

**Village of Mariemont
Special Meeting of Council
February 15, 2023**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Present were Mr. Bartlett, Ms. Geldbaugh, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Rankin and Mr. York. Also in attendance was Mrs. Van Pelt, Fiscal Officer Ford, Engineer Ertel and Chuck Barlow.

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

Mayor Brown said he has been made aware of drainage issues at the tennis courts which were not addressed in the bid specifications.

Fiscal Officer Ford said he went to look at the tennis courts to see what it is that needs to be repaired. Part of what is causing the cracks is drainage issues. He agrees that the courts need re-paving, but the drainage problems need to be addressed as well. He suggested looking at it as a whole project rather than just re-paving. He is not opposed to doing the work – he just wants it to be done right. The legislation for JK Meurer does not need to be done on an emergency basis. The last reading will be before the asphalt is available and it will allow them to have the Village on the schedule. We will also need to adjust the Appropriations Ordinance, even if the school contributes to the cost, because the whole amount will need to be budgeted. In addition, he learned that the Police Department has a \$7,000 lease payment for car cameras.

Discussion ensued regarding the drainage issues and ways that it could be addressed and remedied.

Engineer Ertel said JK Meurer is willing to accommodate the Village. Asphalt is not available until mid-April so the repaving will not likely happen until June. Mr. Bartlett noted that since the school will be contributing, he would not want the work done during their season. Engineer Ertel said a survey of the storm sewer needs to be performed. He will need to go look over the area to see if the inlets will take the water to the street drain. We could ask JK Meurer what an efficient way is to address this issue and what would be the cost. It is best to have the contract in place and then add change orders to the contract.

Ms. Geldbaugh left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Council agreed that there should be a written agreement between the Village and the School District. Engineer Ertel will prepare a reciprocal contract.

Fiscal Officer Ford said the changes to the Appropriations Ordinance will be to “4901” to allow an additional \$37,000 for Capital Outlay and an additional \$7,000 for the lease payment for the police in-car cameras.

“To Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Mariemont, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second and third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to invoke the Emergency Clause. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-2-23 was adopted.

“To Accept Bid of J.K. Meurer Corporation for 2023 resurfacing of Four Tennis Courts; To Authorize Contract” had a first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

William A. Brown Mayor

Richard D. Ford, Fiscal Officer

