m. June 24 to take action on replacing the backup generator at the water plant. The plant has been offline and receiving water on an emergency basis from the county since June 12 when a power outage caused the generator to malfunction and trigger an electrical fire. Electrical repair work was done but it was determined the generator cannot be fixed and the plant cannot go back online until the generator is replaced. Because the total cost of replacement exceeds \$50,000, the BPA voted to request Council declare an emergency and take action to replace the generator. Mr. Dorko moved to declare an emergency and accept the

\$46,671 quote from Ohio CAT for a Caterpillar Model D60 diesel powered generator and the \$19,812 quote from AT Emmett to install the generator. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Council extended thanks to the Ottawa County Sanitary Engineering department for the assistance during this emergency.

F. Fax Line – At the request of Mrs. Sowers who said her office has neither sent nor received a fax in approximately a year, Council agreed to discontinue the fax line.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. App moved to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to consider discipline of a public employee. Second by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bird reconvened the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

SUSPEND RULES OF COUNCIL

Mr. Redett moved to suspend rules of Council and allow the meeting to continue past 8:00 p.m. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

K9 UNIT

Council learned the Village's police dog, Luke, which was allowed to stay temporarily with the suspended K9 officer, has been housed out of state for the past month. Mr. Starcher made a motion that Chief Joy arrange to have the dog returned and boarded with Mike Watkins of Universal K9 at a cost of \$90.00 per week until a decision is made on the disposition of the K9 unit. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

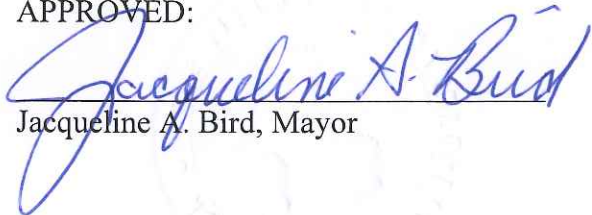
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills from June 10 totaling \$64,096.12 and from June 24 totaling \$4,027.26 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-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 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer