

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MARCH 30, 2022**

Mayor Bird 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, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Maryann Sauvey and John Starcher.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Police Chief Kenn Thellmann, Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas, and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors in attendance were Dale Harwood, Karyn Harwood, Mary Dziak, Molly Rosiar, Gary Price, Jim Keys, Tony Joyce, James Scherger, Joe Gouker, Patty Gouker, Al Mazzeo and Katy Mazzeo.

**VOTE TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER APP FROM THE CURRENT MEETING**

Mrs. Kukay moved to excuse Lynn App from the March 30 regular council meeting. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Council approved minutes of the March 9, 2022 regular meeting as submitted.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Molly Rosiar and Mary Dziak were present to ask for use of Alexander Pike on May 21 for a 5K run to benefit the Sloane Swanton Research Fund. Proceeds from the run will benefit the research fund established in memory of Sloane, the daughter of Sarah Dziak Swanton and granddaughter of Mary and Rick Dziak, who died from a rare cancer last fall. Council unanimously agreed to close Alexander Pike for the event which will begin at 10:00 am.

Dale Harwood addressed council on the following matters:

- Provide some type of audio system to enable visitors to better hear speakers during meetings.
- Noting there was recently a small brush fire on Johnson's Island, asked if a tanker could be located on the island for quick use in the event of a fire.
- Claimed that the BPA indicated the \$10,900 paid by the island homeowner association to the village for the cost of the water feasibility study would be returned when the project was approved. He stated this money has been listed as a donation to the village but that is incorrect. Neither Mrs. Sowers nor Mrs. Sauvey remember any mention of refunding the cost of the feasibility study but both said they would look into it.
- Stated the islanders have an aerial survey of the island that could be used by CT Consultants to save money on the cost of the waterline project.

Joe Gouker expressed concern that he hasn't received a clear answer from CT Consultants regarding their ability to use the existing Johnson's Island aerial survey. He is concerned that if the islander's survey is inadequate, the engineers have run out of time to get a new aerial completed by the end of March.

Mr. Harwood commented that he believes he has found errors in council minutes and wondered if minutes can be made available to the public before they are approved at meetings.

## LEGISLATION

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

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2022** – 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, 2022 and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Myers and seconded 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 and seconded 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. 4-2022 made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2022** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for Positions at the Water Works and Declaring an Emergency.

In discussion on this ordinance, Mayor Bird said there is a question about whether the part-time, non-certified position should be permitted to make water. Mrs. Sowers stated the language in the ordinance is identical to the motion passed by council on February 23. Mr. Starcher and Mr. Dorko said they have changed their minds since the motion was passed in February and now believe the part-time employee should be trained to make water. Mr. Myers and Mrs. Sauvey expressed concern that by giving the person responsibility for making water, the employee would become an operator in training which is a different pay rate not included in the ordinance. Council agreed to table this ordinance and review the water department job descriptions prior to the next meeting.

- C. **ORDINANCE NO. 6-2022** – 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 Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. 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. Myers and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 6-2022 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- D. **ORDINANCE NO. 7-2022** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for Positions in the Street/Maintenance Department and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7-2022 made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- E. **ORDINANCE NO. 8-2022** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for the Fiscal Officer and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8-2022 made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- F. **ORDINANCE NO. 9-2022** – 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. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. 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. Myers and seconded 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. 9-2022 made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- G. **ORDINANCE NO. 10-2022** – 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. Dorko and seconded by Mrs. Sauvey. 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 Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2022 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

H. **ORDINANCE NO. 11-2022** – An Ordinance Setting Wage Rates for the Seasonal Park Maintenance Employee and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2022 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

I. **RESOLUTION NO. 3-2022** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Marblehead to Review Specifications, Advertise for Bids and Award Contracts Relating to the Elliott Street Improvement Project and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Dorko. 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 Mrs. Sauvey and seconded 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. 3-2022 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

J. **RESOLUTION NO. 4-2022** – A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2022 and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 4-2022 made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **Safety/Insurance Committee**

Mrs. Kukay stated the lighthouse bicentennial committee has asked if overflow parking for some of the bicentennial events could be made available throughout the summer in James Park where the car shows are normally held. Council was not in favor of using the park for this purpose but did point out other village owned parking spaces which can be used.

### **Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee**

No report.

### **Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee**

Mr. Myers recently learned of a company that provides EV charging stations for vehicles at no cost to municipalities. Additional information will be forthcoming.

### **Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee**

Mr. Dorko said the meeting with several village representatives and engineers from CT Consultants to develop the scope of the Johnson's Island waterline extension project will be April 21. Mayor Bird added that because of the limited number of village participants, the scope meeting with the engineers does not constitute a public meeting.

Mr. Dorko then brought up the subject of pay at the water department. He said the finance committee felt that financially what the village could do in order to afford higher wages for water operators would be have three, not four full-time licensed operators and one part-time, non-certified employee to help with tasks that are currently being done by more highly paid operators. However, Plant Superintendent Tony Joyce would like to have a fourth employee able to make water and would like to train the part-time person for that task. Mr. Dorko said he understands if the part-time person learns to make water and then goes on to becomes licensed there would not be a spot at the village for them and they would have to go elsewhere. Mr. Dorko added that this proposed staffing is just a one-year trial and will be re-evaluated after the rate study is completed.

Mr. Joyce said the part-time worker wouldn't be a licensed operator, they would just be trained how to start up and shut down the plant and would help relieve strain on the department. Mr. Joyce added that he currently only has one applicant interested in the open position for assistant chief operating engineer but he can't offer the position until he knows what the pay will be.

Mr. Starcher said the wage is going to be what is in the ordinance and that the only issue with the ordinance is about the part-time position.

Mr. Joyce then went on to say he does not believe the assistant COE applicant will take the job unless he can have vacation accrual immediately. Mayor Bird said state law does not permit an employee to bring their years of service with one municipality to another municipality for vacation accrual purposes. The Mayor added that if the applicant turns down the position the village will advertise the position more widely.

#### **Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee**

Mrs. Sauvey had nothing to report.

#### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

#### **Fiscal Officer**

Mrs. Sowers had nothing to report.

#### **Street Commissioner**

Mr. Lucas asked when it would be possible to call Mike Richmond back for his seasonal position. It was agreed the seasonal position can begin as soon as April 1.

#### **Police**

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of activity.

#### **Zoning Administrator**

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Scope and estimates for administrator office and garage roof repair** – Mrs. Sowers provided council with copies of a proposal from Bluestreak Project Management that included a quote from Johnson-Laux Construction for renovations to create an administrator’s office in the Village Services Building. Mr. Starcher said the proposal seems high and does not include several items that were discussed. Council will review the quote while waiting for the garage roof proposal.
- B. **Recommendation to fill open BPA seat** – Based on the recommendation of Mayor Bird, Mr. Dorko moved to appoint Tyler Brown to fill the open seat on the Board of Public Affairs for the balance of the term. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Complete water rate study prior to letting water tower bids** – Council agreed with the Mayor’s recommendation that the village complete the water rate study prior to proceeding with bids for construction of the water tower.
- D. **Public Hearing** – Mayor Bird reminded all that council will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27 for zoning text amendments initiated by the Planning Commission. The finance committee meeting will be moved to 5:00 p.m. that day.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Marblehead Bank 5K Run** – Mayor Bird stated that, due to declining participation, the Marblehead Bank will no longer hold the 5K Daisy Run.
  
- B. **BWC Group Rating** - Mrs. Kukay moved to continue membership in Ohio Municipal League’s BWC group rating program administered by Sedgwick. Second by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
  
- C. **Ottawa County Park District grant opportunity** – Mrs. Sowers advised that the Ottawa County Park District is offering grant opportunities for parks in the county. She reminded everyone that in 2019 the village had plans and cost estimates prepared for a grant to convert the Radar Park building to a welcome center. That grant application was unsuccessful. Mrs. Sowers asked if council would be interested in applying for a county park grant and using it along with General Fund and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund money to proceed with the Radar Park project. Council unanimously agreed to proceed with an application for an Ottawa County Park District grant.

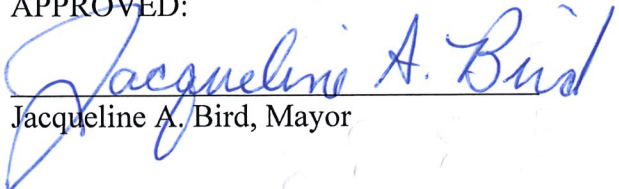
**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$8,063.68 was made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: 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 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer