

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL  
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO  
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER  
JANUARY 25, 2010**

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Black, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scheeser, Ms Sullivan and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Wolter moved seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the minutes as written for January 11, 2010. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: December 2009 Monthly Report/2009 Annual Report. Mr. Black questioned the amount of sick time used and wanted to know if that amount of off time was normal. Superintendent Scherpenberg said one employee hurt his back and was off for a period of time. Mayor Policastro complimented the Maintenance Department on the last snow storm and the good job everyone did clearing the snow.

From Building Commissioner Malone: December 2009 Monthly Report/2009 Annual Report

From Tax Administrator Judd: December 2009 Monthly Report/2009 Annual Report

From Treasurer Borgerding: December 2009 Monthly Report/2009 Annual Report. He said receipts are up due to the \$80,000 the Village received in 2009 as reimbursement from the storm damage from 2008. The net deficit the Village is looking at is \$320,000. Clerk Tontillo said it is consistent with the messaging done prior to the holidays. We are pretty much where he thought the Village would be and puts us in 2010 where it was expected. He thanked Treasurer Borgerding for all the time and effort he put into his annual report. It is a ton of record keeping and follow-up work at the end of the year. It helps him when he has to file the State required year end report.

From Administration Office: MTD/YTD Expense Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009

From Chief Hines: Memo dated January 8, 2010 re: Donation to the Police Department

From MariElders: Monthly Recap December 2009

From Mariemont Preservation Foundation: Meeting Minutes December 3, 2009/Meeting Agenda January 28, 2010

From Hamilton County Municipal League: Meeting Notice Wednesday January 27, 2010. Mr. Wolter said for the new Council members he found the meetings to be very enlightening to learn of opportunities for cooperation between municipalities and acquisition of materials. He got an insight to how State and Federal financing works. Mr. Miller said he should be able to make the meeting.

From Duke Energy: 15% Electric Discount. Mayor Policastro said this looks like a good idea but it is time sensitive. It provides a 15% discount on electric. Mr. Andrews asked if this would fix us in at the higher rate should the rate go lower. Mayor Policastro said he does not foresee the rate being reduced. Mr. Schesser asked if this would only apply to the account at the pool. Mayor Policastro said it would apply to all the Village accounts. He has been calling a lot of companies and he believes this will produce a savings to the Village. When checking with other companies they were not always able to give us cost cutting rates. This is a guaranteed 15% discount. Mr. Andrews asked if it fixes the Village into a locked rate until 2012 and the rates go down will we be stuck. Mayor Policastro said it is a chance we need to take but he does not foresee that. Mr. Scheeser sees this as a 15% reduction from their rate. It is not a fixed rate; it is a fixed percentage. Council gave their approval to move forward. Clerk Tontillo will try to get numbers together on an approximate savings.

From Edward Brown: Letter dated January 14, 2010 re: Safety Concerns. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Safety Committee. Mr. Wolter said he had spoken with Mr. Brown and he believes he has some merit for his concerns.

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Settlement Ending December 2009

From Mayor Policastro: Copy of Grants Fund Historic Preservation Projects in Seven Communities Article from Ohio Historic Preservation Office Website. He received this information from Eric Marsland of the Parks Board. The Village had some money earmarked in the budget last year to put a nice patio in front of the Boathouse and a wall up against the hillside but we had to pull back due to the deficit. This could be the vehicle to get that project done. We are going to put some information together to get estimates sent in to see if the Village can get any money. He thanked the Parks Board for bringing this to his attention.

From Doug Adams: Letter dated January 21, 2010 re: Traffic Light at Wooster Pike and Pocahontas. Mayor Policastro thanked Mr. Adams and Mr. Mahorney for bringing this to Council's attention. We tried to get this turn lane in 5 or 6 years ago and were shut down by the State. He talked to our State Representative, Ron Maag, who has indicated that he is for this proposal and he will help us. He was going to refer the matter to the Safety Committee but instead he will take on the issue because if we can get Mr. Maag to support us we should get better results.

Mr. Doug Adams, 6928 Miami Bluff, was granted permission to address Council. Mr. Adams thanked the Mayor and Council for looking into this issue. On January 15, 2010 he witnessed the accident with the Mahorney kids. We are very fortunate that three kids did not die in the accident. The car was perfectly t-boned by a car running a red light. It is the second accident involving teens in the last three months. We really need to do something about the intersection. Every single morning children and adults make that turn against 1000 oncoming cars which are heading downtown between 7:15

and 7:45. It is a game of chicken. We are having kids that have less than two years of driving experience drive against that kind of traffic. In 2003 the Safety Committee took a look at the intersection. At the time he was the Chairman of the Safety Committee. It was presented to the State which kicked it back to the Village stating that they needed a traffic study. The Village spent \$5,000-\$10,000 on a traffic study only to be told that the Village cannot do this because it is not necessary. The traffic study contractor said left turn signals are not necessary or beneficial when turn lanes are not present. ODOT said a turn arrow would not be beneficial without proper turn storage lanes on U.S. 50. We missed that opportunity back in 2003. Logistically when you go into that part of the road you merge into one lane anyway. It is a natural merge to keep it at one lane through the rest of the Village. This would also give the opportunity to turn on Petoskey and Pocahontas. In speaking with some other residents when making the right hand turn onto Indianview there are close call accidents due to people slowing down trying to turn and people trying to pass. By taking this action now we should be able to address that. He does not know how the State could legally turn us down especially when taking into account children's lives. He appreciates the Mayor taking on this task. He spoke with State Representative Peter Stautberg who represents Terrace Park who is also in favor of this. Mr. Stautberg is going to meet with Representative Maag tomorrow. The quicker we can get this done the quicker our kids will be protected now and generations to come.

Mr. David Zack, 6946 Nolen Circle, was granted permission to address Council. He is the President of MPF and he wanted to share with Council the progress that has been made on the vision plan. In 2009 the Village passed a Resolution of support for the endeavor. The vision plan is a roadmap and guide for future development in the Village. They turned to the residents and organizations within the Village and requested their input. To date they have met with 15 organizations and approximately 130 individuals. Some of the content they received revolved around issues in the Village such as: Old Town Center, the tax base, maintaining the quality of the schools, maintaining the beauty of the Village, preserving the architecture, deterioration in the Old Town Center and high taxes. Other input included what can be done to improve the planned Village. A lot of people said to look into modifying the current plan from John Nolen as long as they are within guidelines that everyone agrees to. They also received many comments about adding gateway signs at the entry points to the Village. They posed the question what can be done to improve the quality of life in Mariemont. Responses included: bothersome traffic noise, conduct more community events and the vacated site on the Square where the Village Kitchen used to be. When asked what makes Mariemont special the responses included the walk ability and the quality of the schools. MPF broke down the input they received and came up with 22 goals and themes they are going to branch out and expand on in the vision plan. The topic areas for focus are: architecture, community events, public safety and recreation. The plan is to rank those by priority and gain additional input from other organizations and Village officials. They will then begin the process of writing and submitting grant applications. The timeframe for that to be ready to share with the public is the end of the year. The Committee also includes Millard Rogers, Don Keyes and Frank Raeon.

Mr. John Swisher, 6624 Wooster Pike, was granted permission to address Council. He said he has lived in the Village since 1971. In Patriot Lane he finds people catering to Rumpke by putting their garbage out at the street and into the lane. He puts his garbage out behind his garage. He almost always has to call because it does not get picked up. He distributed pictures of garbage cans lying around and ruts made by the Rumpke trucks. The houses in the area do not have back yards but instead have the park. With the cans lying around it looks junky. People have their vans in the park which makes it hard when the area is mowed. Additionally, two years ago they had a problem with Rumpke driving the trucks up on the grass which causes ruts along the curb. When the ruts start mud spills over into the street. It becomes a mess and people cannot walk in the area. Rumpke drivers drive recklessly through the area because it is the easiest way to get the garbage. He called the office last week and talked with Mrs. Singleton who told him it would be fixed and the ruts would be repaired. He came home today and the ruts were worse. He never had this kind of problem with Anderson Waste. Just adding dirt and seeding to the ruts is not the answer. The area needs to be sodded. He is not the only resident in the area upset.

Mayor Policastro asked if people don't want the Rumpke workers in their yard or if they have dogs and that is the reason they bring the garbage out to the curb and the park area. Mr. Swisher said he did not know of any dogs that are kept out there. Most of the neighbors are not original residents. Those residents do keep their garbage at the back of their house. Mayor Policastro said when the Public Works Committee recommends that we go out for bid we need to really stress these issues.

Ms. Sullivan said there are a lot of things we need to talk about regarding the trash. There has been a lot of talk on how we might be able to help our expenses by looking at the trash contract and making some changes. She believes it would be best to do it all in one big swoop by sitting down with Rumpke and see if they want to work with us. Mayor Policastro said it would need to be in the specifications that only toters would be used in the Patriots Lane area. Mr. Swisher said it was his understanding that Rumpke was supposed to be using a smaller truck. Ms. Sullivan said she believes we have told Rumpke twice about this situation so it is not new information we are imparting on them. Mr. Swisher said the important thing is that the clean-up needs to be done in such a way that it is not an inconvenience to the residents. Mayor Policastro said if he remembers correctly they sent a surcharge which he refused to pay after sending them a bill for work the Village did for repairs. He instructed the Police Chief to make sure that an officer is sent to the area making sure that the garbage can lids are sealed. We are going to have to educate, warn and at last resort cite the residents in the area because it is against the code.

Ms. Jenny Ferguson, 2 Emery Lane, was granted permission to address Council. She said she still has some unanswered questions regarding the proposed police/fire chief position. She quoted from the minutes of the last Council meeting that she "asked if there was a job description or if anyone has created any kind of meaningful structure surrounding this new position for the Village. Mayor Policastro said the Safety Committee of Council would put together the job description". She attended the Safety Committee meeting last Thursday evening expecting to hear more about the job description. As the meeting came to a close and nothing other than salary levels had been discussed, she inquired again about the particulars of the job being described as police/fire chief. The Mayor indicated that this could not be discussed at that meeting. Now she is thoroughly confused. Who can tell her and the rest of the Village of Mariemont exactly what the job description is? Currently the Mariemont Fire Department for Fire Chief requires that: (1) The Fire Chief "be able to perform at every level of the fire service from basic structural firefighting to command a major incident". (2) The Fire Chief "is in command at all emergencies the fire department is summoned to". (3) The Fire Chief "exercises good judgment and possess complete knowledge of fire prevention criteria, standards and regulations, as well as firefighting principles and tactics". (4) The Fire Chief "must possess a valid Ohio Paramedic card". As she understands it, the 36 hours of fire education that the Village will fund for Chief Hines will qualify him to act as a Fire Chief according to the State's minimum requirements, but not according to Mariemont's current requirements. Is it Council's intention to diminish the requirements? Per the Mayor's proposed plan, will Chief Hines be filling the existing Fire Chief's position or is the proposal to create a new Safety Director position? If Chief Hines is appointed to fill the open position of Fire Chief, but is untrained as a firefighter, then how would

he meet the requirements of the current job description for Fire Chief? She appreciates that Council is considering more cost-effective ways of running our Village, but she is concerned that there is nothing concrete or demonstrable associated with the current proposal. What would the real cost savings be? Rethinking the structure of the Fire/Police Chief may be a worthwhile undertaking, and in fact, net real savings for the Village. However, it concerns her that the Mayor's proposal could put the safety of our residents, homes and businesses at risk with no proven savings. Is anyone here really an expert when it comes to determining Mariemont's safety needs? At the very least when considering a change as great as the one proposed, shouldn't Council consult with an unbiased expert to determine what is safe and reasonable? No amount of possible savings is worth sacrificing our Village's safety. She urges Council to take charge of this process and our Village. Withstand pressure to support choices that have far-reaching and potentially detrimental effects and base each decision you make on what is in the best interest of our Village, letting neither animosity nor personal attachment influence your judgment.

Mayor Policastro said he and the Safety Committee will put together what is expected of the new chief.

Mr. Andrews said he personally views this decision as a very important decision which he sees as actually two decisions. The first decision is should we have a combined fire/police chief or should we have both a fire and police chief. The second decision is who should fill the role of the first decision. He has given it a great deal of thought and he believes there are some ideas formulating now that will allow Council to take this request of the Mayor's to consider a combined fire/police chief and put some structure around a process. Council needs to think through the process very thoroughly to make a good decision.

Mr. Wolter said he has had long conversations with all the Council members and he feels that is the way it is preceding. We see the need for some consensus on what we look for and how we approach who we make our new Fire Chief or combined Fire/Police Chief. We were caught short because we did not expect Chief Phifer to retire as soon as he announced that he would. The possibility of combining the two positions and saving some money is a totally new concept. One of the things we need to figure out for cost reasons are what those salary range levels would be. The next challenge is to identify the requirements for the job description. He has all the job descriptions from the fire department now. He found them to be informative and inclusive. There are things that need to be reconsidered but we need to first identify whether we are going to have a combined department head or not. We have the time to do this. Chief Hines is going to go ahead and get the training. The training required by the State is very minimal. What our motivation is from his standpoint is that the fire/police chief be more of the business logistical head of the department. The technology of fighting the fires will be handled by the Assistant Fire Chief and the other officers. It is a system that works well at other fire departments and other high priority departments. We are trying to get our heads around the problem. We are all communicating and all have our heart into trying to get this figured out. We are not looking for fast answers. He thinks this is a long term decision. Amberly Village has had this program in place since 1941 and they just went through a big review to decide whether to stay with that system or go back to two chiefs. They decided to stay with the current program because it is the most cost effective. He believes it would have good merit to ask Amberly Village's fire/police chief to come to speak with us firsthand as well as those from other entities. He would recommend doing that in a Committee meeting as opposed to a Council meeting. This is a pyridine shift for the Village and Council owes it to the people of the Village to do it that way. He believes the probationary period serves as a safety valve to tell us if this is going in the right direction or not. We need to remain objective if it is not working to go another system or another person. He needs to have another Safety Committee meeting to get the ideas down on what the actual work task will be for this position and for the Fire Department in general.

Mr. Scheeser agreed with Mr. Wolter that we have time and the process does not have to be quick. With the interim Fire Chief we are saving \$85,000. We are maintaining safety and at the same time saving money. We need to get this right and really study it. We need to get the experts in the room and make an informed decision. He wants to make sure he understands the structural ramifications between a combined position verses an independent position. He takes this issue very seriously. He is very concerned about this matter and wants to make sure that Council does not rush the decision but rather take the time to make sure we do the right thing in the right order to make the right decision.

Mrs. Ferguson asked if there would be any consideration for hiring or securing an opinion from an expert who has no skin in the game to help guide Council in this decision as opposed to a Fire or Police Chief who obviously has a bias towards their specific profession.

Mayor Policastro said we are going to bring in people who know about it. In Ohio the decision is made by the Mayor but he will bring in experts to get the facts.

Mrs. Ferguson said she understands that the Mayor makes the recommendation but in a strong Council weak Mayor scenario it actually requires Council to support the Mayor's decision. It ultimately is not the Mayor's decision thus she is addressing Council. She is asking Council to bring in an unbiased expert.

Mayor Policastro said the Mayor sets the agenda and he will bring in people who know about it.

Ms. Sullivan said because there is a lot at stake and suggested in the best interest of everyone to have these meetings in the Committee of the Whole as opposed to the Safety Committee. She asked how we can make the process more transparent for both Council and the residents.

Mayor Policastro said the Safety Committee is the best vehicle for this.

Mr. Wolter said at the last Safety Committee there were three other Council members in attendance and he got a lot of valuable input from them. Council is structured to have specific committees with individuals who have specific knowledge. He believes it is more efficient to function with a smaller committee. He personally believes in the wisdom of someone who has boots on the ground who is actually living this life, solving these problems and dealing with Mayors, Councils and residents than he does an expert. He once had the head of a large corporation tell him an expert is someone who is going to tell you what to do today but he is not going to be around tomorrow when it does not work. He believes we should listen to them in open meetings and see if we find fault with that system. If we find fault and come to an impasse then we find an expert which he thinks will be hard to do. As small as this community is he believes Council should be able to work this out by putting their best efforts forward.

Mr. Andrews said whichever committee hears the matter he will be there because he wants to be sure that he is equipped to make a good decision. What he would say to all the residents is that the people who will come to speak on the merits of this, whether they are for or against it he wants to hear opinions because that is how he thinks Council can make a good decision.

Mr. Wolter said in reality it ends up in the Committee of the Whole. It is just more streamlined. The pertinent information is well presented and transparent. He believes the Safety Committee can do this and quite frankly if we can't the Village is in trouble.

Mr. Black said we need to make sure along the way as we go through the six month probationary period that there are progress reports so Council can find out how it is going for Chief Hines and the Fire Department. He is a little leery about bringing in experts and agrees with Mr. Wolter. He does think it is important for the Safety Committee to look at it and then again as a Council as a Whole. He would like to see it reviewed every two-three weeks to see how the transition is going.

Ms. Sullivan said she would like to see some sort of structure to the Committee meetings such as an agenda so we can clearly outline the process from start to finish along with progress reports. Everyone will know what we are doing and when we are doing it and what the end goal is.

Mr. Andrews said a job description needs to be drafted based on the job description not the individual.

Mr. Wolter said he had lunch with Assistant Fire Chief Morgan and he believes some comfort level was put in place by the discussion. He told Assistant Chief Morgan that if Council were to choose Chief Hines to take the Fire/Police Chief dual role he plans to have Safety Committee meetings with someone from the Committee (it will not be the same person every time to enhance fairness). Any person, either the Chief or Assistant Chief, can call a meeting if they feel there is some impasse developing or some unfairness. They would hear those things in order to move the process along so it does not get snagged with problems. If after six months it does not work they will go with something else. The success of Amberly Village motivates him to try the same system.

Ms. Lori Maze, 3608 Flintpoint, was granted permission to address Council. She said she moved here 18 months ago and paid a lot of money. She didn't buy a dream house but a dream Village. It is the services that make the Village. With crime on the rise she does not see taking away from the Police Chief. If we are trying to draw new people in the Village it needs to remain clean. She does not see cutting a maintenance worker and a fireman as a way to do that. There are elderly people in the Village and if we are trying to draw elderly people into the Village who are going to need EMT services why are we laying off a fireman. She asked if had been considered to have residents pay and offer services such as gutter cleaning. Solicitor McTigue said it is illegal for a public employee to do work on private property. Mr. Wolter said the Civic Association is targeted just for circumstances such as that. Ms. Maze said she would gladly pay an additional \$150 per year in order for the fire department to be able to cut the limbs down in case of a windstorm. The levy that was put on the ballot was for too much money but then services were cut. Crime is on the rise and she wants more police around.

Mayor Policastro said we have not cut any services. We cut employees. We still have four firemen on a shift. 60% of the fire department is part-timers comprising of a list of 30-40 people. Now we probably are at 70% part-time firefighters. The part-time employees are well trained and some are full-time commanders at other departments. They love working here because there really is not a whole lot to do. Ms. Maze said she has seen the fire department come and take a snake out of a neighbor's yard. She asked if people wouldn't want to pay extra to have that service. Mayor Policastro said the same amount of people are still working on a shift - we are not taking anyone off a shift. The old Council wanted to go to three on a shift but we did not do that - we left it at four per shift. Ms. Maze question the maintenance worker who was cut and the police position that was not filled. Mayor Policastro said he is working on a part-time police officer plan so the department will be back to ten. It will be like the fire department. They will have two or three guys available to fill shifts as needed. The plan is in the Safety Committee right now so it is being worked on. There are so many volunteers in the Village that quite frankly we did not need the fifth maintenance worker. He does not know of any services that are being cut and the department did a great job with the snow removal. We are just working smart as far as he is concerned.

Mrs. Ferguson rose to speak but was informed by the Mayor that you are only allowed to speak once and she had spoken two times. Mr. Scheeser asked if it was appropriate to cut someone off if they want to speak again. Mayor Policastro said you get one bite at the apple. Solicitor McTigue said we can set rules as to how often people can talk or else we would be here till midnight. She was finished speaking. Mrs. Ferguson said she had a question based on Mrs. Maze's comments. Mayor Policastro granted her permission to address Council again. Mrs. Ferguson asked when the layoffs were being considered though Clerk Tontillo did his best to predict what the savings might be because of benefits and other complications it would be hard to predict exactly what savings would be realized. Now that we have lived with this for a little bit she asked if that number is now available to present what the Village's savings are under the current employee structure? Mayor Policastro said he does not believe we will have a number for six months but it will be a good size number.

Ms. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Black to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Clerk and Chairman of the Finance Committee. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee which met on Wednesday January 20, 2010 to discuss the outsourced mowing contract for 2010 and possible changes as we place the contract up for bid. After discussion with Maintenance Superintendent John Scherpenberg, the Committee recommends changing the bid from the 2009 contract specification to reflect different options: **Option A:** One price for the 2010 season. Mowing once a week for 35 weeks. With the exception of the Bell Tower Park which should be mowed twice a week on Monday and Thursday (This requires one additional cut) as described in the contract. **Option B:** Per cut price for non irrigated areas and irrigated areas throughout the Village. It also allows the Village to ask the contractor to make additional cuts if needed during the spring or no cuts in the non-irrigated areas in the hot summer months. The proposed contract also allows for contract renewal at the discretion of the Village with a 2% cap. It is otherwise similar to the 2009 contract. The Committee recommends placing the contract immediately up for bid. Ms. Sullivan said the Committee was looking for ways to save the residents and the Village some money. She credited Superintendent Scherpenberg with looking at going back to the per cut price. Superintendent Scherpenberg said it has been done in the past and seemed to work out pretty good. We are cutting the mowing from 37 to 35 weeks. If we do have a hot summer some areas may not require mowing and we can save the money. Hopefully it will make the bids more competitive. The plan is to

have the legal ad run the end of the week and again on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February with bid openings February 16<sup>th</sup>. The Committee would have a report prepared for the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting so everything is ready to go by the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee which met Wednesday January 20, 2010 to discuss the road rehabilitation program for 2010. After a presentation from Village Engineer Chris Ertel, the Committee recommends two separate projects be placed up for two separate bids. **A.** Mariemont Avenue (Industrial) from Trade Street to Wooster Road estimated at \$24,168. Trade Street from Mariemont Avenue to Wooster Road estimated at \$45,790. **B.** Plainville Road from Chestnut Street to Murray Avenue estimated at \$14,000 - to be bid separately if and when awarded State Issue 2 monies in May. If not awarded State Issue 2 money we will not do project B in 2010. The Committee recommends Project A be placed up for bid immediately and Project B in May if monies are awarded. Total for all projects is estimated at \$83,958. Mayor Policastro thanked Ms. Sullivan for getting this done so early in the year because it really does make a difference when going out for bid. Ms. Sullivan said if we do not get the State Issue 2 money we will do it next year. Clerk Tontillo said he and Engineer Ertel received a supplemental packet that offered the chance to give more information to the Committee to accentuate our chances. He added that the packet also contained further detailed clarity on the rating system and the criteria that they are going to use to compare the bids. At a glance it is going to be very difficult for the Village to score very high based on the criteria. He would not get too fired up. They are looking for depressed areas that have higher unemployment, fiscal emergencies etc. They want to make sure the money goes to the communities that really need it. Mr. Black asked for clarification that the \$14,000 for project B would be the Village's portion. Engineer Ertel said that was correct. Ms. Sullivan thanked Engineer Ertel for an excellent job putting together an extensive report. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Monday February 15, 2010 in Observation of Presidents' Day.

Treasurer Borgerding reminded Council that we need to set the meeting for the Capital Budget/Permanent Improvement Fund. Clerk Tontillo said he is waiting on requests from the Department Heads which he should have later in the week. He anticipates the Vice-Mayor could call a meeting for late February/early March.

Mayor Policastro referred the matter of the Village deficit to the Finance Committee.

Clerk Tontillo said due to the Public Hearing he was not able to have the second session of the Clerk's Office Hours prior to the meeting. If anyone would like to meet with him after the meeting he would be glad to do so.

Ms. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to go into Executive Session to discuss the lawsuit of John M. Altman vs. Village of Mariemont, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas Case Number A1000576. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Paul Tontillo, Clerk