

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
September 9, 2024**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Mr. Ayer, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Van Stone and Mr. York.

Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mr. York to excuse the absence of Mrs. Brownknight and Dr. Lewis. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Minutes:

Mrs. Van Pelt said the minutes from the August 26, 2024, minutes were just distributed and understandably there may not have been enough time for review. Mr. York said he had not yet read them. Three Council members is not a quorum for voting. The minutes will be placed on the agenda for September 23, 2024.

Mr. York was not present at the Special Meeting of Council September 5, 2024. Again, with the lack of a quorum, the minutes of the Special Meeting will be placed on the agenda for September 23, 2024.

Communications:

*From Assistant Fire Chief Copeland: August 2024 Monthly Report

*From Service Superintendent James: August 2024 Monthly Report

*From Tax Administrator Barlow: August 2024 Monthly Report

*From Teresa Goodridge: Email Dated August 30, 2024, re: Centennial Dogwood Park Rehabilitation Project. Mr. York said this was part of the presentation made to Cincinnati Business Committee engineered by State Senator Catherine Ingram and State Representative Sedrick Denson. He is working on the report along with Engineer Ertel and Kaleigh from Kleinger's Group. The sooner we submit the report, the sooner the funds will be released. The hope is to go out to bid and be under contract in 2024. We want to execute the SORTA grants in a timely fashion to remain favorable for grant opportunities in the future.

*Spending Request: LED Bulbs, Globes, Installation to Change Streetlight Bulbs to LED – Not to Exceed \$17,000. This request was approved by the Public Works Committee Report at the last Council meeting. The Historic District will be completed first. The vendor will be working with our Service Department. The question was asked if the vendor would be able to utilize the Village bucket truck. Mrs. Van Pelt will check with our liability insurance carrier. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to approve the spending request. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

*Spending Request: Level Sidewalk Blocks at Mary Emery Park near the Tennis Courts – Not to Exceed \$5,5054.40. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to approve the request. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Permission to Address Council:

Ms. Mandi Beecroft, Mariemont Public Library, was granted permission to address Council. She updated Council on upcoming events at the library which include: Kinderbridge Storytime September 12, 2024, 2:00-3:00 p.m. It will help children entering kindergarten and for parents to help their children prepare for kindergarten. International Moon Night will be held September 14, 2024, 8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Telescopes will be available for observation of the moon. The League of Women Voters will be at the library September 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to-7:00 p.m. to discuss upcoming election issues.

Engineer Ertel was granted permission to address Council. The Village was unsuccessful for the SORTA applications in the third round. Last year there was 43 million to award this year it is only 32 million. He informed Council that Ohio Public Works Commission does have opportunities for funding due September 27, 2024. He could prepare the application if Council desires. The match will increase to 30-40%. It would require emergency legislation. The Miami/Rembold intersection match would be approximately \$150,000-300,000 local match. The match could come from other sources than Village monies. The matter was referred to the Public Works & Service Committee for discussion. The matter of the Miami Road/Hiawatha/Rembold Intersection Study was moved to the Public Works and Service Committee from the Committee of the Whole. The Public Works will look into possible funding, but the long-range project will remain in the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Ayer will look into funding possibilities.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to approve the bills. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

The Rules and Law report was tabled due to lack of signatures on the report.

Miscellaneous:

*Village Offices will be Closed in Observation of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day Monday October 14, 2024

*Reminder Fraud Reporting and Training is mandatory and must be completed by September 28, 2024. Please provide Mrs. Van Pelt with a copy of completion. This is a State Audit requirement.

Resolutions:

"Resolution To Appoint Lisa Wharton as a Member of the Community Reinvestment Area to Fill the Vacancy of Charles Martinez" had a second reading.

"To Accept Bid of Mid American Gunitite Pool Inc. for the Wading Pool Project Phase 2; To Authorize Contract and To Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mr. York to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second and third readings. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-46-24 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Aileen Beatty as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2025 and 2026" had a first reading.

"To Reappoint Peter Wren as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2025 and 2026" had a first reading.

"To Confirm the Reappointment of Christopher M. Ertel as Village Engineer for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026; and To Set Compensation" had a first reading.

"To Reappoint Rick Gibson as Mayor's Court Magistrate for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026" had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Brad Lockhart as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for Calendar Year 2025” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Steve Pipkin as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2025 and 2026” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Terry Donovan as a Member of the Pool Commission for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Mandy Rohal as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years 2025 and 2026” had a first reading.

“To Appoint Andrew Seeger as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2025” had a first reading.

“To Appoint Steve Spooner as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2025” had a first reading.

“To Appoint Mark Glassmeyer as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2025” had a first reading.

“To Appoint John Fakes as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2025” had a first reading.

“To Appoint Jon Morgan as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2025” had a first reading.

“To Confirm the Reappointment of Edward J. McTigue as Solicitor for the Village of Mariemont for the Calendar Years 2025 and 2026” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Barb Whitaker as a Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2025” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Kristen Van Scoy as a Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2025 and 2026” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

“To Supplement Ordinance No. O-13-24 Annual Appropriation Ordinance; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second reading. Fiscal Officer Rankin said the last payroll needed to move additional funds into the pool payroll account. As a result, we now need to fund those accounts which were utilized to make the payroll payment. The Ordinance had a third reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-14-24 was adopted.

“To Supplement Ordinance No. O-13-24 Annual Appropriation Ordinance; To Supplement Available Resources; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second reading. Fiscal Officer Rankin said a follow-up to show Hamilton County that we have additional \$125,000 resources for the wading pool project and then therefore appropriate the funds. The Ordinance had a

third reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-15-24 was adopted.

Mr. Van Stone said Rumpke takes small pick-up trucks in the Patriot's Park area. It is believed that Rumpke is not doing the damage, but perhaps Kroger or Amazon trucks. Engineer Ertel said he found some gravel behind the sidewalks. A 1-2' sidewalk could be installed, but the damage appeared to be minor.

Mr. Bartlett asked for the status on the storefront grant. Mr. York said it is a rolling application due August through the end of the year. Mayor Brown and Mr. York will reach out to Mr. Spinnenweber.

Mr. Bartlett said the five-year forecast it included the Old Town parking lot which could utilize Strategic Community Investment Funds. Mr. Yorks said those funds were used for the Pease Brothers grant.

Mr. Bartlett asked for an update on the Boathouse roof. Mr. Ayer said he has been waiting to for the scoring information for months. He will try to reach back out to the Grant Administrator in Columbus.

Mayor Brown said the Kiwanis Arts and Crats Fair had a fantastic turnout and participation.

Mr. York reminded Council of the Patriot Park Volunteer Clean-Up Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer