

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

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, Maryann Sauvey, and John Starcher. Duane Myers was excused.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney, Police Chief Kenn Thellmann and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska. Village Administrator Jeff White was excused.

Visitors in attendance were Sally Moennich, Tom Breslin, Matt Kovach, Al Mazzeo, Dave Reed, Lou Cardinale, Joe Gouker and Patty Gouker.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the February 22, 2023 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF E. LYNN APP**

Mayor Bird issued a proclamation recognizing E. Lynn App for his ten years of elected service to the Village of Marblehead. Mr. App sat on the Board of Zoning Appeals from November, 2012 through December, 2017 and then served as a council member from January, 2018 until his retirement in February, 2023.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Joe Gouker, island representative to the village's Johnson's Island waterline task group, had questions regarding details of the waterline project which were directed to Mr. Barney and Mrs. Sowers for follow-up.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Solicitor**

Mr. Barney will be setting a meeting in the near future with the Police Chief, Fiscal Officer and Village Administrator regarding the status of the Marblehead Police Association and legal remedy for transfer of Association assets to the village.

**Administrator**

Mr. White, who was excused from the meeting to attend the BWC Safety Congress, submitted a written report. Noted in that report was a recommendation that council authorize an additional \$3,000 for CT Consultants to include water main replacement as part of the Church Street improvement project.

**Church Street Improvement**

Mr. Starcher moved to authorize an additional \$3,000 for CT Consultants to include waterline replacement in the design and bid documents for the Church Street improvement. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**Fiscal Officer**

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- Request was received from the Ottawa County Wreaths across America committee for a donation to defray the cost of Christmas wreaths this year for veterans' graves in the village cemetery. A donation of \$500 would provide 30 wreaths.
- The updated OSS Solid Waste Management Plan has been forwarded to officials. The plan needs to be ratified by each local government within the district prior to June 3.
- The village's annual financial report was filed with the state on February 13. A copy is available on the village website.
- Work is progressing on permanent appropriations. One item of concern is the nearly 26% increase in health insurance. The village's agent is currently seeking alternate quotes. The policy will renew May 1.
- Applications were submitted to re-nominate the south water tower, Johnson's Island waterline extension, and painting of the north tower for WSRLA construction loans. The only change from the applications submitted last year is the estimated cost of the south water tower which has increased from \$1,900,000 to \$3,300,000.
- The James Park Improvement Fund has received donations this year in memory of Paul Eckel, Kent Joy and Mike Botti.

### **Police Chief**

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of recent departmental activity. The Chief would like council to consider the addition of a sixth part-time officer to the department roster.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Personnel**

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

### **Parks, Cemetery, Trees**

No report.

### **Legislative**

No report.

### **Infrastructure**

Mr. Dorko reported briefly on the March 6 Johnson's Island waterline task force meeting. He noted the current plans recommend locating fire hydrants every 1000 ft. He stated hydrants in the rest of the village are located 500 ft. apart and feels this should be followed on the island as well. The next task force meeting will be April 19 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Zoning**

Mrs. Sauvey reported an informal review of a proposal for another RV park at the Bay Point Resort was held during the March 1 Planning Commission meeting. Commission members were not in favor of the proposal.

### **Finance**

Mr. Starcher stated the finance committee will meet Monday, March 20 at 6:00 pm to work on permanent appropriations.

**Zoning Administrator**

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

**LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation.

**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. **Bay Point Waterlines** – Mr. Barney reported a bond has been posted with the village by John Murphy of Bay Point Acquisitions for completion of the required waterlines and metering at Bay Point Resort. Gill Construction is making progress on the installation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Request for donation to Wreaths across America** – Mr. Starcher moved to donate \$500 to Wreaths across America to provide Christmas wreaths on veterans’ graves at Clemons Cemetery. Second by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Police Policy Update** – Mr. Barney will review the updated Police Policy manual prior to submission to council for approval.
- C. **One-time forgiveness of large water bills** – Mrs. Kukay moved to authorize a one-time forgiveness of \$523.24 for large water usage due to a leak at 389 Lakewood Drive and of \$445.46 for large water usage due to a leak at 2053 Pleasant View Drive. Second by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

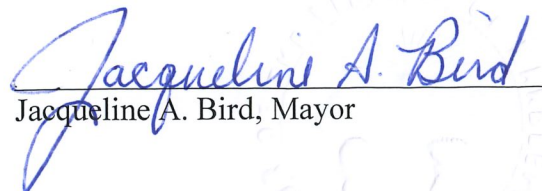
**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$96,162.42 was made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-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 6:39 pm.

APPROVED:

  
 Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

  
 Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer