

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
September 12, 2022**

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

Tax Administrator Barlow completed his 180-day probationary period and it was recommended that he be made a Regular Full-Time Employee with the Village of Mariemont. Mayor Brown said Mr. Barlow was a wonderful choice and it is really working out well. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to make Tax Administrator Barlow a Regular Full-Time Employee with the Village of Mariemont. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Barlow said he loves working for the Village and hopes this will be the job he retires from. The treatment by the residents has been wonderful. He thanked Deanna Darrah, his predecessor, who did an outstanding job leaving the department ready to go.

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. York, to accept the minutes as written for the Council Meeting August 22, 2022. On roll call: five ayes, no nays (Mr. Bartlett abstained due to his absence). Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. York to accept the minutes as written for the Special Meeting of Council August 29, 2022. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Communications:

*From Police Chief Hines: August 2022 Monthly Report. Mr. York commented that the red-light violations are up dramatically. Lt. Pittsley contributed it to the increase of enforcement due to complaints, mostly on Pocahontas.

*From Assistant Fire Chief Copeland: August 2022 Monthly Report. Paramedic Matt Clark said the department is busier than normal with more runs than the same time as last year.

*From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: August 2022 Monthly Report. Mr. York asked how long the department has been lining the soccer fields. Superintendent Scherpenberg said at least 23 years. He said the department will need assistance this fall outsourcing the mowing as leaf collection begins. Mayor Brown referred the matter to the Public Works and Service Committee in addition to looking at arrangements for 2023 as well.

*From Tax Administrator Barlow: August 2022 Monthly Report. He estimates the Village should collect 2.7 million dollars.

*From Cassandra Noertker: Email Dated August 24, 2022 re: Consent Legislation. This refers to the repair work being done to a railroad overpass located on old Redbank Road. A small portion is located in the Village. Mayor Brown assumes that traffic will be maintained.

*From Allison Uhrig: Email Dated September 1, 2022 Re: Batting Cage/Turf Area Invoice. Mayor Brown said there is an overage of \$872.95 from the Council approved expenditure. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to approve the overage expenditure. Ms. Geldbaugh asked if Fiscal Officer Ford was aware of this. Mr. Bartlett said yes – he was copied in the email. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Permission to Address Council:

Mr. Bob Van Stone, 4050 Lytle Woods Drive, was granted permission to address Council. He is here this evening as the Chairperson of the Planning Commission. In the near future, there will be an applicant applying for approval of a planned unit development or PUD. That PUD will be at the site of the former steam plant. The PUD

proposal will be for approximately 19 landminiums on that site. The reason for being here this evening is to inform Council and the residents of Mariemont of this proposed development. The Planning Commission meeting will be the only opportunity for input from Council or residents. He wanted to make sure that everyone is aware of the proposal and the Planning Commission meeting, which is not yet scheduled. The meeting will be scheduled about 2 weeks after the applicant submits a preliminary development plan. That plan will be available for public review and can be obtained from Rod Holloway of the Building Department once the meeting is scheduled. He wanted to make sure that the Council members and residents were aware of this pending proposal and the timeline.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. York noted that the payment to Kate Albert for \$4,000 will be reimbursed by the Mariemont Centennial Committee/MPF. On roll call: six ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

Miscellaneous:

*Beggar's Night will be Monday October 31, 2022

*Frequency of Updates to Task List/Committee Assignments. After discussion, Council agreed the need to address each once a month would continue. Committee Assignments updates will be the first meeting of the month and the Task List updates will happen during the second meeting of the month.

*Target Items for the Committee of the Whole Meeting October 3, 2022. Council will be discussing the Strategic Planning Session. Mr. Mike Hinnenkamp from the Hylant Plan will be presenting an RFP/end result and what the process may look like. There was discussion of obtaining a second quote. Mrs. Brownknight said she will contact Ms. Liz Blume with Xavier University for general information including ballpark cost estimates and approaches to the planning process. The budgetary process and scope still need to be determined. Council needs to determine what the options/priorities are and define the next steps. In tandem, Council can work on the vision/mission statement. Mr. Bartlett said he received the executive summary from Mr. Hinnenkamp which he sent to the other members of the Finance Committee. Mr. Bartlett will forward the summary to the other members of Council, Mayor and Fiscal Officer Ford.

Discussion ensued whether the first cut of the vision/mission statement options should be done at committee level and brought to the Committee of the Whole meeting. Ms. Geldbaugh felt that all of Council should weigh in collectively. Mrs. Brownknight felt the vision/mission statement should be embodied by the Mayor and Council position is to enact that statement. Council will give their input to the Mayor who will work on the statement and bring it to the October 3rd meeting.

Resolutions:

"Resolution to Form a Diversity and Inclusion Committee" had a second reading. It was agreed that that the Committee should be 5 members. Mayor Brown asked Council to submit recommendations.

"Resolution to Confirm Appointment of Members to the Community Reinvestment Council; and To Appoint a Housing Officer" had a second reading.

"To Authorize Consent PID NO. : 110570 County/Route/Section: HAM 50 29 00" had a first reading.

“Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Dr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. York to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second reading. Dr. Lewis said the Tree Board applied for a grant last year and were denied. They reapplied for an \$8,000 matching grant. Barb Whittaker, Mary Beth York and Kristin Van Scoy put many hours into the scope of this grant in respect to tree canopy and water run-off on Rowan Hill. The process of determining where/what trees are to be planted is quite involved. The Resolution had a third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. York to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-34-22 was adopted.

Ordinances:

“An Ordinance Authorizing Application and Contracting with the Ohio Public Works Commission” had a third reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-20-22 was adopted.

“Approval and Granting Consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to Apply, Maintain and Repair Standard Longitudinal Pavement markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways Inside Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Snow and Ice and Use Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways Inside the Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Maintenance and/or Repair on State Highways Inside the Village Corporation” had a third reading. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-21-22 was adopted.

“To Supplement Ordinance No O-12-22 Annual Appropriation Ordinance; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had the second and third readings. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. York to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-22-22 was adopted.

Committee Assignments:

*Health and Recreation: Mr. York said the Dale Park Hillside has for the most part been resolved. There are still issues to be addressed and suggested a line item be added Dale Park/Waldorf Park Plan. He believes we need to engage the community regarding the Village wide benches. He will put together some recommendations and hold a committee meeting. He asked if there was a record of the named benches. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he will look through the permit records.

*Finance: Mr. Bartlett said the website contract needs to be added to the agenda for the Finance Committee. Dr. Lewis said there is a Finance Meeting scheduled for Wednesday with many items not listed under the Finance Committee. Mr. Bartlett said Fiscal Officer Ford wanted to provide an update on the budget. The Finance Committee will not be making any recommendations, it is strictly for informational purposes.

*Safety: Ms. Geldbaugh said she and Chief Hines visited Cherry Lane and Chestnut Street. There had been issues with the signs in front of the church on Cherry Lane which had been removed. Those signs have been put back up. A meeting will be held to discuss the possibility of adding more signage. Cincinnati Pool Management Company has started the process of closing the pool. The chlorine has to burn off before the pool can be drained. At some point she would like Mike Lockhart to come introduce himself in a committee meeting with the Pool Board. Pool Recommendations for 2023 was referred to the Safety Committee.

*Planning and Zoning & Economic Development: Dr. Lewis said she is working with Building Official Holloway on the demolition ordinance. Mr. Geis is still working on economic development in the Village. He is trying to run down the owner of the warehouse in the industrial zone. Tax Administrator Barlow is trying to find who is in charge for the tax bill.

*Public Works: Mrs. Rankin said she needs to set a committee meeting and discuss with Mr. York what the Centennial Committee is working on versus what the Public Works will be working on.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

William A. Brown Mayor

Richard D. Ford, Fiscal Officer