

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MARCH 22, 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 Dean Dorko, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Maryann Sauvey, and John Starcher.

Also present were Village Administrator Jeff White, Police Chief Kenn Thellmann and Zoning Administrator Bob Hruska.

Visitors in attendance were Al Mazzeo, Sally Moennich, Joe Gouker, Patty Gouker and Matt Kovach.

**VOTE TO EXCUSE RHONDA SOWERS FROM THE CURRENT MEETING**

Mr. Starcher moved to excuse Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers from the March 22, 2023 regular meeting and appoint Bob Hruska to record minutes in her absence. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the March 8, 2023 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

**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 will be directed to Mr. White and Mrs. Sowers. Mr. Gouker expressed concern about keeping the project on schedule.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Administrator**

Mr. White reported the following:

- Finance Committee met March 20 to finalize permanent appropriations. Included in the budget discussions is a projected 26% increase in health insurance premiums.
- Obtained a \$28,141.85 estimate from ASC Group to complete the regulatory studies for the south water tower project.
- The Johnson's Island waterline design is progressing and the task group will meet again in April.
- Plans to contract with 120Water to perform the inventory of water service lines to comply with EPA lead and copper rules. Final cost of the work depends on variables that cannot be determined until the inventory is underway but the anticipated cost between \$5,00 and \$10,000. Oak Harbor and Port Clinton are using the same company for their inventories.
- Water main installation at Bay Point resort has been progressing. Solicitor Jim Barney has been in contact with John Murphy of Bay Point Acquisitions regarding the breach of contract regarding the timing of this waterline installation.
- Snider Recreation plans to begin playground installation at James Park during the first part of April, weather permitting. ForeverLawn will not be able to install the surfacing until mid to late May.

- The Ottawa County Park District approved the village's grant request for outdoor musical instruments to be installed with the sensory garden at James Park.
- Plans to have village employees replace the stone on the south side of Elliott that was covered with soil and seeded following the street improvements.
- He and Mr. Lucas met with an Elliott Street property owner who expressed concern that water is still not draining properly. Mr. Lucas will do some minor grading to re-direct the water flow to the catch basin.
- He represented the village at the annual meeting of the Ottawa County Board of Health District Advisory Council.
- Informed council that Crown Castle will expand the footprint of structures within their cell tower lease area at the south of Radar Park.

### **Police Chief**

Chief Thellmann submitted a written report of recent departmental activity. The Chief reported he has attempted to contact Ford regarding delivery of the new cruiser but has not heard back. He also sent letters to residents of Charles and Clemons Streets reminding them of the 10-mph speed limit on those streets.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Personnel**

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

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

No report.

### **Legislative**

Mr. Myers had no report.

### **Infrastructure**

Mr. Dorko had no report.

### **Zoning**

Mrs. Sauvey had nothing to report.

### **Finance**

Mr. Starcher stated the finance committee met March 20 at 6:00 pm to work on permanent appropriations and payroll increases.

### **Zoning Administrator**

Mr. Hruska had nothing to report.

## **LEGISLATION**

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

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 6-2023** – A Resolution to Adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste Management District. (First reading; second reading will be April 12, 2023)

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Bay Point Waterlines** – This topic was addressed in the administrator’s report.
- B. **Continue review of Police Policy updates** – Mayor Bird reminded everyone to review the updated police policies. Solicitor Barney is reviewing them as well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Request for one-time water leak forgiveness** – Mr. Dorko moved to authorize a one-time forgiveness of \$341.63 for large water usage due to a leak at 381 Lakewood Drive. Second by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Set special meeting** – Council will hold a special meeting at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023 to consider legislation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Kukay moved to go into executive session at 6:31 p.m. to consider appointment of a public official. Second by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bird reconvened the meeting at 6:37 pm.

**APPOINT MATT KOVACH TO OPEN COUNCIL SEAT**

Mr. Starcher moved to appoint Matt Kovach, effective April 1, 2023 to fill the seat vacated by Lynn App for the term ending December 31, 2025. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

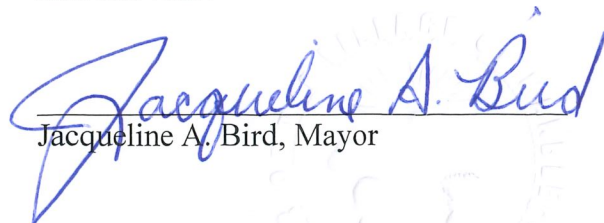
**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$4,992.50 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 6:40 pm.

APPROVED:

  
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 Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

  
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 Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer