

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AUGUST 9, 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, Matt Kovach, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, Maryann Sauvey, and John Starcher.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney, Administrator Jeff White, Police Chief Kenn Thellmann, and Police Sgt. Jeremy Danklefsen.

Visitors in attendance were Dale Harwood, Karyn Harwood, Al Mazzeo, Joe Gouker, Patty Gouker, Dave Reed, and Kelly Reed.

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 26, 2023 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird announced that life-long resident, Michael Pepon died earlier that day at the age of 94. Mr. Pepon served more than fifty years on the Marblehead Volunteer Fire Department.

Solicitor

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

Administrator

Mr. White reported the following:

- Representatives of RCAP are reviewing additional financial information regarding the water rate analysis for the Finance Committee to consider.
- The waterway permit application for the Johnson's Island waterline project has been submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers and a Phase I cultural resources report is being prepared for coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Documentation regarding the Radar Park community building is being prepared for review by the State Historic Preservation Office. The building is being cleared in preparation for a public input meeting.
- Complaint was received from a resident regarding vegetation growing along the shoreline at Clemons Park. The land management plan for this property will be a topic at the next Parks Committee meeting.
- Ohio Edison provided a quote of \$2,123.90 to remove the streetlight on the south side of the Main and Clemons Streets intersection. There is just enough remaining in the streetlighting appropriation to cover this cost. Council agreed to proceed with this project.
- Angled striping of the village's parking lot adjacent to Holy Assumption Church should be completed prior to the August 20 Halupki Festival. Signs will be needed but will not be available prior to the festival.
- Estimated cost for gravel to resurface the alley between Stone and Perry Streets is \$500. Village employees will complete the work.

- The Ottawa County Historical Society will be meeting in the Municipal Services Building on Monday, August 14 and the Park District of Ottawa County will use the facility for its public meeting on August 15.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- Village funds earned \$10,656.35 interest during the month of July.
- Local tax returns for the second quarter resulted in \$7,003.05 collected in lodging tax and \$11,730.00 in dock taxes.
- The annual electric aggregation grant from Energy Harbor was \$3,575 this year. The grant is equal to \$5 for each account enrolled in the program.
- The village received \$284.21 as its settlement share in the class action suit *Smith vs First Energy Corp, et al.*
- Notification was received that state auditors will begin the compliance audit for 2021-22 soon.

Police Chief

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

- He received quotes from Sig Sauer and Vance's Law Enforcement for departmental handguns. Both quotes were in the amount of \$4,536.40. The Chief recommends accepting the quote from Vance's which is an Ohio based company. Purchase of handguns was previously authorized pending approval of the police policy which was done earlier this year. Council instructed the Chief to place the order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

Mrs. Kukay stated her committee is currently reviewing the first section of the personnel policies and procedures.

Zoning

Mr. Kovach reported briefly on the August 9 Planning Commission meeting where informal reviews were made of potential variance requests at 510 Main Street and 4560 Memorial Shoreway.

Legislative

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Infrastructure

Mr. Dorko said the water department is looking into costs to repair the bulk fill station at the water plant.

Parks, Cemetery, Trees

Mrs. Sauvey stated her committee will meet at 5:45 pm on August 16 to discuss park and cemetery projects.

Finance

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Sloane Swanton Research Virtual Run** – Mayor Bird announced the Sloane Swanton Research run will be Sunday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. The 5K run will take place on Alexander Pike.
- B. **31st Annual Perch Festival & Parade** – The 31st Annual Perch Festival and Parade sponsored by the Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club will be held August 26, 2023. Festivities begin with a parade down Main Street. Council members will participate in the parade.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **OHLEG Policy** – Mr. Myers moved to approve the policy prepared by Chief Thellmann and approved by Solicitor Barney governing departmental use of the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG). 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.
- B. **Resignation of Police Officer Brandon Ruhl** – Chief Thellmann reported part-time Police Officer Brandon Ruhl resigned his position effective September 1. Council authorized the Chief to advertise the opening in order to fill the position.
- C. **K9 Luke medical condition** – Sgt. Danklefsen, K9 handler, briefed council members on the medical condition of K9 Luke who required emergency treatment at MedVet the previous weekend and will be scheduled for hernia surgery.

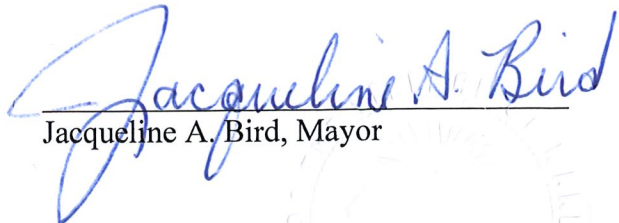
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$97,147.54 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. The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:28 pm.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer