

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MAY 8, 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, Dean Dorko, Angie Kukay, Dave Redett and John Starcher.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney, Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas, Police Officer Chris Suppelsa, Police Officer Matt Essex and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitor was Leonard Mazzola.

VOTE TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN MYERS FROM THE CURRENT MEETING

Mr. Redett moved to excuse Duane Myers from the May 8, 2019 regular meeting. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the April 24, 2019 meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

APPOINTMENT OF AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER LEONARD A. MAZZOLA

On the recommendation of Chief Joy and Mayor Bird, Mr. Starcher moved to appoint Leonard A. Mazzola as auxiliary officer with the Village of Marblehead Police Department. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER MAZZOLA

Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to Officer Mazzola.

LEGISLATION

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

- A. **ORDINANCE 2-2019** – An Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions of Ordinance No. 11-2018 Providing for a Pay Increase and Setting 2019 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. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Starcher. 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. Redett. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2019 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.

REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird informed council of frustrating conversations she has had over the past few months with Dennis Patthoff, a volunteer with Friends of Ottawa County Parks, who is aggressively trying to establish a bike trail along Lafarge railway lines through Danbury and into Marblehead. Mayor Bird said to the best of her knowledge there is no arrangement with Lafarge to turn over or purchase the railway property. When Mayor Bird encouraged Mr. Patthoff to get input from property owners who abut the railway line he stated "they never owned the railway and never will." When Mayor Bird said the village has other projects to focus on Mr. Patthoff questioned what could be more important than his project. Mayor Bird said Mr. Patthoff also contacted the Danbury Township Trustees who were not supportive of his proposal either. Council concluded that any future communication regarding a trail to the village should be directly with the County Commissioners or members of the Ottawa County Park District Board.

Solicitor

Mr. Barney stated village police recently cited a Johnson's Island resident for operating an unlicensed golf cart on the island. The citation is being contested in Ottawa County Municipal Court and will be a test of the golf cart ordinance.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App reported progress on the NatureWorks grant application for Radar Park improvements.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

No report.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett reported the Planning Commission met May 1 and heard a lot split approval for Bay Point with no action taken. The Commission also reviewed four informal requests.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay advised that the response to the Risk Management policy assessment was completed and returned. Implementation of recommended improvements qualifies for a discount on the village's liability insurance.

Fiscal Officer

Council members initialed receipt of the April financial reports distributed earlier in the month.

Street Commissioner

Mr. Lucas stated flowers will be delivered May 20. He also advised that he received two applications for the seasonal park maintenance position last Friday and asked if any others were received. Mrs. Sowers said all applications were to be submitted to her by April 30 and that the Parks Committee held interviews May 7. Discussion followed on whether to interview the additional candidates. Mr. App said the Parks Committee is ready to make a recommendation for an appointment to the parks maintenance position because they were hoping to have the position filled by May 20. Council agreed that they are willing to hold a special meeting to make an appointment if the committee would like to consider the other applicants.

Police Department

Officer Suppelsa distributed copies of department activity report from April 24 through May 8.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Council Approval of K9 Policy** – Mr. Barney said he submitted the policy to Chief Joy who will provide copies for council to review before the next regular meeting.
- B. **Police Policies and Procedures** – Mr. Barney completed his review of the police policy and will have a copy available for review prior to the next regular meeting.
- C. **Records Inventory** – Mrs. Kukay said Dakota Harkins is unable to help with the inventory because of other work commitments. Mr. App suggested contacting Donna Lueke who may be available to assist. Mrs. Kukay will follow up on this suggestion. Mr. Barney also recommended contacting Monroeville's fiscal officer who has experience compiling a records inventory.
- D. **Alexander Pike** – Mr. Lucas said he met earlier in the day with representatives of Geddis Paving, Engineer Julie Thomas and Street Committee Chair Duane Myers to inspect Alexander Pike and hear options for completing the project. Mr. Myers will call a special meeting of the Street Committee prior to the next council meeting to discuss proposed options.
- E. **CT Consultants Evaluation of Town Hall** – Mr. Starcher said he reviewed the Town Hall evaluation and finds it interesting but feels it is a long range project and not something the village can afford to consider at this time. Mr. App said he thinks the proposed changes address current uses but do not consider future needs. Regarding the leaky garage roof at the back of the Town Hall, Mr. Starcher said steps can be taken to ensure water does not damage the electrical panel in that room.
- F. **Signage/Merchants** – Mr. App said he has been attending Marblehead Merchant meetings to hear their suggestions for branding and signs. He contacted Guide Studio, a Cleveland company with experience in branding for information on their services but has not heard back from them.

G. **Seasonal Park Recreation Positions** – Mr. App said his committee received one application for the seasonal park director position and one application for the park maintenance position and interviewed both applicants. The committee is prepared to recommend filling the parks maintenance position but would like more time to consider the scope of the Park Director position before making a recommendation. A lengthy discussion followed on who would supervise the park maintenance employee if there is not a Park Director. Until there is a Park Director it was the feeling the Park Maintenance employee will be supervised by the Street Commissioner. No decision was made on filling either seasonal park position. The Park Committee will have a regular meeting May 15 to discuss the director’s position further and will look at the additional applications for the seasonal maintenance position.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Recommendation on Health, Life, Dental and Vision Insurance** - Mr. Dorko moved to renew the health, life, dental and vision insurance coverage through the Anthem SOCA MEWA plan administered by The Ashley Group. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. **2017-18 Compliance Audit** – Mrs. Sowers advised that the biennial compliance audit for 2017 and 2018 begins May 28.

- C. **Maturity of 37 month CD at the Marblehead Bank** – Mr. Starcher moved to roll the certificate of deposit at the Marblehead Bank into a new CD with an interest rate of 2.32% APY when it matures on May 15, 2019. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

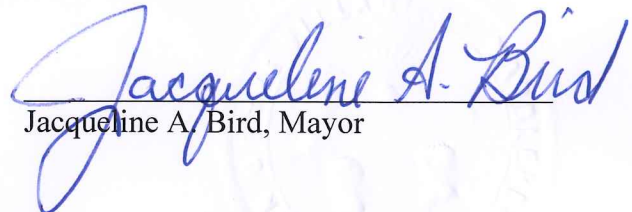
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$48,505.77 including April payroll made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-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 7:33 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer