

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:04 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, Police Chief Kenn Thellmann, Street Commissioner Bryan Lucas and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors in attendance were Lee Walker, Dale Harwood, Joe Gouker, Patty Gouker and Al Mazzeo.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the September 14, 2022 public hearing and minutes of the September 14, 2022 regular meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Dale Harwood of the Marblehead Peninsula Lions said the club would like to donate three refurbished concrete benches for Clemons Park. Council extended thanks for this generous donation and asked that Mr. Harwood work with Bryan Lucas to determine a location.

In response to a question from Joe Gouker, Mr. Dorko said he has not yet received a response from CT Consultants regarding questions about Johnson's Island waterlines. Mr. Gouker expressed hope that there will be a smooth transition from a Board of Public Affairs to a village administrator overseeing water projects. Mayor Bird said that once council acts to hire an administrator the Board of Public Affairs will be dissolved. She added that experience overseeing water plants was a key consideration during the administrator interview process and she feels strongly that the candidate she is recommending for the position is well qualified to step into the role. In response to another question from Mr. Gouker, Mrs. Sowers confirmed that the construction loan interest rate for the Johnson's Island waterlines will be determined by the rate in effect at the time the loan is awarded and added that currently the rate is at 1.9%. Mr. Gouker also asked about the proposed zoning amendments and the water rate study. Mrs. Sowers provided a copy of the zoning amendments. Mayor Bird said the rate study is not quite completed and added it is the village's intention to proceed with construction of the water tower once the rate study is completed.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM MAYOR BIRD TO APPOINT JEFFREY L. WHITE
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Noting it has been a lengthy process which included many meetings, interviews and much discussion, Mayor Bird recommended that council appoint Jeffrey L. White to the position of village administrator. Mr. White is a graduate of Ohio State University with a lengthy background in government service, first with ODOT and later as an administrator for two villages in central Ohio. Mayor Bird feels his vast experience makes Mr. White the ideal candidate to serve as Marblehead's first administrator.

LEGISLATION

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

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-2022** – A Resolution Employing Jeffrey L. White as the Village Administrator for the Village of Marblehead, Ohio, Abolishing the Board of Public Affairs and the Position of Street Commissioner, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to waive three readings on three separate occasions 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.

Motion to retain the emergency clause made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mrs. Kukay. 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. 15-2022 made by Mr. App and seconded by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 15-2022** – An Ordinance Amending the Village of Marblehead Zoning Ordinance Regarding Lot Size Requirements and the Lot Sizes of Conditionally Permitted Uses. This was the first reading; second reading will be October 12.

- C. **ORDINANCE NO. 16-2022** – An Ordinance Restricting the Discharge, Ignition or Explosion of Fireworks Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 3743/45 (D)(2). This was the second reading; third reading will be October 12.

- D. **ORDINANCE NO. 17-2022** – An Ordinance Adopting Revised Flood Damage Reduction Regulations and Repealing any Previously Enacted Flood Damage Reduction Regulations. This was the second reading; third reading will be October 12.

- E. **ORDINANCE NO. 18-2022** – An Ordinance Renaming and Setting Wage Rates for Positions in the Maintenance Department and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2022 made by Mr. App and seconded by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird reported she has letters which will be going to employees and Board of Public Affairs members informing them of the appointment of a village administrator.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

Mr. App reported briefly on the September 26 meeting of stakeholders preparing for the Heritage Ohio D.A.R.T. visit scheduled for October 18 and 19. Lee Walker added that there will be a community meeting on October 18 at 6:00 pm in Danbury High School for the D.A.R.T. team to explain the benefits of revitalization.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers will report under new business.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

Mr. Dorko stated Mr. Gouker has asked him to ask CT Consultants whether it is advantageous to run waterlines to Johnson's Island over the causeway rather than under the water. Mr. Gouker said this method was recently used at Cedar Point and proved to be a much less expensive.

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 stated the remainder of new playground equipment is scheduled to ship October 10.

Police

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of recent police activity.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Update on Radar Park welcome center** – Mrs. Sowers spoke recently with George Robinson of the National Parks Service about the planned improvements to Radar Park. The project will need federal approvals before it can be bid. Mr. Robinson did not see any problems with the welcome center design but wanted clarification on the final use of the building and how it will be operated and maintained. Mr. Robinson's supervisor will be contacting the village in the next several weeks for further discussion on the project.

- B. **Status update on rate study and schedule for the south tower** – Mayor Bird stated Bob McNutt of CT Consultants is finalizing the rate study.
- C. **Previous request for a booster tower to improve cellular service in the village** – Mayor Bird said a resident previously asked about the possibility of locating a booster tower on the village’s property at 214 E. Main Street to improve cellular service. The Mayor asked that the Utilities Committee follow up and look into this option.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Council action on proposed change order to replace tile and catch basin at Elliott and Perry Streets** – Mr. Myers reported that contractors working on Elliott Street improvements discovered the vitrified clay tile at the intersection of Elliott and Perry Streets has deteriorated and should be replaced. Village Engineer Craig Claar recommends either replacing the 8” tile at a cost of \$4,115.00 or replacing both the tile and catch basin at a cost of \$5,116.90. Mr. Myers moved to authorize a change order for Ed Burdue and Company to replace the tile and catch basin at the intersection of Elliott and Perry Streets at an additional cost of \$5,116.90. Second by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Citizen request for traffic study on Bay Shore Road between Bay Point and Alexander Pike** – Mayor Bird said the Planning Commission received a request from residents in the area of Bay Point for a traffic study of Bayshore Road from Bay Point to Alexander Pike. Mayor Bird will refer this request to the village administrator.

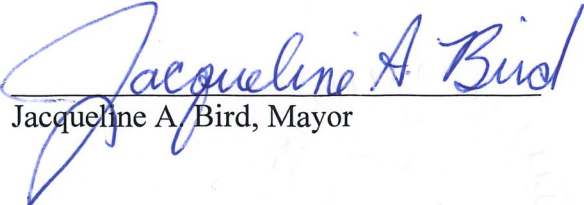
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$74,508.55 was made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. App. Vote: Mr. App-yes, Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Starcher abstained.

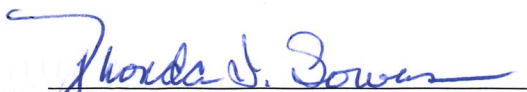
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer