

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 9, 2019**

President Pro Tem Starcher 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 and John Starcher. Dave Redett was excused.

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

Visitor was Joe Stys.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Joe Stys expressed concern that the village is pushing rocks from his beach onto his neighbor's beach when clearing debris from the road during northeast storms. Mr. Starcher said the village's responsibility is to clear the highway of rocks and not determine which beach they came from. Mr. Dorko pointed out that wave action relocates rocks during storms. Mr. Lucas said he plows in both directions when clearing the road and does not simply push rocks one-way. Mr. Stys was advised that the issue of the rocks on the beach is a civil matter between him and his neighbors.

LEGISLATION

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

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 3-2019** – An Ordinance Establishing a Hiring Policy for all Village Departments. This was the third reading.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3-2019. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes, Motion carried.

REPORTS

Solicitor

Mr. Barney gave a brief update on the status of current litigation.

Finance and Records Committee

Mr. Starcher said the Finance Committee would meet at 5:30 p.m. on October 17 to begin work on 2020 appropriations. He asked that all department heads submit budget requests prior to that date.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko reported on the October 8 BPA meeting where the Board agreed to provide employees with uniform shirts and safety vests; discussed progress on collecting severely delinquent accounts; and conveyed that the water superintendent wants raises for his department.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App said he hopes to have a design proposal and quotes for park and village entrance signs soon.

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 advised council that two of the six Town Hall window boxes became so heavy from recent rains that they bent the aluminum frames holding them in place and fell from the second story windows. She will obtain prices for wrought iron window cages designed for heavier weights. Mrs. Sowers said The Ashley Group is soliciting proposals from providers of vision, dental, and life coverage for council consideration. Council initialed receipt of the September financial reports distributed by Mrs. Sowers for review prior to the meeting.

Street Commissioner

Mr. Lucas said the water department recently purchased a new mower and wondered if the Street Dept. would be willing to share the cost of a larger trailer for hauling mowers. Mr. Lucas said cost for a new trailer is approximately \$1,000. Council questioned why the water department purchased a mower when the village already has mowers. Council finally agreed that if Mr. Lucas can use a larger trailer he should buy one and let the water department use it when necessary.

Police Department

Chief Joy had nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Heart and Soul Steering Committee Update** – Mr. App reported the Heart and Soul steering committee met recently and determined the first goal is to establish lines of communication with various organizations and the community in general. The committee will survey Lighthouse Festival visitors to gather likes as well as concerns about the village.
- B. **Ashby Property Update** – Mr. Barney sent notice via certified mail to the owner of 106 Perry Street advising that the village has declared the structure unsecure, unsafe and structurally defective. The owner has 30 days to remove or repair the structure.
- C. **Update on nuisance complaints at 130 W. Main St. and 122 W. Main St.** – Chief Joy said he made the owner of 130 W. Main aware of the complaint and asked that he

move the trashcans to a different location. Mr. Hruska said zoning regulations regarding dumpsters do not apply in this situation since the problem is trashcans and not a dumpster.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Award of lease for 414 W. Main St.** – Mrs. Sowers received one bid for lease of 414 W. Main Street. The bid from Paul and Joni Hasselbach dba Pottery Perfection and The Gourd Connection was to lease the structure for three years at \$400.00 per month. Mr. App moved to award the bid to Paul and Joni Hasselbach pending a signed lease to be prepared by the village solicitor. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes, Motion carried.
- B. **Annual contract with Prosecutor's Office** – Mr. Myers moved to renew the agreement with the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office for prosecution of any charges filed under Village ordinances in 2020 at a cost of \$1,150.00 for the year. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Excuse Angie Kukay from November 13 Council Meeting** – Mr. App moved to excuse Council member Angie Kukay from the November 13 regular council meeting. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- D. **Purchase of Utility Trailer** – Mrs. Kukay moved to authorize up to \$1,000.00 for the Street Commissioner to purchase a utility trailer. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

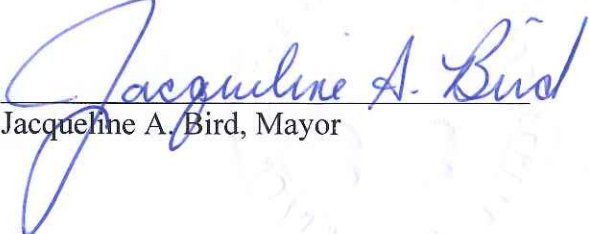
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$40,802.35 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. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:49 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer