

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
February 27, 2023**

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

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

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. York to accept the minutes as written from the Council Meeting February 13, 2023, and Special Meeting of Council February 15, 2023. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Communications:

*From Suzanne Bischoff: Email Dated February 23, 2023, re: MariElders Levy Renewal. Ms. Bischoff said the MariElders Board of Trustees request a renewal of the 1 mill recreational tax levy for the benefit of MariElders Center be placed on the November 2023 ballot.

*Spending Request for Stryker ProCare and Static All Pro. Fiscal Officer Ford the Stryker ProCare is for the Fire Department. The equipment they have through Stryker is very expensive and it is recommended that there be a service agreement because the repair to the equipment could easily exceed the cost of the service agreement. Assistant Fire Chief Copeland said it is to cover the cot loading system and the CPR machines. The cost is \$24,384.80.

Fiscal Officer Ford said there was a spending request for two benches with plaques not to exceed \$6,000. Both of the benches have been sponsored. Mr. York asked to have pictures of the benches posted to the website.

The request for Static All Pro not to exceed \$35,000 included fire hydrants, which is a different amount and a different account code. The fire hydrants are \$7500.00 on top of the \$35,000 and would be charged to fund 4901. The streetlights are allowable in fund 4902. There was some concern with Static All Pro due to the peeling of paint from streetlights painted in 2020-2021. Fiscal Officer Ford suggested removing the name of the vendor and just approving a blanket purchase order. The \$35,000 was approved by Council to do the streetlights out of the Capital Improvements Fund. Discussion ensued regarding the streetlight painting project, including total number needing painting and location of the streetlights. The long-term project is to convert the streetlights to LED and replace the yellow globes. The estimated savings would be \$4,000 per year. Mr. York moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to approve the request with the streetlight request being amended to take off the vendor name. Mr. York will submit a separate request for the fire hydrants. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

*From Fiscal Officer Ford: January 2023 Financial Reports. Fiscal Officer Ford pointed out that the January numbers represent the temporary budget. The permanent budget was adopted in February 2023.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to pay the bills. On roll call: four ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Rankin said she has a report from the Public Works and Service Committee, but it does not have two signatures. It will be placed on the next agenda.

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 12:00 Noon at the Intersection of Wooster Pike and Oak Street. He believes a Red Oak tree will be planted.

Resolutions:

“Resolution Creating a New Fund for Opioid Settlements” had a second reading.

“Resolution to Update Swimming Pool Fees and to Include Non-Resident Mariemont School District Membership Fees” had a second reading.

“Resolution to Update 2023 Season Rates for Garden Plots” had a second reading.

“To Confirm the Reappointment of Christopher M. Ertel as Village Engineer for Calendar Years 2023 and 2024; and To Set Compensation” had a second reading.

“To Confirm the Reappointment of Elissa Wendler as Part-Time IT Administrator for Calendar Years 2022 and 2023; and To Set Compensation” had a second reading.

“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 second reading.

“To Authorize Adoption of a Premium Only Insurance Plan” had a second reading.

“To Accept Bid of J.K. Meurer Corporation for 2023 Resurfacing of Four Tennis Courts; To Authorize Contract” had a second reading. Mayor Brown believes that Engineer Ertel has a meeting set with J.K. Meurer later this week to review the drainage work that needs to be done. If additional work needs to be done, a change order would be signed. We would have that estimate before the next Council.

Ordinances:

“To Delete Sections 150.01 (B)(5) and 151.075(H)(2)(k)(1) of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a second reading. Building Official Holloway said the two ordinances dealing with the recommendations from the Planning and Zoning & Economic Development Committee include removing the provisions that garage doors in certain historical areas need to be 16 paneled doors. It eliminates the specificity of garage doors.

“To Delete Section 151.075(H)(2)(i) of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a second reading. The change can be interpreted as a roof can be replaced on buildings with existing materials in the historical district if it is not part of a grouping that exists today. Dr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to amend both Ordinances to reflect the recommendation was made by the Planning and Zoning & Economic Development Committee, not the Rules and Law Committee. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

“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 second reading.

“To Amend Ordinance O-29-22 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment for Employees” had a second reading.

“To Amend Chapter 79 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances Relative to Traffic Schedules and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mrs. Rankin 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 Ordinance had a second and third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. York to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. York to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-3-23 was adopted. Ms. Geldbaugh said that the Village will pay for the signs in Columbia Township, but it will be up to Columbia Township to maintain them.

Committee Updates:

Ms. Geldbaugh said she and Pool Manager Lockhart finished interviews over the weekend hiring 30 employees, most from the Mariemont area. A contract is written for the Head Swim Coach. One of the Assistant Coaches will be taking on the task of swim lessons. After the third reading of legislation opening up pool memberships to those of the Mariemont School District, each school will include it in their monthly announcements and it will be included in the Town Crier along with introductions to the new Pool Manager and Swim Coach. She and Mr. York will work on the certification classes. 15 of the applicants need to be certified. Mr. Lockhart is working on putting together a class for the certification at a reduced rate. The expectation is if the Village pays for the certification the individual will work the season for the Village. She requested that Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Barlow be given a complete set of keys to the pool.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Richard D. Ford, Fiscal Officer