

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 9, 2014**

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Marsland, Mr. Miller, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Tinkham and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to approve the minutes as written for May 27, 2014 and The Committee of the Whole meeting May 27, 2014. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: May 2014 Monthly Report

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: May 2014 Monthly Report. Mr. Wolter thanked the Fire Department for the great job they have done keeping the grounds clean and looking so good.

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: May 2014 Monthly Report

From Building Commissioner Hodulik: May 2014 Monthly Report. Building Commissioner Hodulik said we will have the first reading of the Ordinance regarding temporary portable storage containers. He wanted to make sure Council was aware that the Ordinance is not just for residential districts. It addresses on street parking locations for PODS which does need approval through the Police Department. The Ordinance has been reviewed with the Solicitor.

Mr. Wolter asked how the street inspections were going in the Historic District. Building Commissioner Hodulik said they have just started and it is still in the process of coordinating and ironing some things out. He is hoping to meet with the ARB members later in the month to discuss further how they will implement the program.

From Tax Administrator Judd: May 2014 Monthly Report. Mrs. Busam indicated that collections are up 3% YTD.

From Swim Pool Manager Schad: May 2014 Monthly Report

From Dr. Ann Grooms: Letter Dated May 30, 2014 re: Thank You Police Department

From Nancy Eigel-Miller: Letter re: Thank You for Family Pool Membership Donation. Mayor Policastro reminded Council that the Village donated it for the Warrior Run raffle.

From Mariemont Police Department: Copies of Warrants issued to 5/3 Bank re: 3716 Petoskey Avenue. Mayor Policastro said the house was a meth house with the owner being arrested a while back. 5/3 Bank took the house back. The house was cleaned one time but meth residue still remains in the house. In addition, there are many code problems with the house. A letter was sent April 15, 2014 to 5/3 Mortgage Company which were ignored. They have been cited six times for violations including, loose wires, wall collapse, peeling paint, mold, handrail/guardrail disrepair etc. He does not understand why 5/3 Bank does not want to be a good neighbor but he feels as a Council we need to get rid of this attractive nuisance. There are a lot of children on the street and he certainly does not want them playing around the area. It is our job to protect the citizens of the Village. If we do not hear back from 5/3 Bank in the next two weeks we will cite the bank again.

Mr. Tinkham asked if the property taxes are being paid. The City of Cincinnati will seize properties if taxes are not paid. Solicitor McTigue said it just went through foreclosure so the taxes are probably current. He will contact 5/3 Bank and get in touch with their attorney.

From Rick Greiwe: Letter Dated May 29, 2014 re: Exemption from the Annual Waste Fee for Nolen Park. Mayor Policastro said they have a dumpster which is maintained by the Condo. They also recycle which the Village does get credit for. Mr. Miller questioned having to do this every year. Solicitor McTigue said it is good for the Village to make sure that they maintain a contract that includes recycling. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to approve the exemption. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

From Patrick Rakes, Property Manager, Jordan Park: Letter Dated May 27, 2014 re: Exemption from Annual Waste Fee. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to approve the exemption. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Tom Brinkman, 3215 Hardisty, was granted permission to address Council. Recently he has been nominated to run as a Republican in the General Election to be a State Representative. He served in the Ohio General Assembly from 2001-2008 and represented Terrace Park, Fairfax, Newtown and Anderson Township but did not have the privilege to represent the Village of Mariemont. He is hopeful that the voters will choose him to represent them beginning January 2, 2015. He is thoroughly and completely committed to restore as much of the local government funds that have been stripped from the local communities over the past two budget cycles. In the past he has voted to freeze the local government funds but never to cut them. The local government funds cuts have been approximately \$1.48 billion and the rainy day fund up to recently was up to \$1.4 billion. He is against taking the tax collection authority away from state municipalities. He feels most people would rather deal with a local tax department than calling and dealing with Columbus. The government that is closest to the people is the most efficient. He assured Council that he would work hard against it. He understands that the Eastern Corridor is a big issue. He favors a 'no build' situation at this point. There are too many things in the way and he does not believe that we need it and will say no to building through Mariemont. He was helpful in helping Representative Michelle Schneider get grant funding for the Woman's Art Barn and he will be supportive in the future should the Village have a project that would qualify. Mayor Policastro said perhaps it can be used to help build a Native American Museum in

the Municipal Building. Mr. Brinkman said the State Constitution allows 5% spending of the GRF which equates to 60 billion dollars on paying for bonds which generally run 4%. Over time the bonds are paid off in various categories and of course politicians want to bring the money back up so the bonds can be re-issued. He was instrumental in the new Municipal Building for Newtown. He does vote against all the bond issue money levies but the taxpayers pass them so he is not going to let the communities he represents be left out just because he personally did not vote for them.

Mr. Wolter asked where Mr. Brinkman stood on Common Core. Mr. Brinkman said he is opposed to Common Core and believes that Ohio needs to get out of it. The important thing to remember is no one has ever voted for Common Core. Congress has never voted for it, State Legislators have never voted for it – it has all been done through a regulatory process. He thinks that is wrong within itself – it should at least get a vote. In the meantime, he does not feel that it will be good for our children, for our education system and it will take control away from the local school system. Mr. Wolter asked what the chances are of defeating the issue. Mr. Brinkman said everyday it gets better. Several states have already had full removal. As more and more states get out of it he feels Ohio will follow.

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

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met on Tuesday May 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the request for a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Hammerstone Way and Cachepit Way. Present at the meeting were Safety Committee Chairman Jim Tinkham, Committee Vice-Chairman Maggie Palazzolo, Committee Member Joe Miller and Mayor Policastro. Also present were Anita Hunt, Elizabeth DeBlasio, Bill and Darla Michael all of whom are residents of Hammerstone Way. After hearing the request of the residents of Hammerstone Way to replace the existing “Yield” signs directed to Cachepit Way with “Stop” signs at all four corners of the intersection, the Committee recommends the installation of the four-way stop sign. The Committee requests that the necessary legislation be prepared for Council for three readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole which met on Monday May 27, 2014 at 6:30 to discuss the possibility of renaming Lane “L” and Lane “K” in memory of Millard Rogers and Hank Kleinfeldt. Present were Council Members: Eric Marsland, Joe Miller, Maggie Palazzolo, Mary Ann Schwartz, Jim Tinkham, and Dennis Wolter. In addition, present were Mayor Policastro, Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt, Bonnie Malone, Dan Spinnenweber, Jr., Bill Spinnenweber and resident Bill Minor. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to memorialize both men who devoted so much time and effort to the Village of Mariemont. Lane “L” will be re-named Millard Rogers Lane and Lane “K” will be re-named Hank Kleinfeldt Lane. It is requested that the Solicitor prepare any necessary legislation. (Full minutes are available in the Village Office). On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Friday July 4, 2014 in Observation of the Fourth of July

Fourth of July Fireworks will be held on Friday July 4, 2014.

Resolutions:

“Adopting the Budget for 2015” had a second reading.

Ordinances:

“To Amend Section 78, Schedule I, of the Mariemont Code of Ordinance to Include No Parking on a Certain Street within the Village” had a second reading.

“Ordinance Amending Chapter 151 of the Mariemont Zoning Code” (PODS) had a first reading.

“An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement Between the Village of Mariemont and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners Relative to the Improvements of Pocahontas Avenue Improvements from Wooster Pike to South Terminus; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to suspend the rules to allow for a second and third reading. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Ordinance has a second and third reading. Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-17-14 was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer