

VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 27, 2024

Mayor Starcher called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, and Lee Walker. Maryann Sauvey was previously excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, and Police Officer Jordan Woerner.

Visitors in attendance were Shawn Hunsicker, Lou Cardinale, Al Mazzeo, Katy Mazzeo, Jane Milholland, Joe Gouker and Patty Gouker.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 13, 2024 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrator

Mr. White was not able to be present due to attendance at the BWC Safety Congress in Columbus, but submitted a written report which included the following:

- Photos of the finishing work being done by Corso's Landscape to complete the James Park playground improvements. Seeding will be done once the weather warms. Photos also showed some recent damage to the cap on the retaining wall at the south side of the playground.

Mayor

Mayor Starcher stated the following:

- He and Mr. White attended the annual meeting of the Northwest Ohio Mayors and Managers Association (NOMMA) in Pemberville.
- Received a request from the Ottawa County Family Advocacy organization to once again use the parking area on the east side of the Town Hall to distribute weekly free lunches this summer to area youth. Council had no objections to this request.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- Pre-bid meeting for the Radar Park Community Center project will be at 1:00 pm tomorrow at the Radar Park building. Bryan Lucas, Tony Joyce and I will be present to answer any questions from prospective bidders.
- The village will receive two collection boxes from the OSS Joint Solid Waste District to recycle eclipse glasses between April 8 and April 18. One will be placed in the front lobby of the Town Hall.

Police Chief

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of recent activity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report for her committee but did share a concern from a resident who said there are more than 20 streetlights out along Main Street. Mayor Starcher said the outages have been reported to Ohio Edison but the village does not have much control after a report is made.

Infrastructure

Mr. Dorko had no committee activity to report.

Legislative

Mr. Walker reported his committee met March 20 to begin review of the current codified ordinances in need of updates.

Zoning

Mr. Kennedy had nothing to report.

Finance

Mr. Kovach reported his committee met March 21 to finalize 2024 permanent appropriations. General Fund items considered in the budgeting process were a 3% cost of living raise for all employees, funding for a full-time rather than seasonal park maintenance employee, and reducing police staffing from 4 full-time, 5 part-time officers to 3 full-time and 5 part-time officers by not filling the current full-time vacancy. The committee discussed the possibility of a police levy this fall in order to increase police staffing and boost pay for officers.

The committee also is nearing completion of the water rate study and will be prepared to discuss setting a public meeting soon.

LEGISLATION

President Pro Tempore Dorko read the following legislation by title only:

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2024** – 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; third reading will be at the April 10 regular meeting.
- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 1-2024** – An Ordinance Setting Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Marblehead, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2024 and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Kovach with second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Dorko with second by Mr. Kennedy. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1-2024 made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mr. Kovach. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

C. **ORDINANCE NO. 2-2024** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for Positions at the Water Works and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Walker with second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Kennedy with second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2024 made by Mr. Walker with second by Mr. Kennedy. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

D. **ORDINANCE NO. 3-2024** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for Positions in the Police Department and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mr. Kovach. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Walker with second by Mr. Kennedy. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3-2024 made by Mr. Dorko with second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

E. **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2024** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for Positions in the Maintenance Department and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mr. Walker. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Kennedy with second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 4-2024 made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

F. **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2024** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for the Fiscal Officer and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Kennedy with second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mr. Kennedy. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5-2024 made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mr. Walker. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

G. **ORDINANCE NO. 6-2024** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for the Billing/Records Clerk and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Dorko with second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Kennedy with second by Mr. Walker. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 6-2024 made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mr. Kennedy. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

H. **ORDINANCE NO. 7-2024** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for the Zoning Administrator/Fiscal Assistant and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Kennedy with second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Walker with second by Mr. Kennedy. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7-2024 made by Mr. Dorko with second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

I. **ORDINANCE NO. 8-2024** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for the Park Maintenance Employee and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Kennedy with second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Kovach with second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8-2024 made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

J. ORDINANCE NO. 9-2024 – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for the Village Administrator and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mr. Kennedy. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Kennedy with second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9-2024 made by Mrs. Kukay with second by Mr. Walker. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Request by donors to reallocate use of K9 Fund contributions** – Mrs. Sowers said both donors who were to receive refunds of their contributions to the K9 Fund have asked that the money be used for other police purposes now that there is no longer a K9 unit. Mr. Dorko moved to authorize Chief Thellmann to use the \$700 remaining in the K9 Fund for police purposes. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Authorize continued membership in Ohio Municipal League BWC group rating** – Mrs. Kukay moved to continue membership in the Ohio Municipal Leagues' group rating for Workers' Comp administered by Sedgwick. Second by Mr. Kennedy. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.
- B. Authorize advertising to fill the full-time Park Maintenance position** – Mr. Dorko moved to advertise to fill the full-time Park Maintenance position. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.
- C. Appoint Shawn Hunsicker Fire Prevention Officer effective April 12, 2024** – Mrs. Kukay moved to appoint Danbury Township Fire Chief Shawn Hunsicker to serve as the Marblehead Fire Prevention Officer when current Chief and Prevention Officer Keith

Kahler retires on April 12, 2024. Second by Mr. Kovach. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

Chief Hunsicker was present to introduce himself to council and provide a current report of Fire and EMS activity.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$64,694.81 was made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Kovach. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-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 6:42 pm.

APPROVED:



John E. Starcher, Mayor

Attest:



Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer