

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

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, Village Administrator Jeff White, Police Sgt. Jeremy Danklefsen, and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors in attendance were Dale Harwood, John Englebeck, Pat Englebeck, Tim Feller, Kathy Kracer, Matt Kovach, Carolyn Gast, Judy Smolk, Jim Keys, Elaine Roth, Al Mazzeo, Katy Mazzeo, Joe Gouker, Patty Gouker, Lou Cardinale, Heidi Gast, Holly Gast, Jill Stephenson. Bob Stephenson and Gabriela Toscano.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 25, 2023 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

RECOGNIZE JOHN ENGLEBECK FOR 50 YEARS AS A FIREMAN

John Englebeck was recognized for his 50+ years as a firefighter. Mr. Englebeck began his tenure when he became a member of the Marblehead Volunteer Fire Department on January 1, 1970 and continued his service after the Marblehead and Lakeside departments merged to become the Danbury Township Fire Department in 2013. Council commissioned a handblown glass flame created by local artist Cary Ferguson to commemorate Mr. Englebeck's years of service. Mayor Bird issued a proclamation recognizing his accomplishments and presented flowers to Mrs. Englebeck for her many years of service on the ladies' auxiliary.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Joe Gouker stated the 2024 WSRLA nomination period has just begun and wondered if it might be necessary to re-nominate the Johnson's Island waterline project. If so, the application needs to be submitted by March 3. He said information from a recent WSRLA webinar led him to believe there may be several other funding opportunities available for the project and agreed to share this information with Mrs. Sowers.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird recently attended a seminar regarding the Ohio Attorney General's Elder Justice Unit which was created to protect and aid older Ohioans who are being exploited or harmed. She will share this information with Chief Thellmann.

Solicitor

Mr. Barney reported speaking with John Murphy about resolution of the Waterview at Bay Point zoning violation. Due to variations in elevations the approved roof connections will not work. Plans are being prepared for an alternative to present to the Planning Commission for consideration. Mr. Barney introduced his new law partner, Gabriela (Gabby) Toscano.

Administrator

Mr. White reported the following:

- A project planning session was held with village officials regarding the Johnson's Island waterline project on January 30. Regular meetings will be held to keep the project on task. In addition to village officials the task group will include Johnson's Island representative Joe Gouker.
- New EPA lead and copper regulations require all water systems to know what materials are used for lines on the service side of their distribution system. The service side includes pipes from the water main to the customer's structure. Deadline for reporting to the EPA is October 16, 2024. Because of the time involved to prepare this report it is likely the village will need to contract this task.
- Marblehead's membership in the Ohio Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (Ohio WARN) has been confirmed.
- Grant application was submitted to the Ohio EPA for purchase of water system equipment.
- The Parks Committee met January 24 and discussed additional National Park Service requirements which must be completed before the village can proceed with the Radar Park welcome center. The committee will be meeting again on February 15 to continue discussion on how to address the requirements. The Radar Park project also planned to use ARPA funds which must be committed by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.
- Grant application was submitted to the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Joint Solid Waste District for purchasing picnic tables made from recycled plastic.
- Grant application is being prepared for submission by February 24 to the Ottawa County Park District for purchase and installation of outdoor musical equipment at James Park. The quote from Snider Recreation for purchase, delivery and installation is \$13,209 which is less than the \$15,000 authorized by council.
- At the January 25 meeting, council authorized CT Consultants to prepare construction drawings for the Church Street improvement. It was subsequently discovered that the water rate analysis requires inclusion of costs to replace aging waterlines. Because some of the village's oldest lines are in the area of Church Street, the water department was consulted to see if there is a need to replace these lines before paving. Water Superintendent Tony Joyce said there have been no documented water main breaks along Church Street. Based on that council agreed there is no need to replace waterlines prior to the street improvements.
- The former Danchisen gas station at 305 W. Main Street was recently sold and within the past week the underground storage tanks were removed. All proper permits were obtained, and protocols followed in the removal. There were no immediate signs of any leaks or contamination.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported a donation was made to the James Park Improvement Fund in memory of Paul Eckel.

Police Chief

Sgt. Danklefsen submitted a written report of department activity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Parks, Cemetery, Trees

Mr. App reported the Parks Committee will meet February 15 at 5:30 pm to discuss park projects.

Legislative

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Infrastructure

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Zoning

Mrs. Sauvey was not able to attend the February 1 Planning Commission meeting and deferred to Mr. Hruska for a report.

Finance

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Hruska reported that the Planning Commission held several informal reviews of potential projects and discussed ongoing efforts to resolve the violations in the Waterview at Bay Point development during its regular meeting on February 1.

LEGISLATION

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

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023** – 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 (third reading)

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 1-2023 made by Mr. Starcher 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.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Open Council seat** – Mayor Bird reminded that letters of interest are being accepted until March 15 from village residents interested in filling the council seat vacated by Lynn App.
- B. **Water Rate Analysis** – Finance chair John Starcher stated he has spent considerable time with the administrator and fiscal officer poring over the water rate book prepared by Bob McNutt of CT Consultants. He is concerned the spreadsheets are difficult to use and questioned the reliability of projections when updated data is entered. He is looking into proposals from others experienced in utility rate studies.
- C. **Agreement with Bay Point Acquisitions for Waterline at Bay Point** – Mr. Barney reported speaking both John Murphy of Bay Point Acquisitions and the bonding agent to

confirm the required bond amount. Mr. Barney believes the bond will be posted with the village soon.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Request to excuse Rhonda Sowers from February 22 regular meeting** – Mr. Starcher moved to excuse Rhonda Sowers from the February 22 council meeting. 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.

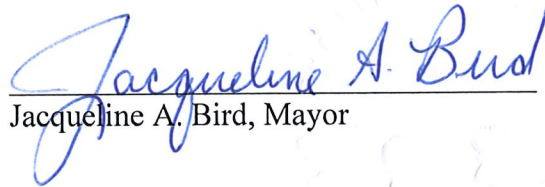
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$174,337.84 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.

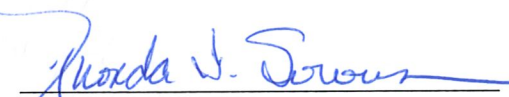
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:49 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer