

VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 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 Dean Dorko, Matt Kovach, Duane Myers, Maryann Sauvey, and John Starcher.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney, Administrator Jeff White, and Police Officer Shawn Craig.

Visitors in attendance were Lee Walker, Dennis Kennedy, Dale Harwood, Karyn Harwood, Joe Gouker, Patty Gouker, Al Mazzeo, Katy Mazzeo, and Jane Milholland.

EXCUSE ANGIE KUKAY FROM CURRENT MEETING

Mr. Starcher moved to excuse council member Angie Kukay from the November 8, 2023 regular meeting. Second by Mrs. Sauvey. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

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

VISITOR COMMENTS

Joe Gouker extended congratulations to all of the newly elected officials.

Dale Harwood stated that Johnson's Island residents were successful in raising enough funds to decorate all of the graves in the Confederate Cemetery through the Wreaths across America program.

Jane Milholland advised there were still tickets available for the November 11 reverse raffle. Proceeds from this event support the Danbury PTCO and the Marblehead Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. She also announced that First United Church of Christ will host a live stream in their sanctuary of the Brass and Organ Concert from First Presbyterian Church in Stamford, Connecticut on December 10. The community is invited to this free event which begins at 6:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Bird congratulated John Starcher on his successful bid for Mayor as well as Lee Walker and Dennis Kennedy who were elected to the open council seats. She also extended thanks to the voters who approved the 2.2 mill general fund replacement levy.

Solicitor

Mr. Barney had nothing to report.

Administrator

Mr. White reported the following:

- Replacement of a hydrant on James Street became complicated when it was discovered that the base was cemented to the bedrock. Gill Construction was contracted to remove the hydrant with a jackhammer.
- Nothing new to report on the Johnson's Island waterline extension or the Bay Point water meter installation.
- Forever Lawns began repair of the James Park playground turf damaged during the August rainstorm. Kuzma Constructions is completing the retaining wall along the south side of the playground. Installation of underground electric lines at James Park was completed with Gill Construction excavating the trench, A.T. Emmett performing the electrical work, and DJZ roofing repairing the roof of the restroom building following removal of the overhead lines. The work passed inspection and Ohio Edison was notified to restore power.
- Ohio Edison removed the utility pole at the intersection of Clemons and Main Streets as requested.
- Kuzma Construction completed 515 feet of sidewalk replacement on Church, Perry and Main Streets at a cost of \$22,952.00.
- Seasonal leaf collection is underway.
- Adkins Sanitation used a vac jet to clean approximately 300 feet of storm sewer lines.
- Twenty-two proposals were received from firms interested in providing professional design services.
- The ODOT plans for resurfacing SR 163 through the village are being reviewed. This project is scheduled for September 2024.
- A representative of Hylant Administrative Services conducted an inspection of the village's buildings and properties to identify any existing or potential liability and provided a letter with recommendations of items to be addressed. The biggest concern noted was the condition of the Town Hall and particularly the rear garage.
- All of the Village Administrator's reports to council are now available on the village website.
- The Chamber of Commerce has reserved use of James Park for a Mayfly Festival next June 14 and 15.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- Extended thanks to the voters who approved the 2.2 mill replacement levy for general operating expenses. That levy, first approved by voters in 1988, provides 40% of the general fund property tax revenue used to pay for Police, Streetlights, Cemetery, Street Department and Administrative expenses.
- Collection of third quarter lodging tax generated \$7,482.46 while third quarter dock tax brought in \$180. This year lodging and dock taxes have generated a combined \$27,882.89.
- October financial reports were distributed to officials on November 2. Interest income for the month was \$12,548.67 of which \$10,203.55 went to the General Fund.

Police Chief

Officer Craig submitted a written summary of recent departmental activity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

No report.

Zoning

Mr. Kovach congratulated Mr. White on completing his first year as Village Administrator and then reported on the November 1 Planning Commission meeting where a variance was approved for an accessory structure on Johnson's Island.

Legislative

Mr. Myers had nothing to report.

Infrastructure

Mr. Dorko had nothing to report.

Parks, Cemetery, Trees

Mrs. Sauvey had nothing to report.

Finance

Mr. Starcher had nothing to report.

LEGISLATION

There was no legislation.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reminder 11/22/23 meeting cancelled** – Mayor Bird reminded all that the regular council meeting scheduled for November 22 has been cancelled.

BUSINESS

There was no new business.

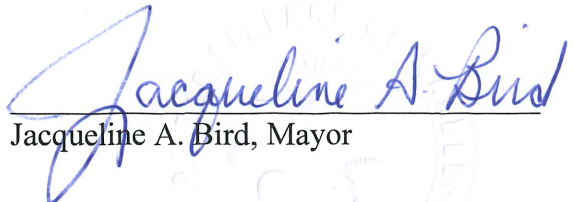
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$173,219.39 including October payroll was made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mrs. Sauvey-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

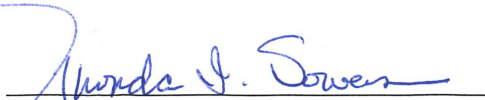
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Dorko and seconded by Mr. Kovach. The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:23 pm.

APPROVED:


Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:


Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer