

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
March 13, 2023**

Mayor Bill Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Brownknight, Ms. Geldbaugh, Mrs. Rankin, and Mr. York.

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Geldbaugh to excuse the absence of Dr. Lewis. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mrs. Brownknight and Mr. Bartlett abstained from accepting the minutes as written, due to their absence, for the Council meeting February 27, 2023. Minutes will be accepted at the next meeting due to lack of quorum to vote.

Communications:

*From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: February 2023 Monthly Report/Spending Request Form for Additional \$1,000 for ATV. Mr. York thanked the department for working at the Bell Tower Park and for getting the signs up. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. York to approve the spending request for an additional \$1,000 for the purchase of the ATV. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

*From Tax Administrator Barlow: February 2023 Monthly Report. He reported that Patty Lenhardt, has begun working in the Tax Department on a part-time basis. She has tax preparation experience and has been working out nicely.

*From Council Member York: Spending Request Forms: Painting of Interior Bath House Swim Pool \$7,000 and Painting of 165 Fire Hydrants \$7,500. Mr. York said money was allocated from the Capital fund for the cost of the painting fire hydrants. There was some concern due to a few of the light poles painted by Static All Pro were failing. Before committing to this vendor, we need to find out why they are failing. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to approve the spending requests and move the fire hydrant painting to the Public Works and Service Committee. Assistant Fire Chief will oversee the painting of the fire hydrants and Superintendent Scherpenberg will contact Static All Pro about the concerns with the light poles. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Permission to Address Council:

Mr. Mike Kintner, 6504 Miami Bluff, was granted permission to address Council. He addressed two issues with the South 80 Parks and Trails. There is too much traffic – Algonquin Road is more of a path than road. While signage has helped, many do not realize they are not to park there unless they are handicapped. If parking is allowed while loading/unloading for gardening – he does not believe that is the case. He has spoken with Mr. Spooner and the belief is that more police presence would be helpful. Parking at the pool lot is underutilized, especially with those who visit from outside of the Village. Flyers may be useful to put under windshields of vehicles. He finds the park to be a tremendous resource for the Village, however he did not see any Centennial plans for the South 80. It is unfortunate that the area is becoming a dumping ground for the Village, be it leaves or stump removal projects. The Village should make a plan on what it wants to do with the area.

Council said the South 80 Parks and Trails Committee could be tasked with these challenges and other issues such as no leash law and construction debris. It would be desirable if the committee let the Village know when they are meeting.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Geldbaugh to pay the bills. It was noted that we are still waiting on the final draft from Kleinger's Group. On roll call: five ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

Mr. York moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to accept the recommendation of the Public Works & Service Committee which met on February 22nd at 3:00 PM to discuss the Building Dept fees. In attendance were the Committee Chairperson Kelly Rankin, Committee Member Rob Bartlett, Mayor Brown, Zoning Administrator Rod Holloway and Fiscal Officer Richard Ford. Village/Tax Administrator Chuck Barlow joined by phone. The revenue the Building Dept. receives from fees currently does not cover the costs of operating the department. Zoning Administrator Holloway provided detailed analysis of the costs vs. the revenue for the Building Dept. which is attached. Based on the information provided by Mr. Holloway, the Committee discussed the current rates and the suggestions presented to enable the department to get closer to break even status. The Committee recommends these revised rates are implemented once the necessary legislation passes. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Miscellaneous:

*Annual Outstanding Citizen Award nominations are due to Mrs. Van Pelt by March 16, 2023

*Arbor Day will be held Friday April 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the Intersection of Wooster Pike and Oak Street.

Resolutions:

"Resolution Creating a New Fund for Opioid Settlements" had a third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Geldbaugh to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-3-23 was adopted.

"Resolution to Update Swimming Pool Fees and to Include Non-Resident Mariemont School District Membership Fees" had a third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Geldbaugh to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-4-23 was adopted.

"Resolution to Update 2023 Season Rates for Garden Plots" had a third reading. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-5-23 was adopted.

"To Confirm the Reappointment of Christopher M. Ertel as Village Engineer for Calendar Years 2023 and 2024; and To Set Compensation" had a third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Geldbaugh to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-6-23 was adopted.

"To Confirm the Reappointment of Elissa Wendler as Part-Time IT Administrator for Calendar Years 2022 and 2023; and To Set Compensation" had a third reading. Ms. Geldbaugh moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-7-23 was adopted.

"A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for Retail Electric Service Provider Through the Center for Local Government Electricity Consortium" had a third reading. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-8-23 was adopted.

“To Authorize Adoption of a Premium Only Insurance Plan” had a third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-9-23 was adopted.

“To Accept Bid of J.K. Meurer Corporation for 2023 Resurfacing of Four Tennis Courts; To Authorize Contract” had a third reading. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-10-23 was adopted.

Ordinances:

“To Delete Sections 150.01 (B)(5) and 151.075(H)(2)(k)(1) of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a third reading. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Ms. Geldbaugh to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-3-23 was adopted.

“To Delete Section 151.075(H)(2)(i) of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Geldbaugh to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-4-23 was adopted.

“To Repeal Ordinance No. O-7-22 Pertaining to Maximum Pay Rates for All Grades of Recreation Employees and To Enact New Legislation Pertaining to Maximum Pay Rates for All Grades of Recreation Employees” had a third reading. Ms. Geldbaugh moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-5-23 was adopted.

“To Amend Ordinance O-29-22 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment for Employees” had a third reading. Ms. Geldbaugh moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-6-23 was adopted.

“To Amend Chapter 78 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances Relative to Traffic Schedules and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second and third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Geldbaugh to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-7-23 was adopted.

Task List Updates:

Mr. York asked that the tennis fees and tennis bids be removed from the Health and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Geldbaugh asked that the benches be removed from the Task List.

Mr. Barlow said he had been in contact with a representative from Altafiber and Duke Energy. Altafiber is to whom we need to be talking. Altafiber and Spectrum have not heard from Duke Energy. Whoever is the last one to move the wires allegedly removes the poles.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Richard D. Ford, Fiscal Officer