Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
July 7, 2025

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Mr. Ayer, Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Brownknight, Mr. Van Stone and Mr. York.

Minutes:

Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to approve the minutes as written for the Council meeting June 9, 2025, with two minor scrivener errors as given to Mrs. Van Pelt by Mr. Bartlett. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to pay the bills. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

Health and Recreation Committee

The Health & Recreation Committee met on Wednesday July 2nd at 5:00pm in Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Health & Recreation Committee members Randy York (Chair) and Matthew Ayer (Member), and Susan Brownknight (Member). Also in attendance were Mayor Brown, Village Engineer Chris Ertel, Fiscal Officer Kelly Rankin, Zoning Officer Rod Holloway, and Jim Goetz.

The purpose of the committee meeting was to:

1. Review bids for the baseball fields and athletic fields at Dogwood Park
2. Review bids for the pickleball courts
3. Review Park Bench Program
4. Review of Park Board requests

The committee unanimously agreed to:

1. Accept the bid from John P. Tumlin & Sons for the replacement of the baseball fields and related athletic field work at the Bell Tower pending confirmation of completion by Tumlin of a similar scope project over the past 5 years with acceptable references. If Tumlin does not meet the criteria the bid from All Team Sports will be accepted pending confirmation of the same criteria. Bid comparison details are attached.
2. Accept the bid from JK Meuer the installation of pickleball courts and the court repair and color coating for courts 5 and 6. The current bid includes court 7. Court 7 will be removed from the scope of work and the bid will be accepted if it falls below the $150,107.74 available for the project.
3. Request that the Mayor work with the Maintenance Department on the priority park follow-up tasks as identified by the Park Board on an on-going basis. The task list is attached.
4. Approve and implement the Park Bench program. Park Bench program documents are attached. The Committee further recommends that a line item be created in UAN to track donations and expenses related to the Park Bench donation program.

Mayor Brown described his assignment of Zoning Officer Holloway to serve as Project Manager for the Dogwood Park Renovation Project.

Mr. Ayer & Mayor Brown pointed out that the $10,000 contingency is in the Contractor agreement, but the Village should anticipate a higher total contingency for the project, typically 10 percent or more of total project cost.

The committee also recommends that spending outside of the scope of the Dogwood Park Rehabilitation project, under the discretion of the mayor, be classified as deferred maintenance and be assigned as a service department maintenance expense and not be debited to the Dogwood Park fund. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Mr. York indicated the report will need to be amended regarding item #2 and did not read it in its entirety. Discussion ensued regarding the construction of the pickleball courts which resulted in questions that need further clarification from Engineer Ertel. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to table #2 of the report until the Council meeting July 14, 2025. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Discussion about item #1 clarified that if Tumlin does not meet the criteria as outlined, the bid from All Team Sports would be accepted pending confirmation of the same criteria. That determination will be made by Engineer Ertel. A resolution to enter into contract should be prepared for the next Council meeting.

The Park Bench Program was discussed. Mr. York said a donation program/guideline and process was developed with the donation cost being $4375.00. After Council discussion, Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to amend the report item #4 to read: "Approve and implement the Park Bench Program. Program details attached. The Committee further recommends that the Fiscal Officer develop a process to attract/account for celebration/memorials items, such as, but not limited to, park benches, streetlights and trees." On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to accept the amended report. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. York reiterated that the maintenance of the Rehabilitation Project should be assigned and completed by the Village Service Department. He thanked those who worked hard to get this accomplished so the grass can be planted and the ball fields open for spring.

Public Works and Service Committee

The Public Works & Service Committee met on June 18, 2025, at 5:05 PM. In attendance were the Committee Chairperson Bob Van Stone, Committee Members Randy York and Rob Bartlett, Mayor Bill Brown, Fiscal Officer Kelly Rankin, and Village Engineer Chris Ertel.

Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. York to table the first item regarding street rehabilitation work pending additional information on the approval of the Small Government grant. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The second item was approval of the extension of the trash and recycling contract option with Rumpke for 2026. The option is a 4% increase relative to the 2025 cost. The 2026 option cost is $357,920. Mr. Bartlett moved to approve the 2026 option. The motion was approved unanimously. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to accept the amended report. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

<u>Miscellaneous:</u>

* Mayor Brown thanked all those who helped distribute and place the flags around the Village for the 4th of July. The fireworks were excellent this year and thanked Mariemont Preservation Foundation for their generous donation.

<u>Resolutions:</u>

"Adopting the Budget; and To Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mr. York to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second and third reading. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. <u>Resolution No. R-35-25 was adopted.</u>

Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to table "Supplemental Appropriations; and To Declare Emergency". On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to table "To Accept the Bid of J. K. Meurer Corporation for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project; and To Declare Emergency". On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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William A. Brown, Mayor

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Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer