

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD APRIL 10, 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, Maryann Sauvey, and Lee Walker.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney, Administrator Jeffrey White and Police Chief Kenn Thellmann.

Visitors in attendance were Dale Harwood, Al Mazzeo, Jane Milholland, Joe Gouker, Patty Gouker, Maureen Kennedy and Ryan Stamp.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 27, 2024 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Starcher had nothing to report.

Administrator

Mr. White reported the following:

- An April meeting is scheduled for the Johnson's Island task group. One new issue is a requirement regarding backflow prevention and elimination of auxiliary water systems which could be pertinent to this waterline extension project because existing residences have either cisterns or wells.
- The bulk fill station at the water plant will be operational soon. In addition to replacing a valve, staff need to repair the overhead pipe which was damaged some time ago when a bulk water truck backed into it.
- Erie Environmental removed the asbestos tiles from the Radar Park building. Bid opening for improvements to that building is scheduled for April 16.
- Corso's Landscape has completed much of the finish work at James Park and will return to do final grading and seeding when the weather warms.
- The US Coast Guard contracted to have the concrete foundation to its former radio tower removed from the southeast corner of Radar Park. The contractor will also be removing an adjacent utility pole.
- The village's spring leaf collection is underway and will continue on Mondays and Fridays through April.
- Stone has been spread on the parking area on Elliott Street adjacent to St. John's Parish Hall. This area was mistakenly filled with soil and seeded following the Elliott Street paving project.
- The part-time meter reader and full-time parks maintenance specialist positions are posted and will remain open until filled.

- Many gathered in parks around the village to watch the total solar eclipse on April 8. Spectators and photographers were awestruck by the spectacle and many cheered at the moment of totality.

Solicitor

Mr. Barney shared information from an opinion he recently wrote for another village to answer the question of who can authenticate ordinances and resolutions in the absence of the fiscal officer. It was his opinion that the councilperson appointed to perform the duties in the absence of the fiscal officer has legal authority to authenticate legislation.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- March financial reports were emailed to officials April 4. Interest income was \$11,521.
- Received annual notification from the Ohio Department of Commerce that all retail liquor permits expire June 1. Local governments have the right to object to the annual renewal and request a hearing provided the legislative authority has valid legal grounds for the objection.
- Bid opening on the Radar Park project is Tuesday, April 16 at 2:00 pm.

Police Chief

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of recent activity and added there were no traffic problems or incidents during the April 8 eclipse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning

Mr. Kennedy reported on the April 3 Planning Commission meeting. A variance request for an accessory structure on Johnson's Island was continued pending input from neighboring property owners; variance for a pool cover in lieu of a fence for a property adjacent to Clemons Park was approved; a request for a setback variance for a deck on Johnson's Island was denied; and a variance of the setback from the water side of the property was approved for a proposed new dwelling at 829 E. Main Street. The existing building at 829 E. Main which sits on the road right-of-way will be demolished and the new structure will be setback 25 feet from the right-of-way.

Finance

Mr. Kovach distributed a summary he prepared of the RCAP water rate study. He will be meeting April 23 with RCAP representatives to go over the spreadsheets one more time before council sets a date for a public meeting on the rates. Mr. Kovach reminded everyone that rates have not been increased since 2009.

Legislative

Mr. Walker had nothing to report.

Personnel

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report for her committee but did share a suggestion from a resident who wonders about the possibility of having a movie night in the park. Mr. Kennedy cautioned that groups are required to pay a royalty if they are showing movies. Mr. White added that events like this are normally sponsored by an organization and not the local government. Mayor Starcher asked the Parks Committee to look into details regarding this request.

Parks, Cemetery

Mrs. Sauvey stated much of the Parks activity was included in the Administrator's report and added she will be scheduling another committee meeting in the near future.

Infrastructure

Mr. Dorko noted a list of non-working streetlights was sent to Ohio Edison earlier in the day. From this point forward, the police department will be responsible for identifying and reporting streetlight outages. He also stated he will be meeting with the Administrator to discuss paving projects for this year.

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.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Host Memorial Day Service** – Mayor Starcher reminded all that the village will host this year's Memorial Day Service on May 27 in James Park.
- B. Authorize \$100 donations for Memorial Day expenses** – Mrs. Kukay moved to donate \$100 each to the Marblehead American Legion and VFW posts to be used for Memorial Day expenses. 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.
- C. Authorize renewal of health benefits** – Mrs. Sauvey moved to renew the Anthem BC/BS medical, dental and vision benefits for full-time village employees. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Walker-yes. Motion carried.

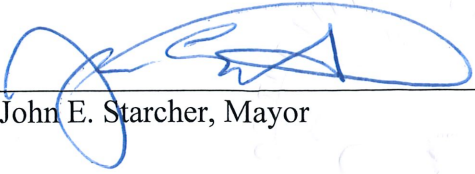
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$150,989.18 including March payroll was made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Kovach. 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 6:33 pm.

APPROVED:



John E. Starcher, Mayor

Attest:



Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer