

VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Mayor 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 Dean Dorko, Dennis Kennedy, Matt Kovach, Angie Kukay, Maryann Sauvey, and Lee Walker.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Administrator Jeff White, and Police Officer Shawn Craig.

Visitors in attendance were Cynthia Walker, Maureen Kennedy, Jane Milholland, Joe Gouker, and Patty Gouker.

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 14, 2024 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Joe Gouker said it would be helpful if village officials sent correspondence to island residents to provide information on the waterline extension project. Mr. Gouker also expressed a desire that the bulk water station at the village plant be put back into service soon.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrator

Mr. White reported the following:

- A sixth hydrant along Bay Shore Road shows signs of tampering.
- A message will be included in March water bills advising that a study is currently underway, and it is likely rates, which haven't changed since 2009, will be increasing.
- Johnson's Island task group met February 21 and a March meeting is scheduled.
- The remaining two issues to be addressed from the EPA water plant inspection last year will soon be completed. Rehabilitation of the #2 clarifier is scheduled for mid-March and samples from the media in the #2 filter have been sent to a lab for analysis.
- In addition to the requirement for an infrastructure inventory under the US EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), the federal agency is now preparing rules for Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) which is expected to impose deadlines for identifying and replacing lead service lines.
- Was the featured speaker at the Marblehead Peninsula Coffee Hour held at the library on February 16.
- He and the Mayor attended the February 26 meeting of the Northwest Ohio Mayors & Managers Association in Perrysburg.
- Participated in a US EPA webinar on Water and Wastewater Sector Threat Briefing on February 27.
- Will be attending the Ohio BWC Safety Congress in Columbus on March 27-29 and will not be in present for the March 28 council meeting.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- Transferred \$100,000 from savings to checking to provide for cash flow until first half tax settlements are received next month.

- Filed annual report of lodging tax revenue with the Ohio Dept. of Taxation. Lodging tax receipts in 2023 totaled \$20,138.50.
- Will attend annual CATO (Corporate Account Take Over) training conducted by Marblehead Bank personnel.
- During the previous week attended the Personnel Committee, Finance Committee and Parks Committee meetings.

Police Chief

Officer Craig submitted a written report of recent activity prepared by Chief Thellmann.

Mayor

Mayor Starcher will be the featured guest at the next community coffee hour scheduled for 10 a.m. at the library on March 15.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning

Mr. Kennedy had nothing to report.

Finance

Mr. Kovach advised that the Finance Committee met February 22 to work on appropriations. They are also continuing analysis of water rates to determine whether it is more cost effective to make water at the village's plant or purchase water in bulk from the county system.

Legislative

Mr. Walker stated the Legislative Committee will meet at 3:45 on March 20 to begin a review of the village's codified ordinances.

Personnel

Mrs. Kukay said the Personnel Committee met February 20 to discuss policy updates and is working on a recommendation to provide an annual taxable fringe benefit of up to \$150 for the purchase of shoes or boots for police officers.

Parks, Cemetery

Mrs. Sauvey reported that the Parks Committee met February 27 and discussed the following:

- Radar Park bid documents are being finalized and the project should be ready to advertise within the next several weeks.
- Erie Environmental will be removing asbestos tiles from the Radar Park building.
- Received a quote of \$4500 from Dan's Tree Service to remove a large cottonwood tree from the southeast corner of James Park.
- Currently obtaining estimates to finish grading and seeding around the James Park playground.
- Began planning for a dedication ceremony of the new playground which will include acknowledgment signs.
- Discussed the need for permanent signage at Clemons Park as well as educational signs to prevent destruction of native habitat along the break wall.

Infrastructure

Mr. Dorko reiterated some of the items addressed during the recent Johnson's Island task group meeting.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Colonial Life voluntary employee benefits** – Mrs. Sowers explained that the Personnel Committee recommends offering some voluntary, supplemental insurance benefits offered by Colonial Life but to do that the village's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan needs to be updated. Council asked that the solicitor review and update the plan before proceeding with the recommended benefits.
- B. **Council action to excuse Maryann Sauvey from the March 27 meeting** – Mrs. Kukay moved to excuse Maryann Sauvey from the March 27 regular council meeting. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Memorial request** – Mayor Starcher was contacted by Pete Tietjen who is interested in providing an item at the James Park veterans' memorial in memory of Gary Holmes, Jr.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Kukay moved to go into executive session at 6:38 p.m. to discuss the appointment of a public employee. Second by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Starcher reconvened the meeting at 7:26 pm.

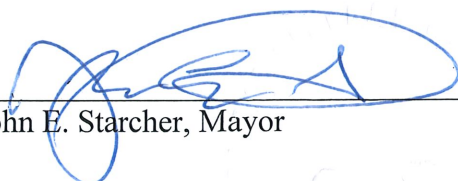
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$16,328.77 was made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Kovach. The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:27 pm.

APPROVED:


John E. Starcher, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer