

**Village of Mariemont
Tax Budget Hearing
June 22, 2026**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present was Mr. Ayer, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Stock, Mr. Van Stone and Mrs. Wells.

Fiscal Officer Rankin said the purpose of the meeting was to justify the levy needs to the Hamilton County Auditor. It shows how we receive funds and how the funds will be spent. It is important to know this is not the final budget for 2027. We will have a better understanding of year end balances at actual year end. She distributed to Council prior to the meeting a financial worksheet outlining all of the funds.

She used prior year numbers to forecast for 2027. Any red flags or unusual expenditures/revenues are factored in. She noted the end of year balance for the General Fund was impacted by the tax refund close to half a million dollars. She explained her process of investing cash into the Star Account to take advantage of earning interest.

Council requested a forecast of what the anticipated costs will be for 2026. Fiscal Officer Rankins said she could put together a report. The Finance Committee is working on historical trends of the various income sources and expenses. It would be helpful to examine the first half expenditures for the year to see where we are.

Fiscal Officer Rankin will submit the paperwork to the Hamilton County Auditor for certification.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer