

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
JUNE 13, 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. Andrews, Mr. Black, Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scheeser and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the minutes as written for May 23, 2011 and the Special Meeting of Council May 18, 2011. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Police Chief Hines: May 2011 Monthly Report. Ms. McCarthy asked about the process for citations issued for tall grass. Chief Hines said the officers do go through the Village and look for obvious violations but most of the citations are due to complaints. They usually issue a courtesy citation first or contact the resident to allow time for them to correct the problem before an actual citation is issued. Ms. McCarthy said a few weeks ago three people in her building got cited but no one else on the lane did. She asked that the area of Beech Street be looked at because she feels there are areas where the grass is too high.

Mr. Black commented that the Police Department is staying on budget so far this year.

Mr. Wolter commented that thefts so far this year equal the total for last year. Chief Hines said actually they are down five so far this year from 2010. They have noticed a trend of people breaking into unlocked vehicles and taking items from the cars. He reminded everyone not to leave valuables in vehicles and encouraged residents to lock their vehicles at all times. Mr. Wolter asked how effective have those measures been. Chief Hines said it is hard to gauge but the Nixel alerts and Mayor's Bulletins certainly have been helpful.

From Assistant Fire Chief Travers: May 2011 Monthly Report. Assistant Fire Chief Travers introduced three of the six new Lieutenants promoted: Dennis Keiffer, full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic at Union Township, Chris Ramsey, full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic Sycamore Township and Boyd Collett, full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic from Springfield Township. The six Lieutenants have 128 years combined service and they will be given additional duties.

Mr. Black asked who was responsible for helping install the House Alerting System which saved the Village \$2000. Assistant Fire Chief Travers said it was Unit 2: Fire Marshal Feichtner, Jim Henderson, Mike Swafford and Chad Woodrum.

Mr. Andrews asked if there was any new status on the apparatus doors. Assistant Fire Chief Travers said he has not heard anything but they were to call when they were ready. Mr. Wolter asked how long it will take to put them in. Assistant Fire Chief Travers said he did not know because he was not part of the conversation.

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: May 2011 Monthly Report

From Building Commissioner Malone: May 2011 Monthly Report

From Tax Administrator Judd: May 2011 Monthly Report/Waste Collection Report

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement April 2011

From Rick Greiwe: e-mail dated June 2, 2011 re: Waste Collection Fee

From Mayor Policastro: e-mail dated June 6, 2011 re: Response to Mr. Greiwe's e-mail regarding waste collection fee. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Public Works & Service Committee. He believes if the condos have a source that picks up the garbage and the recycling then they should be excluded.

From Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes June 7, 2011. Mayor Policastro commented that they are doing a great job and the square really looks good.

From Jeff Andrews: Memo dated June 9, 2011 re: Online Registration Pool and Tennis. Mr. Wolter thanked Mr. Andrews and said this is the way we need to go. Mayor Policastro asked if we can use the system to generate more revenue. Mr. Andrews asked when pre-registration ends with the discounted rate should the online registration end as well. His recommendation is to continue to take it. There were a lot more babysitter and junior passes sold and he believes that is the convenience of the credit card. The online system took in half of the revenue from pool/tennis memberships to this point. Mr. Scheeser said promoting awareness to the new process will help. Mayor Policastro said it would be helpful for people who move in during the summer to offer a pro-rated membership. Mr. Scheeser suggested adding that information to the welcome packet for new residents. Treasurer Kulesza said the process has been easier for him to reconcile. Mr. Wolter suggested the idea of during

the holidays putting on the website the idea of giving a membership as a gift. Mr. Andrews said the next conversation should be when do we do this with the waste collection fee. It was decided to look into the process for next year.

Village Engineer Ertel said the Village has been awarded a \$60,000 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to resurface Miami Road from Wooster Pike to Rembold which will take place next year. We were going to add some sidewalk work on Miami Road to the contract this year but because of the grant money we will save it for next year to be included in the project. Mayor Policastro said it may allow for us to do more sidewalks this year making the Village safer. Mr. Scheeser asked if we will have some extra money to work with this year. Engineer Ertel said he talked with Clerk Borgerding and was told we have approximately \$6000 for road repairs to work with this year. Mr. Scheeser suggested putting in a sidewalk in on the island at Wooster Pike and East Street. It would be nice to be able to connect the north and south side of the Village at that point and asked that it be added to the list.

Mr. Wolter suggested when the Engineer goes around the Village doing surveys to check for sidewalks that are going nowhere and prepare a list to be included in future road rehabilitation bids. It would be helpful to know what magnitude we need to do to bring the whole Village up to a standard.

Ms. McCarthy asked if this project includes the Murray Street sidewalks. Engineer Ertel said that work is part of the grant money applied for through the safe routes to school program.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Finance Chairman and Clerk. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Solicitor McTigue said the Economic Development and Zoning Committee were looking at whether or not the Village wanted to participate with Hamilton County for their Economic Development Program through which you can apply for federal funds. One question the Mayor had was will the Village give up a level of control and, if the government would insist on a lower income housing project for us, would we be bound to comply. The answer is yes. We will give up control on how that money is actually utilized. The whole purpose of the Economic Development Program which is also a joint venture with HUD is to promote housing for lower/moderate income people. It was decided that the Village does not want to give up that level of control because we can still apply through the State of Ohio, small cities fund or the federal government for community development funding. Mr. Andrews asked if we can join and participate with Hamilton County but not apply for any money. Solicitor McTigue said he got the impression from the representative with Hamilton County that if you are a member and the County finds money for the Village, whether we want it or not, they can dictate to the Village where things will go in the community.

Mr. Wolter said he believes this fight has been going on for some time and he feels this is a backdoor way to gain control which concerns him. He feels Council knows what is best for our community. Mr. Andrews said we can share economic development ideas with other communities outside of this program.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

4th of July Fireworks will be Monday July 4, 2011

Village Offices will be closed in Observation of Independence Day Monday July 4, 2011

Resolutions:

“Renewal 3.0 Tax Mill Levy in Excess of 10 Mill Limitation for Capital Improvements for the Tax Years of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

“To Temporarily Suspend Ordinance No. 95.06, Liquor, of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances for the Time Period 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on June 25, 2011, July 30, 2011 and August 27, 2011 on the Grounds of the Mariemont Swimming Pool; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second reading. Mr. Scheeser asked when the first date of June 25 was determined. Mr. Andrews said it was set at the last Pool Board meeting which was 2-3 weeks ago. Mr. Scheeser said he dislikes emergencies and asked if next year the first date could be determined without having to invoke the emergency clause. Mr. Andrews said it is something he will ask the Pool Board to do for next year. Mr. Miller asked if non-members are permitted to attend. The answer was yes. Mayor Policastro reminded Council that all who attend will have to sign an affidavit indicating they take responsibility for themselves. Mr. Andrews said he believes most people know if foul behavior happens we will lose the privilege. The Ordinance had a third reading. Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Wolter to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-14-11 was adopted.

“To Amend Chapter 78, Schedule III of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances; To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Black to suspend the rules to allow the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second reading. Mr. Black said he discussed with Engineer Ertel a better system for doing this. He recommended to the Engineer when he does his sidewalk/road

survey to go with Chief Hines and make Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 and figure out where the areas of concern are for stop signs. He would like to see some sort of system in place and a professional recommendation from a safety perspective. The Ordinance had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-15-11 was adopted.

“To Add New Section 150.53 to the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a first reading.

Mr. Andrews said he forwarded an e-mail regarding handicap parking at the Bell Tower and Ball Fields and asked for an update. Mayor Policastro said he has been working on it with Chief Hines and Engineer Ertel. Engineer Ertel said he went with Superintendent Scherpenberg to look at the areas that they feel would work out best. We just need to get the paint stripes down. At the Tot Lot it will take two present parking spaces to create one handicap parking spot because they need the 5’ clear zone. Mr. Black said the Tot Lot and Ball Fields have been there for years and questioned why it had never been addressed before. Mayor Policastro said that is why we have Council to address issues that come up. Mr. Scheeser said Council should mix this up and talk about it. His concern is that the decision is getting made without Council’s input. Mr. Andrews questioned if it should be referred to Committee if an Ordinance is required. Solicitor McTigue said a new Ordinance for handicap parking will not be necessary. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Safety Committee for further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk