

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 14, 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, Duane Myers, Dave Redett and John Starcher.

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

Visitors in attendance were Judy Indorf, Randy Genzman and Tom Gray. Brian Rospert attended via Zoom.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the September 23, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

OTTAWA COUNTY PARKS DISTRICT LEVY

Judy Indorf, a member of the Ottawa County Parks District and head of the park levy committee gave a brief update on the Park District, its goals and the need for a revenue source to help fund projects. The funding need led to a levy on the ballot this fall.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

DISCUSSION WITH VILLAGE ADMINISTRATORS

Randy Genzman, Oak Harbor Village Administrator, Tom Gray, Monroeville Village Administrator and Brian Rospert, Milan Village Administrator were present at the invitation of Mayor Bird to provide council with first-hand information about the role of a village administrator. Mr. Genzman and Mr. Gray were present in person while Mr. Rospert addressed council electronically via Zoom. Marblehead native Jim Lenner, administrator of the Village of Johnstown, was invited but unable to participate.

Oak Harbor, Monroeville and Milan created the position of administrator in the 1980s. The administrator oversees utilities and all departments except police, which is under the direction of the mayor. The administrators provided detailed information about their roles and answered numerous questions. Marblehead Council has been considering creation of an administrator's position since March and expressed thanks for the valuable input provided by Mr. Genzman, Mr. Gray and Mr. Rospert.

LEGISLATION

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

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2020** – An Ordinance Waiving the Residency Requirement for the Current Chief of Police. Second reading. Third reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5-2020 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Solicitor

Mr. Barney said he has been working with Water Supt. Tony Joyce regarding a reimbursement from insurance for expenses incurred because of the June fire at the water plant.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay participated in the silent vigil sponsored by the VFW at James Park last month.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App reported that CT Consultants is working on a proposal for the Clemons Park breakwall repair.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers said the Street Committee has received additional documentation regarding the request to turn over the Johnson's Island roads for public maintenance. He plans to schedule a committee meeting in the near future.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko reported on the October 13 BPA meeting where discussion centered on the fire insurance claim and the proposed new development at Bay Point.

Police

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report and updated council on the recent tire-slashing incident at the post office,

Finance Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mr. Redett reported the Planning Commission approved a variance for a deck setback and informally reviewed plans for several proposed projects at its October 7 meeting.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported interest rates at The Marblehead Bank and STAR Ohio have dropped to .25% and .2% respectively. Mrs. Sowers also advised that per the investment policy, she would transfer funds from The Marblehead Bank to STAR Ohio in order to stay in compliance with the current depository agreement.

No Change for Health Care Insurance

Mrs. Sowers said representatives of OPOC.us contacted her about administration of health care coverage for the village. OPOC.us completed a feasibility study based on current health plan information and now wants to be named agent of record for the village so they can develop a strategic plan for the village group. Mrs. Sowers said there are no issues with the village's current administrator, The Ashley Group and she does not favor making a switch without any guarantee it would be a better plan. Council agreed that there is no reason to change health insurance administrators.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Status Update on Ashby Property** – Mr. Barney said he has not had a response to the letter he sent Mrs. Witter regarding the Ashby property. Mr. Starcher advised that Mr. Witter has done work on the house within the past month. Chief Thellmann will inspect to see what progress has been made.
- B. **Update on CARES funding** – Mrs. Sowers said there have now been three allocations of CARES funding – coronavirus relief money authorized by the federal government for local governments. She has continued to review criteria as it changed throughout this year and confirmed that the village has not had any expenditures that qualify for the funds.
- C. **Update on meeting with Lakeside Director Dan Rogers** – Mayor Bird reported she, Chief Thellman, Bryan Lucas and Councilman Dorko will meet with Lakeside Director Dan Rogers on Friday morning, October 16 to discuss the issue of semi-trucks exiting Lakeside via Harsh Road.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Lions Club Service Project** – Mayor Bird reported the Lions Club members have volunteered to do a clean-up of Village parks as a community service project.
- B. **Electric Aggregation** – Mrs. Sowers reported the village’s electric aggregation agreement with Energy Harbor will expire in May of 2021 and said a number of other providers interested in contracting for the next term have contacted her. Council asked Mrs. Sowers to investigate how the county and townships plan to proceed.
- C. **Council authorization for 2021 donation to Ottawa County Drug Task Force** – It was moved by Mr. Starcher with second by Mr. Dorko to donate \$1,000.00 to the Ottawa County Drug Task Force for 2021. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Redett moved to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to consult with the Solicitor regarding pending litigation and to consider discipline of a public employee. Second by Mr. Myers. 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 7:51 p.m.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$40,720.83 including September 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 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline A. Bird
Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

Rhonda Botti Sowers
Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer