

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
October 27, 2025**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present was Mr. Ayer, Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Brownknight, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Van Stone, and Mr. York.

Minutes:

Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to approve the minutes as written for the Council Meeting October 13, 2025. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Communications:

*From Police Chief Hines: September 2025 Monthly Report. Mrs. Brownknight extended her personal thank you to the Police and Fire Departments for their response to her residence with a gas oven explosion. She was very grateful for their help and concern.

*From Building Holloway: September 2025 Monthly Report. It was a busy month for rental inspections. He estimates by the end of the month the total inspections will reach 200.

Permission to Address Council:

Ms. Erin Rothfuss, Director of MariElders, was granted permission to address Council. She invited the community to their Open House that will be held on Tuesday November 4, 2025, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. MariElders is celebrating 48 years of providing senior services to those 55 and older such as rides, resources for various services such as finding a handyman etc. They also provide educational classes. In addition, they have a variety of medical items (walkers, knee scooter etc.) that can be lent out as needed.

Ms. Mandi Beecroft, Mariemont Public Library, was granted permission to address Council. She updated that all the construction work is on schedule and the plan is to open in December. Next year, election voting should be held at the library.

Ms. Abby Cuyler was granted permission to address Council. She works for C4Health, an environmental and climate health center, at the University of Cincinnati. They are currently conducting surveys focused on the environmental and climate health status, perspectives and behaviors of those who are at least 18 years old and live in the Greater Cincinnati area. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Those who participate will be emailed a \$10.00 Amazon gift card. She will be available after the meeting for those interested in completing the survey.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Engineer Ertel said the first two payments were submitted and combined as one request. He estimates \$79,000 should be reimbursed back to the Village for the Dogwood Park Project. To get the full \$500,000 grant the Village needs to spend as much as much as was put in the original estimate.

He reported that the work at the Old Town Center is underway. The Village will be saving money by using blacktop versus concrete.

Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to pay the bills. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

Health & Recreation Committee

Council followed up with discussion from the October 27, 2025, meeting regarding the Tennis Pro's contract. Solicitor McTigue has reviewed the contract and found everything in order. Mayor Brown said he talked with the Tennis

Pro, David Russell, who agreed to a two-year term, versus the Board's recommendation of three years. The legislation will be introduced for the first reading at the next Council meeting.

Miscellaneous:

*Leaf Collection will end December 2025. Please do not rake leaves into the street. There will be three trucks running the route this year. There will not be outside temporary contractors to help this year.

*Beggar's Night will be Friday October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Permanent Improvement Meeting will be held on Monday November 24, 2025, at 5:45 with the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting beginning immediately upon its conclusion.

*Village Offices will be Closed Thursday November 27, 2025, and Friday November 28, 2025, in Observation of Thanksgiving.

*The December Council Meeting will be held on Monday December 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

*Mayor Brown referred to the Safety Committee Security Camera Requests – Determine the need for a holistic and comprehensive solution across the Village.

*Mayor Brown referred to the Public Works Committee the Waste/Recycling RFP bid with the Center for Local Government.

Mr. York said two years ago presentation was made to the Cincinnati Business Committee for the State Appropriations. It is coming up again for this year. We need to decide if (1) if we want to do and (2) what do we want to do. They give a two-week window to turn in the request. We need to decide if there is a project in the Village that is worthy of state appropriations. He suggested the proposed Concourse updates that the Parks Board is working on. Mrs. Brown knight suggested projects that are more directly related to the criteria.

Resolutions:

"To Confirm the Reappointment of Michael Lockhart as Swim Pool Manager for Calendar Years 2026 and 2027; and to Set Compensation" had a third reading. Dr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-51-25 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Andrew Seger as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2026" had a third reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-52-25 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Steve Spooner as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2026" had a third reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-53-25 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Mark Glassmeyer as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2026" had a third reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-54-25 was adopted.

"To Reappoint John Fakes as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2026" had a third reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-55-25 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Jon Morgan as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2026" had a third reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-56-25 was adopted.

“To Reappoint Barb Whittaker as a Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2026” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Larry Gray as a Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Marianne Prue as a Non-Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2026” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Dave Middleton as Non-Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Scott Remer as a Non-Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Steve Pipkin as a Non-Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Appoint John Scholtz as a Non-Voting Member of the Tree Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2025 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Mike Sunderman as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Tom Eckardt as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint John McIlwrath as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Greg Wells as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 227” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Tina Getter as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Douglas Zemke as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Brad Lockhart as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Hilary Lepa as A member of the Mariemont Racquet Club Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Linda S. Bartlett as a Member of the Mariemont Racquet Club Board for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Kim Beach as a Member of the Mariemont Racquet Club Board for the Calendar Year 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Matt Tripepi as a Member of the Mariemont Raquet Club Board for the Calendar Year 2026” had a first reading.

“A Resolution Authorizing Application and Contracting with the Ohio Public Works Commission” had a third reading. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-57-25 was adopted.

“To Increase the Tennis Fees for the 2026 Season” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer