

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 26, 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 Dean Dorko, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Maryann Sauvey, and John Starcher. Lynn App was excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Village Administrator Jeff White, Police Sgt. Jeremy Danklefsen, and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors in attendance were Joe Gouker and Patty Gouker.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes of the October 12, 2022 regular meeting as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Joe Gouker reported that Dale Harwood has arranged for volunteers from the Lions Club to assist in assembling new playground equipment.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird advised that the Danbury alumni group has set their event for September 23, 2023. Council authorized closing Stone Street between Main and Elliott for this event.

Administrator

Mr. White reported on the following:

- He and Mrs. Sowers met with an IT consultant to discuss options for improving cyber security, internet connectivity and related items
- He and Mrs. Sowers attended the stakeholders group activities for the Heritage Ohio DART visit. The stakeholders are planning how to organize and focus their efforts. It is anticipated at least one representative will be attending future council meetings.
- He and Water Superintendent Tony Joyce attended a session at the Ohio EPA district office in Bowling Green to learn about water infrastructure funding opportunities.
- All the new James Park playground equipment has been received. When staking out the location for the new equipment, Snider Recreation installers discovered the slope of the ground exceeds the manufacturer's allowance and recommend the site be leveled. Leveling will necessitate a slight modification to the existing equipment which includes removal of the small slide and installation of a panel at a cost of about \$500. Leveling will also cause a drop of approximately 12 inches between the north end of the basketball court and the new playground surface. Mr. White said the options are to install a 6-foot chain link fence between the basketball court and playground at a cost of approximately \$2,000; remove the big basketball court and construct a new court south of the restroom; or remove the existing playground equipment and establish a new grade. Because the

existing equipment was a community funded project and is still in good shape, removing it was not considered to be an option. Council agreed they do not want to erect a chain link fence between the basketball court and the playground. Mr. Myers said it was the Park Committee's plan to eventually relocate the large basketball court and make room for future playground expansion. Council agreed to erect a temporary fence and obtain quotes to relocate the basketball court.

- Elliott Street improvements are nearly complete and field work should be finished by the end of the month.
- Leaf collection has increased significantly which is usual for this time of year.

Safety/Insurance Committee

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Beautification/Parks/Cemetery Committee

No report.

Streets/Sidewalks/Sewer Committee

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Utilities/Ferries/Waterfront Committee

- Mr. Dorko reported briefly on the tentative calendar from CT Consultants for construction of the new south water tower which proposes advertising for bids at the beginning of November, beginning construction in June of 2023 and going online by April or May of 2025. This schedule is subject to change.
- Mr. Dorko said he is working with Mr. Myers regarding a booster antenna to improve Verizon cellular service in the village. He added that *611 is the number to call to report bad service areas to Verizon.

Annexation/Subdivision/Planning Commission Committee

Mrs. Sauvey stated the stop work order at the Waterview at Bay Point development has been lifted and work is continuing.

Finance Committee

Mr. Starcher expressed his dismay that someone walked through the fresh cement poured in the sidewalk west of the conveyor leaving permanent footprints. Mr. White will investigate to see if the damage can be repaired.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported on the following:

- Annual Verizon tower lease payment normally received in October will be made in December per terms of the new lease agreement.
- Annual Kelley's Island Ferry line parking fee payment of \$30,000 was received.
- Waterview at Bay Point developer deposited \$305,000 in escrow with the village to lift the stop work order issued by the zoning administrator. The amount will be refunded if work is completed in compliance with the zoning requirements.
- She and the village administrator have begun discussion on the 2023 budget.

Police

No report.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Update on James Park playground improvements** – Mr. White gave an update during the village administrator’s report.
- B. **Update on Heritage Ohio DART visit** – Mr. White gave an update with his Administrator’s report.
- C. **Update on request for James Park batting cage** - Mrs. Sauvey stated the Park Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on November 4 to discuss the possibility of locating a batting cage in James Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Presentation at November 9 meeting** – Mayor Bird announced that Jannah Wilson, Executive Director of the Ottawa County Park District will make a presentation to council at the November 9 meeting regarding a Danbury/Marblehead trail feasibility study.

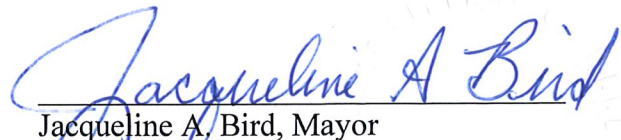
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$78,624.80 was 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.

ADJOURNMENT

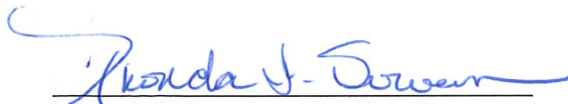
Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVED:



 Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:



 Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer