

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
JANUARY 10, 2011**

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. Black, Mr. Miller, Ms Sullivan and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to excuse the absence of Mr. Andrews and Mr. Scheeser. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro distributed copies of Andy Kulesza's resume. Mr. Kulesza will be the new Treasurer and Mr. Borgerding will replace Clerk Tontillo effective February 1, 2011. We are fortunate to have someone so qualified.

Solicitor McTigue said he did the research regarding replacing Clerk Tontillo and it is within the authority of the Mayor to do a lateral move in positions. He will prepare the Resolution which will require an emergency for the next Council meeting.

Ms. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to go into Executive Session to discuss: (1) To reconfirm the lay off of Fire Captain Greg Lang and (2) To review the proposed settlement language in the Altman lawsuit. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Solicitor McTigue said he is hopeful to have the settlement agreement with Mr. Lang at the next Council meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 for Executive Session.

Ms. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to reconvene the regular meeting of Council at 8:09 p.m. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to reconfirm the layoff of Fire Captain Greg Lang. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Black to accept the minutes as written for December 13, 2010. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Assistant Fire Chief Travers: November 2010 Monthly Report

From Sue Singleton: Thank you for the Kroger gift card

From Bob Naugle: Thank you Police Department. Chief Hines said Mr. Naugle called the Administration office and indicated that he had a TV that he needed to get to the curb for Rumpke pick-up. He recently had eye surgery and was not able to move the TV himself. Captain Messer, Officer Shaw and Officer Warner went to his residence and removed the TV for Mr. Naugle. The e-mail was to make sure that the officers were thanked for their courteous assistance. Mr. Wolter recognized Mrs. Singleton for being sensitive to the need and making the offer to have the officers go to his residence.

From Bridgett Karlson: e-mail dated December 14, 2010 re: Caring and Sharing

From Mrs. Kagrise: Compliment to the Maintenance Department re: Leaf Pick-Up

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement November 2010

From Boy Scout Troop 149: Reimbursement for electricity at the tree sale. Clerk Tontillo said it was a successful year and all goals were met.

Mr. Jerry Vianello, 6570 Wooster Pike, was granted permission to address Council. He said he had two people tell him that the crosswalk sign at Crystal Springs and Wooster Pike sits too far back that vehicles coming around the square do not see the sign and continue to travel east even if people are in the crosswalk. He suggested Council take a look at the issue with the sign. Mr. Wolter asked Mr. Vianello to give him the names of those people concerned and he will call them and make arrangements to review the placement of the crosswalk sign.

Mr. Vianello asked if leaf pick-up will be extended due to the snow fall. Mayor Policastro said in his last Bulletin it states if someone needs a special pick-up to contact the office and arrangements will be made. Mr. Vianello said he passed out the Mayor's Bulletin, but he did not read it. He stated that he will now read his.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Clerk and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Wolter asked if we are up to speed on turnout gear as far as condition and quantity. Assistant Chief Travers said they will be once the equipment arrives which he hopes will be by the end of the year. At that point they will be 13 sets behind. There were six sets that were left in service. The gear

is cycled based on how often people use them and how old they are. We will need additional sets of gear for those sets that were not replaced. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Friday December 31, 2010 in observation of New Year's Day

Resolutions:

"In Recognition of Rex Bevis" had a third reading. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-34-10 was adopted.

"To Confirm the reappointment of Edward J. McTigue as Solicitor for the Village of Mariemont for the Calendar Years 2011 and 2012" had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-35-10 was adopted.

Ordinances:

"To Amend Ordinance O-6-10 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment for Employees" had a first reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Black to amend the Ordinance to abolish the following positions: Police Chief (1), Fire Chief (1), Fire Captain (2). Mr. Black questioned eliminating the positions for future reference. Mayor Policastro said they can be reinstated if needed. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

"To Supplement Ordinance No. O-27-10 Annual Appropriation Ordinance" had a first reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to suspend the rules to have the second and third readings. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second reading. Clerk Tontillo said this is the continuing exercise taking the original line items from the beginning of the year and making sure by the end of this year every line item has enough funds certified and enough funds appropriated. The actual spending needs to be less. The Ordinance indicates the lines items that needed adjusting. The Ordinance had a third reading. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-30-10.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Paul Tontillo, Clerk