

TO: Village Council and Mayor Brown  
FROM: Finance Committee, Rob Bartlett - Chair  
RE: Court Fees for Mayor's Court Computer Fund  
DATE: March 31, 2021

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The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 3:00 pm via video to discuss the purchase of new software for Mayor's Court. Present at the meeting were Finance Committee members Rob Bartlett, Kelly Rankin and Joe Stelzer, Mayor Bill Brown, Police Chief Rick Hines, and Robin Kemp who is Clerk of Courts for Amberley Village.

The Finance Committee met to discuss the possibility of implementing court fees that would support computerizing the Mayor's Court. Per Ohio Revised Code, municipalities can charge court fees of up to \$13 that would go to a Mayor's Court Computer Fund. Up to \$3 can be used to computerize operations of the Mayor's court, and up to \$10 can be used to computerize the office of the clerk of courts. These funds could be used to help pay for the new Mayor's Court software by Baldwin Group, Inc. that council approved at the March 22, 2021 council meeting.

Mariemont already has a Mayor's Court Computer Fund and we are already collecting \$10 in court fees that go to this fund. Legislation will need to be drawn up to increase this fee to \$13.

The Finance Committee recommends that council approve having the Village Solicitor draw up the necessary legislation to increase the court fees for computerizing the Mayor's Court to \$13 for Council's approval. These fees would go to the Mayor's Court Computer Fund, along with the expenses for the new Mayor's Court software.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rob Bartlett, Chairman

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Kelly Rankin, Vice-Chairman

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Joe Stelzer, Member