

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD APRIL 12, 2023**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO MATTHEW KOVACH

Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to newly appointed council member Matthew Kovach. Mr. Kovach fills the seat previously held by E. Lynn App and will serve the remainder of the term which expires December 31, 2025.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Answering roll call were Dean Dorko, Matt Kovach, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Maryann Sauvey, and John Starcher.

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

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 22, 2023 regular meeting were approved as submitted.
Minutes of the March 30, 2023 special meeting were approved as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Joe Gouker, island representative to the village's Johnson's Island waterline task group, had questions regarding the assessment process for the Johnson's Island waterline extension. Mrs. Sowers said she will present information on this subject at the task group meeting on April 19.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird advised that the Shores and Islands annual meeting will be held in Lakeside on Tuesday, April 18.

Solicitor

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

Administrator

Mr. White reported the following:

- The Ohio EPA conducted its annual inspection of the village water system on April 6.
- The third and final picnic shelter was installed at Radar Park.
- Snider Recreation began installation of the playground equipment at James Park. Installation of the safety surfacing by Forever Lawn is expected in late May.
- Plans for Church Street improvements are progressing and should be ready to bid next month.
- Crown Castle was contacted with the request for an alternate plan to avoid removal of trees from its tower lease area behind Radar Park. No response has been received.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- Receipt of first half real estate and manufactured home taxes as well as first half collection of Island View waterline assessments.
- Transfer of \$300,000 from checking to savings to take advantage of higher interest rates.
- Receipt of annual license fees from Kelley Island Ferry Boat Lines for the operation of five ferry boats from the Marblehead dock.
- Reminder that the 2.2 mill voted levy for general expenses expires this year and will need to be placed on the ballot for renewal or replacement this November.
- A recommendation from insurance agent Tony Palandrani of Rankin and Rankin Insurance to stay with Anthem for health care coverage but change the plan from an HSA to a PPO which will result in an 11.7% premium increase on the May 1 renewal date rather than the 25.99% increase which would take effect if no change is made. The change will result in minimal impact to employees. This item is on the agenda for council action under new business.
- Digital copies of the March financial reports were distributed to council on April 7.
- Receipt of a matching grant from the Ottawa County Park District Board for purchase of outdoor musical instruments which will be located in a sensory garden at James Park. Mrs. Sowers partnered with the Marblehead branch library to involve summer reading program participants in planting the sensory garden. That activity is planned for June 3 with a rain date of June 10.
- Notice that the OSS Solid Waste District awarded the village a grant for purchase of recycled picnic tables for James Park.
- Participated in training through the Local Government Officials Conference on March 28 to complete the Fiscal Integrity Act requirements for her current term of office which expires March 31, 2024.

Police Chief

Chief Thellmann submitted a written summary of recent departmental activity and reported the following:

- A field fire was extinguished by the Danbury Fire Dept. on Gaydos Drive.
- Sent a copy of the village parking ordinance to residents of Perry and Elliott Streets following parking complaints.
- Received a letter commending Officer Lenny Mazzola for his actions to assist a pedestrian caught in a storm on April 1.
- Enrolled Officer Michael Scherer in handgun and AR-15 armorer training conducted by Sig Sauer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

Mrs. Kukay had nothing to report.

Zoning

Mr. Kovach had nothing to report on his new committee assignment. Mrs. Sauvey reported that the Planning Commission voted to deny a variance request on Lake Street during its April 5 meeting. The Commission also reviewed plan changes for the Waterview at Bay Point

development and heard an update on the status of proposed improvements to the former Lighthouse Resort hotel.

Legislative

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Infrastructure

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Parks, Cemetery, Trees

Mrs. Sauvey had nothing to report on her new committee assignment.

Finance

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

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. (Second reading; third and final reading will be April 26, 2023)

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Bay Point Waterlines** – Mr. White reported installation of waterlines and meters at the Bay Point resort is progressing but there is still considerable work to be completed. He reminded council that Bay Point Acquisitions originally agreed to complete that work by December 31, 2022. Mr. Barney will contact John Murphy of Bay Point Acquisitions to press for a completion date.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Revised committee assignments** – Following membership changes on council, Mayor Bird distributed a revised personnel list and committee assignments as follows: **Zoning** - Matt Kovach (Chair), Dean Dorko, Angie Kukay; **Parks, Cemetery, Trees** - Maryann Sauvey (Chair), Angie Kukay, Duane Myers; **Infrastructure** - Dean Dorko (Chair), Duane Myers, John Starcher; **Finance & Appropriations** - John Starcher (Chair), Dean Dorko, Matt Kovach; **Personnel** - Angie Kukay (Chair), Matt Kovach, Maryann Sauvey; **Legislative** - Duane Myers (Chair), Angie Kukay, John Starcher.
- B. **Request by Eric Helgesen for 12 weeks medical leave of absence** – Mr. Myers moved to approve the request by Eric Helgesen for a 12-week, unpaid, medical leave of absence. Second by Mr. Starcher. Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- C. **Authorize renewal of medical and ancillary health benefits with Anthem** – Mrs. Kukay moved to accept the recommendation from Tony Palandrani, of Rankin and Rankin Insurance for renewal of the medical and ancillary health benefits with Anthem. Second by

Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

- D. **Authorize continued membership in Ohio Municipal League BWC group rating** – Mr. Starcher moved to continue membership in Ohio Municipal League’s BWC group rating program administered by Sedgwick. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- E. **Authorize \$100 donations to the VFW and American Legion for Memorial Day expenses** – Mr. Dorko moved to donate \$100 each to the VFW and American Legion for Memorial Day expenses. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- F. **Authorize letter of support for Marblehead Peninsula Trail Feasibility Study** – Mr. Starcher moved to authorize a letter in support of the application by the Park District of Ottawa County for a grant to help fund the Marblehead Peninsula Trail Feasibility Study. Second by Mr. Kovach. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

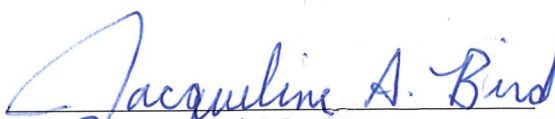
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$125,800.86 including March payroll was made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-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 6:34 pm.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer