

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:05 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. Duane Myers was absent and did not ask to be excused.

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

Visitors in attendance were Kristy Duke and Andrew Neuman.

**MINUTES**

Council approved minutes of the August 26, 2020 regular meeting as submitted.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

There were no visitor comments.

**AMEND AGENDA**

Mayor Bird amended the order of the agenda to address New Business items A, B and C immediately following Legislation.

**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. First reading. Second reading will be September 23.
- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 6-2020** – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 5-2019 and Enacting this Wage Ordinance to Amend Section 5 of the 2020 Wage Ordinance to Reflect Wage Rates for Part-Time Police Officers and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Starcher stated the Finance Committee recommends passage of this legislation that will allow the Chief of Police to replace seasonal part-time officers with year around, paid, part-time officers.

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 Mr. App and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 6-2020 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS**

At the recommendation of Chief Thellmann and Mayor Bird, Mr. Redett moved to appoint Kristy Duke and Andrew Neuman as part-time police officers with a start date of September 13, 2020. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Redett-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

## **SWEAR IN POLICE CHIEF AND POLICE OFFICERS**

Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to full-time Police Chief Kenn Thellmann and to part-time officers Kristy Duke and Andrew Neuman.

## **REPORTS**

### **Mayor**

Mayor Bird reported September is Suicide Awareness Month and the Marblehead VFW would like to host a silent vigil at the Veteran's Memorial in James Park on September 25 to bring attention to the high rate of suicides among veterans. Council was supportive of this event.

Mayor Bird said to date two of the four village administrators she contacted are available to address council on October 14. One will meet in person and the other via Zoom.

### **Solicitor**

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

### **Safety/Insurance Committee**

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

### **Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee**

Mr. App said Bryan Lucas has completed the new parking area at Clemons Park. Mr. App reported the USDA Rural Development grant funding will not fund construction projects and cannot be used for Radar Park improvements.

### **Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee**

Mr. Starcher reported for the Streets Committee, which met with representatives of JIIG to discuss the proposal to turn Johnson's Island roads over to the village for public maintenance. Discussions will continue.

### **Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee**

Mr. Dorko reported on the September 8 BPA meeting. He said a security fence was installed around the new generator. The Board continues to work on the emergency water agreement with the Ottawa County.

### **Police Report**

Chief Thellmann reported the black 2020 Ford Fusion is now in service for road patrol. The Chief extended thanks to Bryan Lucas for his help getting the cruiser equipped.

### **Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee**

Mr. Redett reported the Planning Commission met September 2 and approved a setback variance for a property on Johnson's Island. The Commission also informally reviewed two proposed projects.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Council members initialed August financial reports distributed by Mrs. Sowers prior to the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Update on Clemons Break Wall Repair** – Mr. App advised that CT Consultants is preparing a proposal for repairs to the Clemons Park break wall.
  
- B. **2020 Paving Projects, Storm Sewer Inspection** – Mr. Starcher said the Street Committee has reviewed the data from the recent core samples as well as the estimates from CT Consultants and recommends proceeding with paving Church and Elliott Streets in 2021.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Trick or Treat date/time** – Council set Trick or Treat in the village from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31 with the provision that will be subject to Covid-19 guidelines from the state and county health departments.
  
- B. **Truck Traffic on Harsh Road** – Mr. Starcher said he received a complaint of large delivery trucks exiting Lakeside via Harsh Road where they have difficulty maneuvering the tight curves. The Mayor will arrange a meeting with Lakeside's new president to discuss the issue.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Starcher moved to go into executive session at 7:03 p.m. to confer with the Solicitor regarding pending legislation. Second by Mr. Dorko. 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 7:15 p.m.

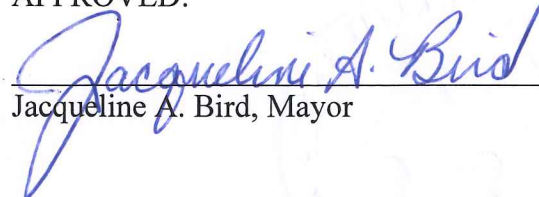
### **AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$44,488.96 including August 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 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer