

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
September 26, 2022**

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

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

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight, to accept the minutes as written for the Council Meeting September 12, 2022. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Communications:

*From Building Official Holloway: August 2022 Monthly Report. He sent out supplemental information regarding rental inspections. CMC has yet to respond. It was suggested to hold a meeting with them to discuss the reluctance to set up the rental inspections.

*From Fiscal Officer Ford: August 2022 Financial Reports. Clarification was given on the revenue status report. He indicated that when this was originally budgeted the additional line items, such as, Duke Energy, Farmer's Market etc. did not exist. Next year those lines will be budgeted differently. Mrs. Brownknight asked what is keeping him up at night. Fiscal Officer Ford said nothing specific as he is still learning what is unique to the Village. Nothing is surprising as he has worked with many municipalities, however there will need to be some fine-tuning booking revenues as some were not done correctly in the past, which have now been corrected via the audit. Council thanked him for the one-on-one training sessions which they found very helpful.

*From Council Member York: Mariemont Centennial Committee Update September 21, 2022. He said they are still waiting to hear on state funding. The total project is 2.5 million dollars and today they have received \$632,500 in grant commitments and \$50,000 in individual donations. The next step is to also look at corporate sponsors. He updated Council that there are 112 total streetlights with 109 still needing to be repainted. The cost to "adopt" to paint is approximately \$500. There is still hope that there will be grant money to convert the lights to LED.

Permission to Address Council:

Mr. Bob Van Stone, 4050 Lytle Woods Drive, was granted permission to address Council. As the Chairman of the Planning Commission he announced on October 4, 2022 at 6:00 a public hearing will be held to review an application for a planned unit development (PUD) by Miami Run JV LLC. The PUD will be at the site of the former steam plant and includes a proposal for 19 landominiums. This Planning Commission meeting will be the only opportunity for input from Council members and residents. The meeting has been announced publicly and the submitted plan is available for public review in the Building Department.

Solicitor McTigue said essentially this project has already been approved. What they are doing is changing the form of land ownership. A condominium real estate property which the property sits on is owned by a condominium association. A landominium is owned by the owner through a fee simple estate. His opinion is it is easier for the builder/developers to get financing when it is granted by a fee simple estate.

Mr. Van Stone said his opinion is what will be presented will be reviewed and requests for revisions will be sought. Solicitor McTigue said if people want architectural changes made to the proposed units, he believes the argument will be hard pressed for the Village to ask them to make the changes. It is not a historic district. While

they may not fit the style of Mariemont, they are legally allowed to build the units they are proposing. He reminded everyone of what the property was which was a dilapidated steam plant which caused numerous problems with vandalism, drug usage etc. Mayor Brown noted that the site is isolated from mainstream vantage places in the Village.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. It was noted that the monies for the Kleingers Group and the batting cages will be reimbursed. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

Miscellaneous:

*Mayor Brown announced that the on Friday September 30, 2022 the Mariemont Theatre will be having live jazz concert in the back theatre featuring five different groups. Tickets are now available.

*Committee of the Whole will meet Monday October 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

*Special Meeting of Council will be Monday October 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to hear the ARB appeal

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

Resolutions:

"Resolution to Form a Diversity and Inclusion Committee" had a third reading. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. York to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-35-22 was adopted.

"Resolution to Confirm Appointment of Members to the Community Reinvestment Council; and To Appoint a Housing Officer" had a third reading. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. York to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-36-22 was adopted.

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

"A Resolution Authorizing and Agreement between the Village of Mariemont and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners Relative to the Improvement of Hiawatha" had a first reading.

"To Reappoint Rick Gibson as Mayor's Court Magistrate for Calendar Years 2023 and 2024; To Set Compensation" had a first reading.

"To Confirm the Reappointment of Rod Holloway as Village Zoning Officer for Calendar Years 2023 and 2024; To Set Compensation" had a first reading.

"To Confirm the Reappointment of Edward J. McTigue as Solicitor for the Village of Mariemont for the Calendar Years 2023 and 2024" had a first reading.

"To Reappoint Peter Wren as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2023 and 2024" had a first reading.

Ms. Geldbaugh will check on the reappointment status of Mary Tensing and Eric Marsland.

“To Reappoint Andrew Seger as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Steve Spooner as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Mark Glassmeyer as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Jason Brownknight as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint John Fakes as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Jon Morgan as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Barbara Whittaker as a Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Marcy Lewis as a Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Jason Brownknight as a Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading. It was noted that he was not a voting member. Once confirmed, Mrs. Van Pelt will make the change for the next reading.

“To Reappoint Mary Beth York as a Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2023 and 2024” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Kristin Van Scoy as a Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2023 and 2024” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Margaret Jevic as a Non-Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2023 and 2024” had a first reading. It was noted that she would be a voting member. Once confirmed, Mrs. Van Pelt will make the change for the next reading.

“To Appoint Larry Gray as a Non-Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2023 and 2024” had a first reading.

“To Appoint Bob Faelten as a Non-Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Scott Hamlin to the Audit Committee for the Calendar Years 2023 and 2024” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Stan Bahler to the Audit Committee for the Calendar Years 2023 and 2024” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Lynn Tummler to the Audit Committee for the Calendar Years 2023 and 2024” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

Committee Assignments:

Safety Committee: Ms. Geldbaugh said a Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss traffic concerns on Miami Avenue and Hiawatha Avenue. A representative from the Kleinger’s Group will be in attendance to discuss proposals for Miami Avenue intersection at Hiawatha Avenue for the bike path.

It was agreed to move the matter of hot tubs to the Economic and Zoning & Economic Development Committee.

Task List:

Tree Committee Recommendations: Dr. Lewis said the Tree Board is planning on attending the Council meeting on October 10, 2022 to update Council.

Porche Rallye: It was agreed to delete the from the Task List since the event is over.

Duke Energy Wooden Poles: Ms. Geldbaugh gave a brief update. Spectrum has 2 pole that need to be transferred. Cincinnati Bell needs to get communication equipment from the wood poles to the metal poles. Dr. Lewis does not feel the sufficient way to handle this is to have multiple people making contact. It was discussed to rethink the prior Council strategy. Ms. Geldbaugh said she agrees – when she made the calls it was called to her attention that Duke/Cincinnati Bell was already working with someone from the Village. Mr. York said Council knew it was going to be like this and the thought was not to exhaust one person. He offered to make the next round of calls, but the consensus was to revisit ongoing future strategy.

Park Benches: Mr. York said he was looking for a short-term committee to look into bench options. Time is of the essence as the request has been made to purchase 2 benches this calendar year. Ms. Geldbaugh said she believed the Parks Board and Garden Club could work together. She agreed to take on the matter of the benches and will reach out to both board members. It would eliminate the need for another committee.

Audit Report: Fiscal Officer Ford said he and Mr. Bartlett met with the members of the Audit Committee. A finalized summary was distributed to all of Council prior to the meeting. It was agreed to take off the Task List.

Swim Pool: Ms. Geldbaugh said the Cincinnati Pool Management is done and has been winterized

Chief Hines said during rush hour on Plainville Road it is near impossible to make a left turn onto Wooster Pike which backs traffic up. The worst hours are 7-9 in the morning and 3-6 in the afternoon. Mayor Brown referred the matter to the Safety Committee.

Chief Hines reminded Council of the Ohio Ethics Training Class that will be held in Council Chambers Tuesday November 1, 2022 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Fiscal Officer Ford strongly urged members of Council, committee members and employees to attend. Please RSVP to Ms. Uhrig as soon as possible in case the need to move the venue arises.

Chief Hines informed Council that the road work on Plainville/Madisonville will continue for another 3-4 weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

William A. Brown Mayor

Richard D. Ford, Fiscal Officer