

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
March 24, 2025**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Mr. Ayer, Mr. Bartlett, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Van Stone and Mr. York.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mr. York to approve the minutes as written for the Council meeting March 10, 2025. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Communications:

*From Police Chief Hines: February 2025 Monthly Report. Mr. Ayer commented that in February there were fourteen individuals with suspended driver's licenses whereas in 2024 there were seven all year. Chief Hines said it is hard to gauge the reason for the increase in the past month. March 12, 2024. Fiscal Officer Rankin asked about advertising signs in the Village right-of-way. Chief Hines said they were illegal. Other signs, such as recreational team sign-ups are allowed with the approval of the Mayor. The police will pull up signs that are in violation. An advertising sign of work being done can be placed in a resident's front yard while the work is being performed.

*From Rod Holloway: 2024 Improvement Projects/2025 Improvement Projects. It was discussed that the lighting in the old Town Square needs to be done prior to the paving. It was agreed to refer the matter of the paving to the Public Works Committee until the lighting work was completed.

*From Council Member Bartlett: 2024 Financial Summary. Council will work together to place an article for the Town Crier.

Permission to Address Council:

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mr. Ayer questioned the payment to Hughes & Sons Plumbing for replacement of the shut-off valve at the pool. It was his understanding that it was their fault due to not shutting the water off properly when they closed the pool. Mayor Brown will discuss the matter with Superintendent James. Mr. Van Stone said the bill for Terracon states inadvertent discovery plan for Dogwood Sidewalk Project. Mayor Brown will have Ms. Uhrig pull the invoice for an explanation. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to pay the bills. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

Miscellaneous:

Resolutions:

"To Confirm the Reappointment of Michael Lockhart as Swim Pool Manager for Calendar Years 2024 and 2025; and to Set Compensation" had a third reading. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-25-25 was adopted.

"To Set Forth Building Fee Schedule to be Utilized by the Village of Mariemont Building Department" had a third reading. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-26-25 was adopted.

“A Resolution to Create a Tax Incentive Council and Confirm the Appointment of Members” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

“To Repeal Ordinance No. O-3-24 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” had a third reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-6-25 was adopted.

Dr. Lewis will provide details for the upcoming Special Council meeting with Envision so the notice can be posted.

The SORTA Grant Street Plan was referred to the Public Works Committee.

The Waste & Recycling Bid with Center for the Local Government was referred to the Public Works & Service Committee.

Mr. York asked about process of issuing permits for work done in the Village right-of-way. Many times the project is left in disrepair and can cause injury, besides being unsightly. Mayor Brown is working with Engineer Ertel on addressing the issues throughout the Village.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer