

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

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. Hlad, Mr. Marsland, Mr. Miller, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Schwartz and Mr. Wolter.

Mayor Policastro said Police Officer Steve Watt has completed his 180 day probationary period and has progressed extremely well. It is recommended that he be removed from the probationary status to the regular employee status. Officer Watt came to the Mariemont Police Department with 31 years of experience with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office where he retired as a Sergeant. He is a 1980 graduate of Roger Bacon High School and a 1981 graduate of the Scarlet Oaks Police Academy. He started as a Corrections Officer with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in March 1983 at the workhouse and has numerous certificates of training in special areas of law enforcement. Officer Watt started the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office bagpipe unit in 1993 and is a member of the H.C.P.A. Honor Guard/Pipe & Drums Unit for 22 years. He is currently assigned to first shift. Chief Hines said he is happy to have Officer Watt as part of our law enforcement team and part of our family. He is doing a great job. Officer Watt thanked the Mayor and Members of Council for the opportunity to work for the Village. He also thanked Sergeant Mitchell who was an excellent Field Training Officer. Mr. Hlad moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to make PO Watt a Regular Full-Time Employee. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. PO Watt was congratulated by Mayor Policastro and Members of Council.

Mayor Policastro said Police Officer Brandon Ruth has completed his 180 day probationary period and has progressed extremely well. It is recommended that he be removed from the probationary status to the regular employee status. Officer Ruth came to the Mariemont Police Department with 10 years of experience. He is a 2002 graduate of Colerain High School and 2005 graduate of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Corrections Academy and 2006 graduate of the Great Oaks Police Academy. He is currently working on his criminal justice degree at Thomas Edison State College and has a master criminal investigator certification from the Attorney General's Office. He serves as one of the department's firearms instructors and is currently assigned to third shift. Chief Hines said he also glad to have Officer Ruth as part of the department and part of our family. He looks forward to many years of partnership. Officer Ruth said he is very happy working for the Village and plans on finishing his career here. It is the most professional department he has ever worked for. Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to make PO Ruth a Regular Full-Time Employee. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. PO Ruth was congratulated by Mayor Policastro and Members of Council.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to approve the minutes as written for September 14, 2015 and the Committee of the Whole meeting September 22, 2015. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Swim Pool Manager Schad: August/September 2015 Monthly Report

From Mariemont Preservation Foundation: Letter Dated September 9, 2015 re: Grant Request

From Police Chief Hines: Letter Dated September 3, 2015 re: Schedule Changes

From Dr. Ann Grooms: Early Historic Information on the Communities of Fairfax, Mariemont and Terrace Park

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes September 2015

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement for August 2015

From Engineer Ertel: E-mail Dated September 22, 2015 re: Explanation of Ordinances

From Will Toedtman: E-mail Dated September 23, 2015 re: Traffic on Settle Road

From Mayor Policastro: E-mail Dated September 24, 2015 re: Response to Will Toedtman

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Eldridge: August 2015 Treasury Report/trend Report. Assistant Fiscal Officer Eldridge said the Village looks good. He received the real estate disbursement from Hamilton County which was included in the August report. Mr. Wolter asked if it was more than last year. Assistant Fiscal Officer Eldridge said it was a little more than last year.

Mr. Rex Bevis, 4011 Miami Road was granted permission to address Council. He thanked the Mayor, Members of Council and other Appointed Officials for the tough job they do. He understands that often it is not appreciated by members of the public. When he was on Council and it was proposed to add a sign it became a major topic of discussion because signs were not something that he or other Members of Council wanted to have added to the Village. Once you add a sign they rarely go away. Last week in one fell swoop there were approximately one-two dozen signs that went up littering Wooster Pike from the Mariemont Strand to the Fairfax property line. It was very concerning to him and it seems to others as well. He believes it was a mistake and is not here to say any more about that as we all make mistakes but he hopes it will spur some conversation that will find a way to undo what has been done.

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. On roll all; six ayes, no nays.

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to accept the recommendation of the Public Works & Service Committee which met on Thursday September 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss updating the filtering

system at the Mariemont Community Pool. Present at the meeting were Public Works & Service Chairman Dennis Wolter, and Committee Members Mary Ann Schwartz and Eric Marsland. Also present were Mayor Dan Policastro and Pool facilities Manager Ed Beck. The Committee reviewed the quote submitted by Shamrock Enterprises. The Village office sent out letters to several other contractors but received no responses from any other than Shamrock. Mr. Beck said that Shamrock Enterprises had done excellent work at the pool in the past. After discussion, the Committee recommends that Council accept the quote from Shamrock Enterprises to update the pool's filter system for a cost of \$48,950. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro said this is in the last fifteen years one of the biggest improvements we have done at the pool. It was probably 30-40 years ago that we did all these tanks and the plumbing. Mr. Wolter said there are some advantages to this system over what we had there. This proposes stainless steel for fiberglass so the corrosion issue is greatly reduced. We have had to repair those tanks in the past several times for corrosion issues. We can expect this system to last more than thirty years. Mayor Policastro said because we are putting so much money into the pool it may be time to raise the rate a little bit. He referred the matter to the Finance Committee. Mr. Hlad said he has heard from many residents that another long term project should be the baby pool. Presently there is no step down and if you are not watching children like a hawk it can present a safety concern. It is an outdated model of a baby pool. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said operationally the pool about breaks even but it does not come close to covering the Permanent Improvement costs so an increase may be necessary. Mayor Policastro said he does not want to raise it so much that it loses resident members.

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole which met on Tuesday September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss replacement of the HVAC units in the Municipal Building. Present were Mr. Marsland, Mr. Miller, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Wolter, Mayor Policastro and Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt. Mr. Marsland said the Village received three bids to replace the HVAC units in the Municipal Building. Beresford \$33,365.00, BVS Heating & Cooling \$32,800.00 and Mt. Lookout Services \$27,900.00 for the two units on the second floor and \$37,900.00 for all three units. He said personally he has had no experience with any of these companies. Discussion ensued regarding which company would replace and dismantle both air handlers and condensing units on the second floor. It was decided by the Committee of the Whole to not address the unit in the basement at this time. Mayor Policastro said due to the flood we will be able to have that one check out and cleaned. When we do the expansion on the building we will address the unit at that time. The Committee of the Whole recommends that we use the service of Mt. Lookout Services pending clarification that they will disassemble and remove both units on the second floor and provide the Village with the warranty detail information. It was agreed that the work should commence as soon as possible during favorable fall weather. Mr. Wolter said we should verify that these are all heat pump systems as well as HVAC systems. Mayor Policastro said we have a boiler heat system. The heat pump will be for the air only. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Porsche Rallye will be held on Saturday October 3, 2015

Warrior Run will be held on Saturday October 10, 2015

Leaf Pick-Up will begin October 19, 2015 and end December 18, 2015

Resolutions:

“To Appoint Grant Karnes as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015 (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Mark Erhardt) had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Maria Borgerding as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years 2016 and 2017” had a second reading

“To Reappoint Wes Iredale as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years 2016 and 2017” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Susan Eberlein as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years 2016 and 2017” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Anita Hunt as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years of 2016 and 2017” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Laura Stith as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years of 2016 and 2017” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Paul Haffner as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2016 and 2017” had a second reading.

To Reappoint Paul Allen as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2016 and 2017” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Mark Bruggeman as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years of 2016 & 2017” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Louise Schomberg as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years of 2016 and 2017” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Ruth Varner as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years of 2016 and 2017” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Dave Wuertemberger as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Nancy Stelzer as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2016 and 2017” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Andrew Seeger as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Joe Stelzer as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Tim Duever as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Karen Sullivan as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Rob Winget as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Judy Foreman as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Doug Welsh as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Jason Brownknight as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Chris White as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2016” had a second reading.

Ordinances:

“To Amend Section 78, Schedule I of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Include No Parking on Certain Streets Within the Village” (Mt. Vernon, Mariemont, Pleasant, Hammerstone, Cachepit, Midden, Mound, Emery) had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Anthony Borgerding as Village Fiscal Officer for the Calendar Years 2016 and 2017” had a second reading.

“An Ordinance Authorizing Application and Contracting with the Ohio Public Works Commission” had a first reading.

“An Ordinance Authorizing Application and Contracting with the Ohio Public Works Commission; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded Ms. Palazzolo 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. Hlad asked what specifically this Ordinance is for. Mr. Wolter said it is money aimed at helping to mitigate such things as erosion and massive loss of trees. The Ordinance had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Hlad to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-20-15 was adopted.

“To Authorize Ohio Department of Transportation to Proceed with Project PID No. 99816 Ham-Murray Ave. Bike path; And To Enter Into Contract; And To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Ms. Schwartz 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. Hlad said there is a lot of concern with residents on Settle Road regarding the bike path and questioned what the rectangular rapid flashing beacon will look like. Mayor Policastro said he believes that is the Hawk Light which is also referred to as a beacon. Due to the confusion, Mayor Policastro said we will have the second and third readings with the emergency clause at the next Council meeting in order to get clarification from our Village Engineer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer