

VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 26, 2023

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 Dean Dorko, Matt Kovach, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Maryann Sauvey, and John Starcher.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Administrator Jeff White, and Police Chief Kenn Thellmann.

Visitors in attendance were Norbert Schmitz, Dave Reed, Joe Gouker, David Moomaw and Al Mazzeo.

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 12, 2023 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Joe Gouker directed several questions to Mrs. Sowers. In response, she had no update yet on the status of the WSRLA program management plan; she is not able to determine from the information sent by Dale Harwood which grant applications he thought might apply to the waterline project; and Mr. White will follow up with Tracy Brown, Ottawa County's Director of Environmental Health regarding concerns about wells on Johnson's Island.

Dave Moomaw, 910 W. Main Street was present to ask about his prior requests for additional stone in the alley behind his house. This alley, which now has deep ruts, provides access to homes in his block and is also used by patrons of Jamestown Tavern. Mr. White said he and Maintenance Supervisor Bryan Lucas have visited the site and are currently getting prices for stone.

Norbert Schmitz, 113 A. Center Street is interested in having a historical marker erected in the village commemorating the heroic efforts of the three Clemons brothers who were awarded the first Congressional Gold Lifesaving Medal. Mrs. Sowers stated there were plans to put an informational sign at Clemons Park recognizing Lucien Clemons. The council agreed the park would be a good location for a historical marker if it is permitted by deed restrictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor

A member of Holy Assumption Church asked if the council had plans to re-stripe the village parking lot adjacent to the church prior to the Halupki Festival. Mr. Starcher said if the village switches to angled parking, cars will have to enter the lot by going through the adjacent parking lot at the Red Fern Inn. Mr. White has been in contact with Mr. Redfern who is in favor of the switch to angled parking and will allow vehicles to access across his property. Mr. White also reminded there will need to be handicapped spaces and proper signage installed as well but feels the striping could be completed before the festival.

Administrator

Mr. White reported the following:

- Representatives of RCAP are reviewing additional financial information regarding the water rate analysis for the Finance Committee to consider.

- The waterway permit application for the Johnson's Island waterline project has been submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers and a Phase I archeological field survey was conducted with nothing unusual found.
- The law firm of Bricker Graydon has been retained for the waterline special assessment process and is currently gathering facts about the project to determine the best way to proceed.
- Documentation regarding the Radar Park community building is being prepared for review by the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Now that grass has grown along the south side of Elliott Street adjacent to the St. John Lutheran parish hall, cars are able to park in the area without problem so there no longer appears to be a need to stone that section.
- Drainage at the intersection of Elliott and Stone Streets seems to be resolved on the northwest corner but is now a problem on the northeast side. It appears several sections of the new sidewalk need to be elevated to prevent water from flooding the basement of the house at that 922 Elliott.
- Quotes are being obtained for mill and fill paving and sidewalk repair in various locations.
- Streetlights turned off in early July for mayfly season will be turned back on the first week in August.
- Firelands Computer Services is currently updating and improving the IT system in the village offices.
- Omni Fiber, a private internet service provider, hopes to begin extending lines to the village this fall. A company representative plans to present information to the council prior to construction.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- Second half real estate settlement was received from the county auditor with net proceeds of \$142,445.62 deposited into the General Fund from inside millage, \$99,213.44 to the General Fund from the 2.2 mill voted levy, and \$118,605.11 into the Street/Sidewalk Fund.
- Mary Lavelle sent a letter extending thanks to Chief Thellmann and Officer Craig for their quick response to a 911 call at her residence and their additional assistance following the death of her husband last month.
- The Secretary of State's office provided links to information regarding the August 8 special election.
- Attorneys from Bricker Graydon are preparing draft legislation as well as a fact sheet with pros and cons for council consideration of each assessment method for the Johnson's Island waterline project.

Police Chief

Chief Thellmann submitted a summary of recent activity and reported the following:

- A virtual visit from the Ohio Attorney General's office regarding compliance with Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) resulted in recommendations for several corrections including adoption by council of an OHLEG policy for the police department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

Mrs. Kukay stated her committee is beginning a review of the current personnel policies and procedures.

Zoning

Mr. Kovach had nothing to report.

Legislative

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Infrastructure

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Parks, Cemetery, Trees

Mrs. Sauvey reported the sign for the Clemons Cemetery gate should be ready soon and she will be coordinating with committee members to schedule the next meeting.

Finance

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **31st Annual Perch Festival & Parade** – Mayor Bird stated the 31st Annual Perch Festival and Parade sponsored by the Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club will be held August 26, 2023. Festivities begin with a parade down Main Street. Council members will participate in the parade.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Set Trick or Treat** – Council agreed to set trick or treat hours from 6:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

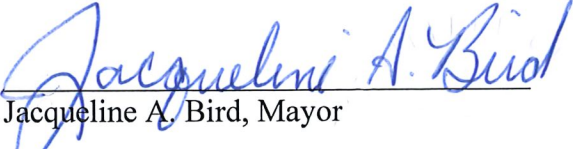
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$228,597.31 was made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Kovach. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Starcher abstained.

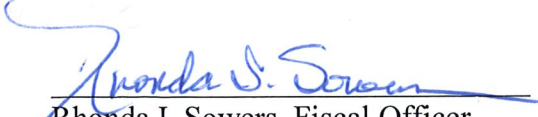
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:34 pm.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer