

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD APRIL 13, 2022**

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, Solicitor Jim Barney, Police Chief Kenn Thellmann, Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas, Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska, Danbury Twp. Fire Chief Keith Kahler, Assistant Fire Chief Tim Almendinger, Fire Lieutenant Tom McNeal, and Planning Commission Chair Tim Feller.

Visitors in attendance were Dale Harwood, Karyn Harwood, Joe Gouker, Patty Gouker, Al Mazzeo, Katy Mazzeo, Lou Cardinale, Jackie Cardinale and Tony Cianciola.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the March 30, 2022 regular meeting as submitted.

REQUEST FOR WATER TANK ON JOHNSON’S ISLAND – Danbury Twp. Fire Chief Kahler was present to address the request for a portable water tank on Johnson’s Island. The Chief pointed out logistical problems of fulfilling this request but even more problematic, in his opinion, is the liability of people using it who are not trained in fighting fires. Chief Kahler stated the island has the same insurance fire rating as the village because even though there are no fire hydrants, the ISO representative who toured the island observed a number of accessible locations for the fire department to draw water from the lake.

Dale Harwood said his request was for a small tanker truck to be located on the island. He worries about the response time for the fire department to get to the island. Jackie Cardinale also expressed concern that the department cannot get to the island in enough time and took offense that the Chief said it is a bad idea to place a tanker on the island. Joe Gouker said the islanders are just trying to think outside the box and find ways to help the department.

Tim Almendinger said things that could help the department when responding to a call on the island, especially on holiday weekends, is to prevent cars from parking along the edge of the road and also to have homeowners clear brush to make access to the water easier. Chief Kahler accepted an invitation from Joe Gouker to speak at upcoming homeowner association meetings to share these suggestions with Johnson’s Island residents.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Tony Cianciola asked about the golf cart requirements on Johnson’s Island. Solicitor Jim Barney stated golf carts are allowed on island roads as long as they are licensed.

LEGISLATION

Prior to reading legislation Mr. Starcher explained that the finance committee had considered five different options for the water department wage ordinance and recommends adopting the fifth version which adds a rate of pay for an operator in training and also provides for two part-time meter readers without limitation on their ability to also make water. The committee feels

this is the most effective way to provide maximum flexibility for staffing at the plant. In discussion, council agreed to consider the fifth version of Ordinance No. 5-2022 as recommended by the finance committee.

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

A. **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2022** – 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 Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-no, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. App and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-no, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5-2022 made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-no, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 5-2022** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement on Behalf of the Village of Marblehead for Construction of Water Facilities; and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions made by Mr. Myers 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.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mrs. Kukay 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.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 5-2022 made by Mr. Myers 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.

REPORTS

Solicitor

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay will address items under old business.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App stated his committee has received several playground quotes from two suppliers and will be meeting soon to make selections for council's consideration.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers said Village Engineer Rich Hertzfeld is still preparing bid documents for the Elliott Street improvement project.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko reported on the April 12 BPA meeting where the Board adopted a job description for the part-time meter reader position; acknowledged BPA action taken in 1967 agreeing to relocate a tap at the village's expense when and if the property is developed; learned that the standpipe is leaking underground whenever trucks are filling their tanks; and voted to hire Jason Dulaney as the Assistant Chief Operating Engineer with a start date of June 27.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mrs. Sauvey reported that during its April 6 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed plans for prospective projects on Pleasant Street and James Street; approved a lot split at Prairie and Ottawa Streets; and had discussion on a pending HB 513 that would affect the ability of local governments to regulate short-term rentals in their communities.

Finance Committee

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers had nothing to report.

Street Commissioner

Mr. Lucas said he is currently doing research to find the best type of convex mirror to install at the intersection of Main Street and Alexander Pike and hopes to have one up in the near future to improve visibility. He will also install a temporary fence along the east property line at 214 E. Main to keep cars from driving on the neighboring lot when the parcel is used for overflow parking during lighthouse bicentennial events.

Police

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of activity and announced that the Ford Fusion cruiser was sold on GovDeals.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska received a call from a resident who learned Verizon can improve reception at the east end of the village but they need a location for a smaller cell tower. The caller wondered if such a tower could be located at the rear of the village's property at 214 E. Main. Council agreed to contact Verizon and get more information regarding this suggestion.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Response to Dale Harwood concerns

- a. Audio device for meetings** – Mrs. Kukay said she and Mrs. Sowers are investigating various options for sound improvements in the meeting room.
- b. Cost of JI water feasibility study** – Mrs. Sowers said she has checked written minutes and audio recordings and can find no mention of a commitment to refund the cost of the feasibility study to the homeowners' associations if waterlines were

ultimately going to be extended to the island. Mrs. Sauvey said she went through her records as well and could find no such statement. Mr. Harwood stated this was incorrect and added that Councilman App required that the money be paid first before a feasibility study could be done. Mrs. Sowers said it is possible that statement could have been made privately but it was never made during a public meeting. Mr. Harwood said he will research it more. Mr. Gouker added that it was clearly Mr. Boytim who said at a BPA meeting the \$10,900 would be returned if the island successfully submitted petitions for water.

- c. **Johnson's Island aerial survey** – Mayor Bird spoke with engineers from CT Consultants who said they had received the aerial survey from Johnson's Island and were reviewing to see if it contains sufficient information to be used for waterline purposes.
 - d. **Draft meeting minutes** – Mayor Bird stated draft meeting minutes are distributed one or two days prior to regular meetings and are a public record to anyone who requests them. Mr. Gouker said he would like copies emailed to him when they are available. Mr. Harwood asked the process to correct minutes if he finds errors. Mr. Barney suggested he contact a council person so that it can be addressed at a meeting.
- B. **Reminder – Public Hearing April 27** – Council will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting on Wednesday, April 27 regarding text amendments initiated by the Planning Commission. The finance committee will meet to review bills at 5:00 p.m. on that date.
- C. **Scope and estimates for administrator office and garage roof repair** – Mrs. Sowers said estimates have been received from Bluestreak Project Management for both potential projects. Mr. Starcher said he feels the estimate for the administrator's office seems high. The roof proposal is equally high. Mr. App noted that there is no mention in either proposal for costs of drawings or permits. In addition, there are fees for project management costs. Mr. App suggested it might be good to review the evaluation and proposal done previously by CT Consultants for the Town Hall. Mrs. Sowers said she was surprised Bluestreak Project Management did not prepare a project scope that could be used for either bidding or obtaining comparison quotes. Mr. Starcher feels it would be best to prepare a project scope for the Town Hall garage and bid the job. Mr. App will work with Mr. Lucas on a proposal for the garage roof. Mr. Starcher will reach out to local contractors regarding the administrator office.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Memorial Day Service May 30, 2022** – Marblehead will host this year's community Memorial Day Service at James Park. Parade will begin at 10:00 am with service to follow in the park at 10:30.
- B. **Council authorization to donate \$100 each to the VFW and American Legion** – Mr. Starcher moved to donate \$100 each to the VFW and American Legion for Memorial Day expenses. 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.

C. **Renewal of medical and ancillary health benefits with Anthem and switch life insurance benefits to The Standard** - Mr. Starcher moved to renew medical, dental and vision insurance with Anthem and to transfer life insurance coverage to The Standard. 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.

D. **Motion to continue GIS Cooperative membership** – Mr. App moved to authorize renewal of the GIS Cooperative contract with RCAP administered by Great Lakes Community Assistance Program. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

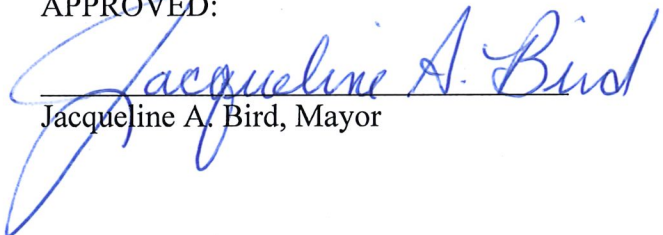
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$57,387.64 including March payroll was made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey. Motion carried. Mr. Starcher abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:



Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer