

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 23, 2019**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 and John Starcher. Dave Redett was excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas, Police Chief Casey Joy, Police Officers Matt Essex and Matt Ignatowski, Police Chaplain Fr. Andrew Bartek and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors were Reba Bishoff, Olga Trumpower, Dennis Patthoff and Matt Wagner.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the October 9, 2019 meeting as submitted.

APPOINTMENT OF AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER MATTHEW WAGNER

On the recommendation of Chief Joy and Mayor Bird, Mr. Starcher moved to appoint Matthew Wagner 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. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER WAGNER

Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to Officer Wagner.

REBA BISHOFF, OTTAWA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Reba Bishoff, compliance officer for the Ottawa County Board of Developmental Disabilities was present to give Council an overview of services provided by her organization and advise that a Friends group has been created to assist with fund raising and awareness programs for any future levies the Board might seek.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Dennis Patthoff, president of the Friends of Ottawa County Parks, informed council he has been in communication with an official at Lafarge Quarry who was not opposed to running a bike lane along the edge of Alexander Pike, a village road. Mr. Patthoff asked for council input on adding bike lanes and said this would be at no expense to the village since the County Park Board would oversee the project. Mayor Bird stated she and Township Trustee Dianne Rozak will meet with Gary Kohli of the Ottawa County Park Board the second week in November to learn more about the Board's future plans, after which council will be in a better position to make a decision on the Alexander Pike bike lane proposal.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

REPORTS

Solicitor

No report.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher said the Finance Committee met October 17 to begin work on 2020 appropriations.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App reported the Heart and Soul steering committee has suggested replacing the message board sign outside the fire station with a digital sign, estimated to cost approximately \$10,000. The current sign ordinance needs to be amended to allow a digital sign. Mayor Bird will bring the issue to the attention of the Planning Commission for discussion.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

No report.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers had nothing to report.

Street Commissioner

Mr. Lucas said the upstairs exit door on the west side of the village's rental building at 414 W. needs to be replaced. He also suggested changing locks on all four doors now that a new tenant will be moving in. Mr. Dorko moved to authorize replacing all door locks and installing a new second story emergency exit door at 414 W. Main Street. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Police Department

Chief Joy had nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska received notice that the pre-application for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant to fund repairs to the Clemons Park break wall was approved and the village can proceed with submitting a grant application. However, after consulting with a FEMA rep and participation in a grant webinar, Mr. Hruska does not feel the village's project would score well because the break wall is not protecting any inhabited structures. He expressed concern about spending money to have engineering done if the project does not stand a good chance of funding. Because the deadline for draft applications is November 15, council agreed to schedule a special meeting to authorize the application if Mr. Hruska is able to determine the break wall repair is a viable application.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Attorney Bill Mason to attend November 13, 2019 Meeting in follow up regarding Johnson's Island roads** – Mayor Bird said Attorney Bill Mason, representing the

Johnsons Island Investment Group (JIIG) which owns the island roads, is scheduled to attend the November 13 council meeting to present additional information on the group's proposal for the village to take over ownership of the roads.

- B. **Reed Case Update** – Chief Joy advised Council that the traffic citation issued to Dave Reed for operating an unlicensed golf cart on Johnson's Island Roads has been upheld by the Ottawa County Municipal Court in favor of the village.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Notice from Bob Hruska of intent to retire January 31, 2020 and request to be re-hired** – Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska submitted his notice to retire effective January 31, 2020 and requested that council consider rehiring him for the position immediately after. Mrs. Sowers explained that council needs to provide 60 days public notice if it intends to consider rehiring Mr. Hruska for the same position he held before retiring. Council must also hold a public hearing at least 15 but not more than 30 days before voting on a re-hire request.
- B. **Shooting Incident and FBI recommendations** – Chief Joy reported on the incident of October 12 when the Town Hall was struck by a bullet at 11:12 am. The FBI is analyzing video obtained from surveillance cameras at adjacent locations. Chief Joy is obtaining quotes for installation of cameras outside the Town Hall. The Chief also recommends that each village department receive active shooter training. Officer Matt Essex is an ALICE trainer and can provide the employee training. Mr. Starcher asked Chief Joy to submit a list of any other suggestions for improving the safety of employees.

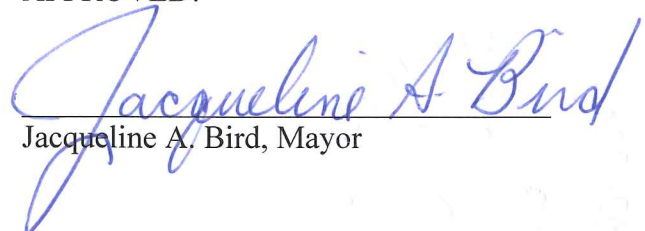
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$5,316.54 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-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 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer