

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 14, 2016**

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 and Mr. Wolter.

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to excuse the absence of Mr. Hlad. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to approve the minutes as written for February 22, 2016 and the Special Meeting of Council March 7, 2016. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: February 2016 Monthly Report. Mr. Wolter said he was concerned about the drug abuse cases – mostly heroin. Chief Hines said it is a lot of heroin, meth, crack cocaine but heroin is the biggest problem. Mr. Wolter asked if the Police Department carries Narcan. Chief Hines said no but the Fire Department/Paramedics are equipped with it. Chief Hines said it is a nationwide epidemic and is what drives most crimes. Mr. Wolter asked if Mariemont residents are part of the drug abuse. Chief Hines said not so much.

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: February 2016 Monthly Report

From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: February 2016 Monthly Report

From Building Administrator Keyes: February 2016 Monthly Report

From Tax Administrator Busam: February 2016 Monthly Report. Mrs. Busam said we are up year to date even though we were down for the month of February.

From Fiscal Officer Borgerding: Fiscal Officer's Report February 2016. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said we are usually down in revenues this time of year. We get our real estate tax check from the county in April or May so look for an increase in the next month or so.

From Council Member Joe Miller: E-mails Dated February 24, 2016 re: Resignation from Council and ARB. Mayor Policastro said sadly this will be Mr. Miller's last Council meeting. He will be moving to Arkansas. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to nominate Ms. Schwartz to the ARB to fill Mr. Miller's vacancy. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

From Hamilton County Municipal League: Save the Date Meeting Notice March 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wolter and Mr. Brown indicated that they would attend.

From ODOT: Eastern Corridor Study Area Update; Notice of ODOT Assuming NEPA Responsibilities. Mayor Policastro said it shows the new map as to how they are going to figure out the new corridor. They are going to do as we would like which is run it down Old Wooster and bring it around along Beechmont Levy and up St. Rt. 32. It will stay out of our valley which is what we wanted. He met with the new Supervisor for ODOT and it was said that they would not think about going through our valley again. Ms. Palazzolo asked if any other Council member got an email specific to the rail stations that are being built. From the map that was attached it was very hard to tell but it seems that one of the rail stations appears to be in downtown Fairfax. Mayor Policastro said Fairfax wants the station. Ms. Palazzolo said the rails would have to go through Mariemont. Mayor Policastro said we do not mind the high speed rail because the tracks are already in the South 80, but he doubts it will ever happen. We did not want a highway in the South 80. There is a meeting scheduled at the end of the month and it was agreed by Council that we should have someone from the Village attend. Ms. Palazzolo suggested Karen Sullivan.

From Clem Luken: Email Notifying Council of Town Meeting Nominee for District 2

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The Finance Committee met on Friday February 19, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss salary increases for the full-time, part-time employees and appointed officials. Present at the meeting were Committee Chairman, Eric Marsland, Vice-Chairman, Joe Miller, and Member Mary Ann Schwartz, Mayor Dan Policastro, Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding, Police/Fire Chief Rick Hines, Service Superintendent John Scherpenberg, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kiefer and Administrative Assistant Joanne Van Pelt. Fiscal Officer Borgerding supplied the Committee with a spreadsheet showing the increase to the budget reflecting a 2%, 2.5% and 3% increase. After discussion, the Finance Committee agreed upon a 2.5% increase across the board. In addition, it is recommended that a new

position of Assistant Police/Court Clerk be added to the Salary Ordinance with a pay range of \$15.50/hr. to \$18.50/hr. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to amend the report to delete the recommendation to increase “across the board”, but to only give a 2.5% raise to Full-Time, Part-Time Firefighters/EMT’S, Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedics, in addition to adding the new position of Assistant Police/Court Clerk. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt the amended report. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Friday February 19, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. to make appointments to the Tax Board of Appeals. Present at the meeting were Committee Chairman, Eric Marsland, Vice-Chairman, Joe Miller, and Member Mary Ann Schwartz, Mayor Dan Policastro, Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding, Police/Fire Chief Rick Hines, Service Superintendent John Scherpenberg, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kiefer and Administrative Assistant Joane Van Pelt. The Finance Committee recommends appointing for Council’s approval Matt Plachecki and Joe Stelzer. Mayor Policastro said it calls for three appointments, two by Council and one by the Mayor. His nomination was Joe Stelzer so it was agreed that the Finance Committee would meet to make a third nominee recommendation. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Nominations for Outstanding Citizen are due to Mrs. Van Pelt by March 17, 2016

Village Offices will be closed on Friday March 25, 2016 in Observation of Good Friday

Regular meetings of Council during the summer months will be: Monday June 13, 2016; Monday July 18, 2016 and Monday August 22, 2016. Mayor Policastro asked Council to please mark on their calendars.

Resolutions:

“Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Levying a Tax in Excess of the 10 Mill Limitation for Permanent Improvements and Requesting the County Auditor to Certify Matters in Therewith” had a second reading. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said this is for the November election. It is for the smaller of the two Permanent Improvement Levies estimated to bring in \$100,000. It originally passed in 1981 and renews every five years. Mayor Policastro asked what “Tax in excess of the 10 mill limitation” means. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said he would check with Hamilton County for clarification.

“To Appoint Brian Kelly as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years of 2016 and 2017” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

“To Amend Ordinance O-10-15 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment for Employees” had a first reading.

“To Accept Bid of J.K. Meurer Corporation for the 2016 Street Rehabilitation Project; To Authorize Contract; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second reading. Mr. Wolter said the reason for the emergency is the Village makes an effort to get our bid out early. Contractors are hungry the first part of the year and we usually get better pricing. We received a substantial savings this year which will allow us to do more road work with the same dollars. The Ordinance had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-9-16 was adopted.

“To Prohibit Alternative Pets and Animals Considered to be Livestock to be kept Within the Village of Mariemont” had a first reading.

Mayor Policastro presented Mr. Miller with a proclamation and declared March 15, 2016 as “Joe Miller Day’ in the Village of Mariemont. Mr. Miller said it was an honor and privilege to serve on Council and represent the residents of Mariemont. Being on Council does take a lot of time and 99% of the time you see only good and then of course you see the element of society that just wants to change everything, but that is a life lesson we all learn. Mariemont is truly a special place and he will certainly miss everyone. Mr. Wolter thanked him for all his time volunteering to needs of the Village and for being such a clear head on Council.

Mayor Policastro introduced Town Meeting Nominee, Mr. Bill Brown. Mr. Brown was sworn into office by Mayor Policastro as the Council Representative for District 2.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer

