

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
November 24, 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. Van Stone moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to approve the minutes as written for the Council Meeting November 10, 2025. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Communications:

*From Building Official Holloway: Service Department Workload Planning. Service Superintendent James said this software would help to improve the efficiency and effectiveness with workload planning for the department. The Building Department works with similar software. This would include a resident module which will help manage work orders by location and includes a map feature. They can communicate with residents directly through this software. The app would be installed on all the employees' phones in the Service Department. He would be monitoring the software and assigning the requests through the app. Mayor Brown said he would also like to have the app on his phone so he was aware where in the Village the crew was working. It comes with a one-year commitment (more expensive) or three-year plan (less expensive per year). They have not asked for bids from other companies but have benchmarked and discussed what other municipalities are using. Mr. Holloway said he would be sort of a coach to the Service Department to get it up and running since it mimics the software used in the Building Department. Training is included in the upfront cost. It will allocate and track the time being utilized by the department. Data will have to be imported on what needs to be done – this will alert us when it needs to be done. It was requested and assigned to Mr. Holloway to get more bids and Council will then continue the discussion at the next Council meeting.

Permission to Address Council:

Ms. Mandi Beecroft, Manager Mariemont Branch Library, was granted permission to address Council. She said it is still hopeful that the library will reopen by the end of the year or early 2026.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mr. Bartlett asked if the payment for half of the cost of the striping for the parking lot will go back into the Permanent Improvement Fund. Mayor Brown said he is still in discussion with the Waldorf School.

Mr. Bartlett said that at the one-year mark Council was to be updated on the benefits of the Flock Camera Program. Chief Hines said the program is not fully up and operational yet with all six cameras. It should be 100% operational soon, but we have seen benefits from it by recovering some of stolen vehicles.

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

Committee Reports:

Health & Recreation Committee

The Health & Recreation Committee met on Wednesday November 19th at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Health & Recreation Committee members Randy York (Chair), Matthew Ayer (Member), and Mayor Bill Brown.

The purpose of the committee meeting was to:

1. Review the Village needs and select a project, if appropriate, for an application to the Hamilton County Budget Prioritization Task Force for community project funding for the FY2027/FY2028 Ohio Capital Budget. Ohio capital budget requests are a biennial process. The Village was successful in securing \$98,000 for Dogwood Park during the FY2025/FT2026 budget process.

The Committee unanimously agreed:

1. Preparing and submitting an application is in the best interest of the Village.
2. The Committee recommends that Ann Buntin Becker Park be the project that is featured in the application. This project is preferred by the Mariemont Park Advisory Board, the necessary information is available for this project, and this project has features that may be attractive for Capital Funding.
3. Request that Solicitor McTigue prepare the necessary resolution to apply for the grant and that this resolution be voted on as an emergency at the November 24th Village Council meeting. Application is due on December 10th. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to accept the recommendation of the Health and Recreation Committee. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Miscellaneous:

*Leaf Collection will end in December 2025. Please do not rake leaves into the street. There has been a significant drop in leaves. He believes the Service Department has done the best possible job they can do to collect leaves in a timely fashion. He asks for patience as it is a time-consuming job. We have three trucks and limited personnel. We are very fortunate to have the service in the Village.

*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.

*Village Offices will be Closed Wednesday December 24, 2025, and Thursday December 25, 2025, in Observation of Christmas.

*Village Offices will be Closed Thursday January 1, 2026, in Observation of New Year's Day

Resolutions:

"To Reappoint Matt Tripepi as a Member of the Mariemont Raquet Club Board for the Calendar Year 2026" had a third reading. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-76-25 was adopted.

"To Confirm the Reappointment of David Russell as the Mariemont Racquet Club Board Professional and To Authorize Contract" had a second reading.

"To Reappoint Brian Kelly as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years of 2026 and 2027" had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Tim Wiley as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years of 2026 and 2027” had a first reading.

“To Reappoint Tom Gilmore as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years of 2026 and 2027” had a first reading.

“To Increase the Racquet Sport Fees for the 2026 Season” had a third reading. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution R-77-25 was adopted.

“Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute and File Application with the Hamilton County Budget Prioritization Task Force for Community Project Funding from the FY2027/FY2028 Ohio Capital Budget; To Apply for Financial Assistance in Connection with the Ann Buntin Becker Park Project; and To Declare Emergency. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second and third reading. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. York to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to invoke the emergency Clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution R-78-25 was adopted.

“Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute and File Application with the Hamilton County Community Development Countywide Façade Improvement Program for Financial Assistance in Connection with the Old Town Center Business District; and to Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight 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. Mr. York talked with the owners and business owners and all are supportive of this program. The Resolution had a third reading. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. York to invoke the emergency Clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-79-25 was adopted.

Ordinances:

“To Amend O-5-24 Mariemont Racquet Club Board; and To Increase Board Members from Five to Seven” had a second reading.

“To Amend Section 37.03 Parks Advisory Board of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a second reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer