

**Village of Mariemont  
Special Council Meeting  
September 5, 2024**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Mr. Ayer, Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Brownknight, Dr. Lewis and Mr. Van Stone.

Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to excuse the absence of Mr. York. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

**Resolutions:**

“Resolution Creating a New Capital Fund for Wading Pool; and To Declare an Emergency” had a first reading. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The resolution had a second and third reading. This Resolution will allow for a separate fund in UAN for the Wading Pool Project allowing all receipts and payments to flow from this fund. We have \$150,000 of the \$168,000 pledged. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-44-24 was adopted.

“To Accept Bid of Bzak Landscaping Design for the Wading Pool Project Phase I; To Authorize Contract. And To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second reading. Dr. Lewis asked why the contract is needed for Bzak if landscaping is the final step. Mr. Ayer said that Bzak does the demolition work and with the favorable weather it is important to get started in order to prepare the drawings that need to be approved by the State of Ohio. Bzak had crews available to start demolition excavation this Friday. The contract with Mid-American will allow for essentially two thirds of the work done including, drawings, permits, order equipment etc. They will perform work only up to the allotted amount that will be authorized by Resolution at the Council meeting September 9, 2024. In 2025 a separate contract will be executed with Mid-American. An updated priority Capital Improvement List was prepared by Mr. Bartlett and will be reviewed by Fiscal Officer Rankin. Mrs. Rankin will send it to Council after her review. Dr. Lewis said having the document prior to this meeting would have been helpful. She would be more comfortable if our process could be more streamlined so the list of priorities are paid for before adding additional projects. Fiscal Officer Rankin said we did not know of this project at the beginning of the year. It was brought on by fundraising. The Resolution had a third reading. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-45-24 was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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William A. Brown, Mayor

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Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer