

## **VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 23, 2023**

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 Dean Dorko, 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 Dale Harwood, Karyn Harwood, Joe Gouker, Al Mazzeo, Katy Mazzeo, Lou Cardinale, Lee Walker, Patti Wandover and Terri Cassell.

### **EXCUSE MATT KOVACH FROM CURRENT MEETING**

Mrs. Kukay moved to excuse council member Matt Kovach from the August 23 regular meeting. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the August 9, 2023 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROPOSAL FOR MAYFLY FESTIVAL**

Teri Cassel, Executive Director and Patti Wandover, Vice President of the Marblehead Peninsula Chamber of Commerce were present to propose the idea of a Marblehead Mayfly Festival and find out what approvals would be needed from the village. The Chamber is tentatively planning a date of June 15, 2024 for this event.

### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

There were no visitor comments.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Bird announced the parking lot behind Victory Café will be the bus loading area for Perch Festival quarry tours.

#### **Administrator**

Mr. White reported the following:

- RCAP staff have requested additional financial information necessary to complete the water rate analysis.
- The waterway permit application for the Johnson's Island waterline project has been submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers and a Phase I cultural resources report has been sent to the State Historic Preservation Office for review.
- The Bay Point water meter project is progressing.
- Cost estimates are being obtained for repair of the electrical service at James Park.
- OSS Solid Waste District approved the matching grant request to share the cost of 6 trash bins and 5 benches made from recycled plastic.
- At its August 16 meeting, the parks committee discussed a complaint about vegetation on the Clemons Park break wall obstructing the view of the lake as well as a complaint that there is no flag on the break wall flagpole. The committee noted the break wall sustained

significant damage from heavy wave action over the past few years making accessibility to the vegetation and flagpole treacherous. Storms also destroyed the electrical service so the flagpole can no longer be illuminated. Because the village's management of the property is subject to a conservation easement, the committee agreed it is not acceptable for citizens to cut or spray vegetation on the property.

- A concrete contractor will be providing a quote to adjust the sidewalk at 922 Elliott in an effort to correct a drainage issue.
- Striping was completed on the village parking lot adjacent to Holy Assumption Church.
- The St. John Lutheran Church council submitted a written request that the village replace the stone parking area on the north side of their parish hall. The stone was removed during Elliott Street construction last year and was replaced instead with soil and grass. Mr. White will arrange to have the stone replaced.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- The village was again eligible for an AUP audit for fiscal years 2021-22 resulting in an audit cost saving of more than \$10,000. The audit is currently in progress and should be wrapped up soon.
- An ordinance to amend General Fund appropriations is on the agenda. The amendment would increase the allocation for streetlighting costs and Police K9 expenses and also appropriate the \$305,000 being held for completion of the Waterview at Bay Point development so it can eventually be refunded. The additional allocation for K9 expenses is needed to cover medical expenses for Luke.

### **Police Chief**

Chief Thellmann submitted a summary of recent activity and reported that the cruiser ordered last November is finally at the dealer and is currently being equipped for delivery.

### **AMEND AGENDA**

Mayor Bird amended the agenda to add an executive session following New Business. Purpose of the session is to discuss compensation of a public employee.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Finance**

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

#### **Parks, Cemetery, Trees**

Mrs. Sauvey added to Mr. White's report advising that her committee also discussed naming the new James Park playground the Doris Stamm Memorial Playground in recognition of her generous contribution to the park. The committee plans to hold a dedication of the new playground once all of the work and signage are completed. The next meeting of the parks committee will be the first or second week of September.

#### **Infrastructure**

Mr. Dorko shared the concerns of Cottage Cove homeowners regarding persons trespassing in their development to gain access to the adjacent, restricted ODNR property where the glacial grooves, also known as "the flats," are located.

#### **Legislative**

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

## **Zoning**

No report.

## **Personnel**

Mrs. Kukay reported her committee has begun a review of the personnel policies and procedures.

## **LEGISLATION**

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

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 10-2023** – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1-2023 to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Marblehead, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023 to Increase the General Fund Allocations for Police, Street Lighting, and General Government Expenses and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Myers with second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Dorko with second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2023 made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 12-2023** – Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Dorko with second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-2023 made by Mr. Myers with second by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Perch Festival & Parade** – The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Perch Festival and Parade sponsored by the Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club will be held August 26, 2023.
- B. **Church Street paving quotes** – Mr. White received the following quotes for mill and fill paving of Church Street: \$37,863 from Precision Paving, and \$31,950 from 7L Construction. Mr. Starcher moved to accept the quote from 7L Construction. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **James Park trees** – Mr. White submitted photos of three James Park trees which are in poor health and need to be removed and two which need to have lower branches trimmed

and dead wood removed. He obtained quotes of \$6,500 from Leimeister Crane & Tree Service, and \$4,500 from Dan's Tree Service. Mr. Dorko moved to accept the quote from Dan's Tree Service. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. **Professional design services** – Mr. White expressed his belief that the village would benefit by having a list of prequalified engineering/architectural design companies to choose from when planning and design services are needed. He submitted a draft legal notice to be published if council wishes to start the process of seeking qualifications from interested firms. Mr. Starcher moved to authorize the Village Administrator to advertise to seek qualifications for professional design services. Second by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Mayfly streetlighting plan for 2024** – Mrs. Sowers has received numerous complaints that streetlights turned off for mayfly season in early July have not been turned back on. The lights should have been on the first week in August. During the past several years Ohio Edison only turned off lights along Main Street but this year the entire village was turned off making it very dark, especially for pedestrians. Mrs. Sowers asked council to consider prior to next year whether all lights should be off, only Main Street turned off, or no lights turned off.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Kukay moved to go into executive session at 7:08 p.m. to consider compensation of a public employee. Second by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bird reconvened the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

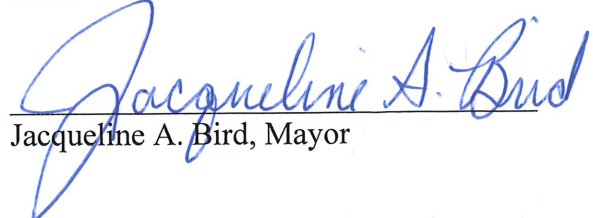
#### **AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$20,443.50 was made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Starcher abstained.

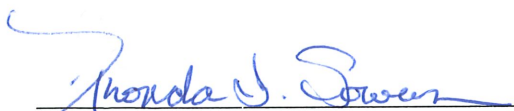
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:25 pm.

APPROVED:

  
Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer