

VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 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 Lynn App, Dean Dorko, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Maryann Sauvey, and John Starcher.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Village Administrator Jeff White, Police Sgt. Jeremy Danklefsen, and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors in attendance were Dale Harwood, Joe Gouker, Patty Gouker, Dennis Kennedy, Matt Kovach, Lou Cardinale, Jackie Cardinale, Al Mazzeo, Katy Mazzeo, Dave Reed, Kelly Reed, and Sally Moennich.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 11, 2023 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

RECOGNIZE ROBERT BOYTIM'S 64 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Robert Boytim was recognized for his 64 years of continuous service as a village elected official. Mr. Boytim began his tenure as a councilman on January 1, 1958. He was instrumental in the formation of the village waterworks and in 1960 was appointed to serve on the newly created Board of Public Affairs which governed the water department. He was continuously re-elected to the Board until it was dissolved in September 2022. Council commissioned a handblown glass wave custom made by local artist Cary Ferguson to commemorate Mr. Boytim's 64 years of service overseeing the water department and Mayor Bird issued a proclamation recognizing his accomplishments. The mayor will deliver the award to Mr. Boytim who was unable to attend.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Joe Gouker, Dale Harwood and Dave Reed were given permission to hold their comments about the Johnson's Island waterline project until the conclusion of the administrator's report on that subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird had nothing to report.

Administrator

Mr. White reported the following:

- He, Mr. Starcher, and Mrs. Sowers consulted with Bob McNutt of CT Consultants in preparation for the upcoming review of the rate analysis and discovered budgetary values first needed to be updated with actual revenue and expenditures from 2022. As a result, the Finance Committee review scheduled for February 23 will be moved to a later date.
- The Waterview at Bay Point developer has not yet filed a bond for the waterline improvements at Bay Point Resort. Those improvements should have been completed by December 31, 2022.

- A project planning session will be held soon with village officials regarding the Johnson's Island waterline project. The design process is continuing with engineers from CT Consultants currently researching alternatives for installing the waterline from the mainland to the island.
- The Parks Committee met January 24 and discussed the additional requirements imposed by the National Park Service which must be completed before the village can proceed with the Radar Park welcome center. The additional requirements will prevent the project from being completed within the time required by the Ottawa County Park District grant.
- Advised council that on April 8, 2024, people within a 124-mile-wide band in Ohio will experience a total solar eclipse and Marblehead is within that band. The last time Ohio experienced a total solar eclipse was in 1806. The phenomenon is expected to draw large numbers of people to the area. Ottawa County Emergency Management Agency will establish a planning committee to prepare for this influx to the area.

Visitor Comments following Administrator Report

Joe Gouker, Dale Harwood, and Dave Reed each expressed concern and frustration regarding what they perceive to be unnecessary delays in the Johnson's Island Waterline design project which could potentially increase construction costs.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- Current share of Motor Vehicle Permissive Tax funds available for disbursement to the village from the County Engineer's office is \$33,079.29. These funds are available to use for street improvement.
- The OSS Solid Waste District is receiving comments through February 7 on the updated solid waste management plan. A copy of the plan is available at the Ottawa County Courthouse or on the district's website.
- The Local Government Officials Conference sponsored by the Ohio Auditor of State is scheduled for March 28 and 29.
- The 5-year general operating levy is up for renewal/replacement this year. Because there is not a primary election scheduled, it will need to be placed on the November ballot.

Police Chief

Sgt. Danklefsen submitted a written report of activity from January 1-25, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Parks, Cemetery, Trees

Mr. App reported the Parks Committee met January 24 to discuss grant opportunities and recommends applying to purchase recycled plastic picnic tables with the OSS Solid Waste Grant and outdoor musical equipment with the Ottawa County Park District Grant. The committee also discussed priorities for 2023 and scheduled a meeting for February 15 to continue the discussion.

Legislative

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Infrastructure

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Zoning

Mrs. Sauvey had nothing to report.

Finance

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

LEGISLATION

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

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023** – A Resolution Declaring Intent to Sell Personal Property by Internet Auction, Including Motor Vehicles Acquired for the use of Municipal Officers and Departments, and Road Machinery, Equipment, Tools or Supplies not Needed for Public Use, or is Obsolete or Unfit for the Use for Which it was Acquired (second reading; final reading will be February 8)
- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 4-2023** – A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to File an Application with the OSS Solid Waste District for a Competitive Funding Grant and Declaring an Emergency

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

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 4-2023 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 5-2023** – A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for Funding Assistance from the 2023 Parks and Trails Improvement Grant Program Administered by the Park District of Ottawa County Board of Park Commissioners and Declaring an Emergency

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

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 5-2023 made by Mr. App and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **CT Consultants proposed fee increase for Church Street improvements** – Mr. White reported that representatives from CT Consultants declined attending the council meeting and advised they cannot further reduce the additional \$39,000 fee for engineering costs to complete the Church Street improvements. Mr. White noted council previously objected to the demand for an additional \$15,000 to prepare plans that were completed when the original Church and Elliott Street improvement was designed. Discussion followed on whether it would be beneficial to proceed despite the additional cost in order to complete the project this year or seek proposals for the work from another engineering firm and include Church Street in a future project. Mr. Starcher said he thinks it is time to request proposals from other firms but if council wants to finish Church Street this year then accept the additional cost and proceed. Mr. Myers added that the street is deteriorating and noted this project has been in the works for nearly two years already so he thinks council should proceed. Mr. Starcher moved to approve the revised cost from CT Consultants to complete the Church Street improvement. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Update on 2022 Parks and Trails Improvement Grant** – Mrs. Sowers spoke with the Director of the Ottawa County Parks District and learned the \$15,000 grant awarded last year for the Radar Park Welcome Center cannot be applied to another village project. If the village wants to be eligible for a 2023 grant, last year's grant will need to be relinquished. Mrs. Sauvey moved to relinquish the 2022 Ottawa County Parks District Grant of \$15,000 because the approved project cannot be completed in time to meet the grant parameters. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Parks Committee recommendations for 2023 grant applications** – Mrs. Kukay moved to accept the recommendations of the Parks Committee and apply for a grant from the OSS Solid Waste District for recycled plastic picnic tables at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 with a 25% local match and apply for a grant from the Ottawa County Park District for purchase and installation of outdoor musical instruments at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 with a local match of 50%. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Action on 2023 Rules of Council** – Mr. Starcher moved to adopt the Rules of Council for 2023. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Request to excuse Duane Myers from February 22 and March 8 regular meetings** – Mrs. Kukay moved to excuse Duane Myers from the February 22 and March 8 regular council meetings. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

C. **Resignation of Lynn App effective February 23, 2023** – Mayor Bird accepted with regret a letter of resignation from Council member Lynn App who is resigning his seat effective February 23, 2023. Council will accept letters until March 15, 2022 from village residents interested in filling the remainder of the term which ends December 31, 2025.

D. **Lions Club request for park naming rights and offer of refurbished benches** – Mayor Bird was contacted by Peninsula Lions Club president Bill Tuttamore with a request to be that the Lions be the naming sponsor for Radar Park and also an offer to provide refurbished benches for village use. Mayor Bird referred this request to the Parks Committee for future recommendations.

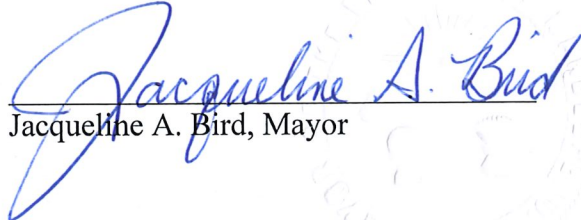
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$11,378.90 was made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-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 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer