

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
February 23, 2026**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present was Mr. Ayer, Mrs. Brownknight, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Stock, Mr. Van Stone, and Mrs. Wells.

Ms. Sarah Hartkemeir, Chairperson for the American 205! Project for the Mariemont DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Chapter, gifted to the Village of Mariemont a State of Ohio flag that celebrates our nation's 250th anniversary. The chapter will present various communities with a flag and choose Mariemont to be the first one to receive it. She introduced other members that were in attendance for the presentation – Sherri Smithson, Treasurer; Debbie Himmel- Chaplain; Diane Sabo, Member and Mariemont resident.

Minutes:

Mrs. Stock moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to approve the minutes as written for February 9, 2026. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Communications:

Rod Holloway, Building Official, gave an update on the work at Dogwood Park. The initial work began late spring 2025 cleaning the perimeter of the ballpark. Team All Sports has been onsite since August 2025. He is hopeful they will be able to start work back up after the winter weather delays. The baseball field project came under budget allowing for change orders to add the loop trail. Contract value is approximately \$637,000. The next priority is to work on the Tot Lot. A bid package has been prepared, sent out with bids received. In the interim, analysis of what the available budget is indicates that it could not be completed as originally planned. The plan will need to be modified or supplemental money (\$150,000-\$200,000) will need to be made available. He will provide Council with a written project update and summary of revenue/expenses. Mayor Brown said next steps and recommendations will be discussed in an upcoming Health & Recreation Committee meeting.

Permission to Address Council:

Pay the Bills:

Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to pay the bills. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

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Miscellaneous:

*Nominations for Outstanding Citizen of the Year are due to Mrs. Van Pelt by March 10, 2026.

*Mayor Brown moved the discretionary spending from Rules & Law Committee to the Finance Committee.

*Mayor Brown said work has begun at the Concourse and asked residents to please stay out of the area as there is debris, nails etc.

Resolutions:

“To Confirm the Reappointment of Christopher M. Ertel as Village Engineer for Calendar Year 2026; and To Set Compensation” had a second reading.

“To Confirm the Reappointment of Village Zoning Officer Rod Holloway for Calendar Year 2026; and to Set Compensation” had a second reading.

“To Confirm the Reappointment of Kelly I. Rankin as Village Fiscal Officer; and To Establish Pay Rate” had a second reading.

“To Appoint Maggie Kenner as a Member of the Pool Commission for Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“To Appoint Richard L. Kay as a Member of the Pool Commission for Calendar Years 2026 and 2027” had a second reading.

“Resolution Adopting Cybersecurity Policy for Village” had a second reading.

“Resolution Transferring Balance of Funds in Wading Pool Project Fund to Permanent Improvement Fund” had a first reading.

“To Appoint William Brown as a Member of Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for the Calendar Year 2026; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. 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. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mrs. Stock to invoke the Emergency Clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-6-26 was adopted.

“To Reappoint Robert Van Stone as a Member of Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for the Calendar Year 2026; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. 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. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mrs. Stock to invoke the Emergency Clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-7-26 was adopted.

“To Reappoint Chad Osgood as a Member of Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Dr. Lewis 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. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Stock moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to invoke the Emergency Clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-8-26 was adopted.

“To Reappoint Charlie Thomas as a Member of Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Dr. Lewis 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. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Stock moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to invoke the Emergency Clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-9-26 was adopted.

“To Reappoint Lisa Wharton as a Member of Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Dr. Lewis 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. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Stock moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to invoke the Emergency Clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-10-26 was adopted.

“To Reappoint Rod Holloway as Housing Officer for the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Dr. Lewis 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. Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Stock moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to invoke the Emergency Clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-11-26 was adopted.

“To Appoint Greg Long as a Member of Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for the Calendar Years 2026 and 2027; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone 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. Ayer to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to invoke the Emergency Clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-12-26 was adopted.

Ordinances:

“To Repeal Ordinance No. O-6-25 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 Employees” had a second reading.

“To Amend Ordinance O-9-25 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment for Employees” had a second reading.

Mayor Brown said if he received new information regarding the theatre, he would have it posted on the website and an email sent to the Group Distribution List. He reminded everyone of the event “A Night for the Theatre” March 10th 5-7p.m in the lobby of the Mariemont Inn. He encouraged everyone to attend to support the theatre.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer