

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 18, 2016**

Written But Not Yet Adopted

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

Mayor Policastro said Police Officer, Matt Kurtz, completed his probationary period and it is recommended that he be moved to full-time status. He is a 2003 graduate of Oak Hill High School and studied criminal justice at Cincinnati State College. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2005-2009 including two tours in Iraq. He was a scout sniper (long range marksman). He served as a Patrol Officer for the Village of Cleves Police Department from 2010-2011; Good Samaritan Hospital 2011-2013; Village of Lockland 2012-2015 and joined our Police Department on October 26, 2016. He has received the 2015 "Valor Award for Bravery" from the F.O.P. lodge #84. Police Chief Hines said Officer Kurtz has done an excellent job for the Village and interacts well with both the members of the community and his fellow officers. Officer Kurtz thanked the Mayor, Council and the Police Chief for the opportunity to serve the Village. Mr. Hlad moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Officer Kurtz was congratulated by members of the Council.

Mr. Wolter said we are all very concerned for our police department and thankful for their service. He believes he can speak for all of Council to say they are in our prayers considering what is going on these days. He prays this somehow all gets resolved.

Mayor Policastro presented to Thomas and George Marsland (Mack Marsland was not present) a Certificate of Recognition and deemed them Fireworks Finance Super Heroes. They did an excellent job collecting approximately \$600 for our fireworks display. The community is very proud of what they did and he thanked them for helping make the fireworks a success.

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes as written for Council June 13, 2016. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. (Mr. Marsland abstained due to absence)

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: June 2016 Monthly Report/Memo Dated July 11, 2016 re: School Resource Officer. Chief Hines said after 4-5 years of talking with the school administration it has finally come to the point where we are going to put a School Resource Officer in the high school. This is severely needed. The school wants to do it on a part-time basis, four hours, each school day for the first year. They want to show that it is a good thing and going forward perhaps going to a full school day. The school will fund 80% of the cost. It is estimated that it will cost the Village \$5000. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Finance Committee. We will have to have a Special Meeting of Council to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and Adopt the Salary Ordinance prior to the start of the school year. Mr. Hlad asked if we have an officer identified. Chief Hine said he has pretty much decided on one officer.

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: June 2016 Monthly Report. Ms. Palazzolo asked if he would be possible to track where the mutual aid runs take place. Assistant Chief Kiefer said yes he could add that information to the report.

From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: June 2016 Monthly Report. Mayor Policastro said we got a grant from the county for \$13,000 to install a sidewalk which runs to the bathrooms at the Bell Tower. Superintendent Scherpenberg said all that needs to be done is to put the seed down and the project will be complete.

From Building Administrator Keyes: June 2016 Monthly Report.

From Tax Administrator Busam: June 2016 Monthly Report

From Swim Pool Manager Schad: June 2016 Monthly Report. Mr. Brown said rejuvenate was put on the black top of Lytle Woods and asked if the basketball court at the pool would need it as well. Engineer Ertel said they would not put an application on now because of the worry that it would make it slippery. Perhaps after a year it could be considered. A road is different because the same type of asphalt is not used.

From First Suburbs Consortium: E-mail Dated June 20, 2016 re: Duke Energy Pipeline. Mayor Policastro said it could be a week or a month before they start to come in to start trimming and taking down the trees. He will be there every day. Ms. Palazzolo said she received a mailing from Duke Energy regarding the electric right-of-way and parking. Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler said the mailing Ms. Palazzolo referenced has to do with underground utilities. She believes these are two separate issues as the Village has overhead lines in that area.

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes June 7, 2016

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler: May 2016 Monthly Report and June 2016 Monthly Report

From Administrative Office MTD/YTD 2nd Quarter Report

From Nancy Egle-Miller: Thank You Warrior Run. Mayor Policastro said the Village donates a Family Pool Pass for a Village resident.

From Mark Kobasuk, Mayor of Newtown: Letter Dated June 27, 2016 re: Thank You Service Department

From Wasson Way: e-mail Dated July 6, 2016 re: Funds for Wasson Right-of-Way

From Linda Hoetger: E-mail Dated July 10, 2016 re: Resolution for Prostate Cancer

From Mayor Dan Policastro: Letter Dated July 12, 2016 re: Property Code Violations

From Solicitor McTigue: Letter Dated July 11, 2016 re: Kirkwood Legislation. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Planning & Zoning and Economic Development Committee. Mayor Policastro said we have to add one more step to our code.

From Frey Electric: Quote to Replace Emergency Generator Transfer Switches. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

From Brenda Westfall: e-mail Dated April 8, 2016 re: Signage. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Planning & Zoning and Economic Development Committee.

Ms. Lisa Wharton, 3867 Homewood, was granted permission to address Council. She had questions regarding the Duke Energy project on the median along Murray Avenue. Currently there are two lines of poles on either side and asked if it will be restored to two lines on either side. Mayor Policastro said the lines on the Mariemont side will come down. She has a meeting scheduled with the Vegetation Specialist with Duke Energy to find out whether all the trees are coming down because some are marked and some are not. She has been asked by the Garden Club to look into the matter. Mayor Policastro said most of the trees except for the ones that won't grow over 20'-25' will stay. Most of the trees that are in the lines will be taken down as they pose a fire risk and a black out. He has a list of the types of trees Duke is going to allow us to pick out. Ms. Wharton asked if the Parks Advisory Board will make that decision. Mayor Policastro said the Mayor is in charge of trees so he will pick them out with the help of Mr. Martin Koepke who is a Landscape Architect. Ms. Wharton asked if we know where the parking will be put in, how it will be configured and if there was a traffic study. Mayor Policastro said Village Engineer Ertel is putting together a plan. We are looking at three spots housing eight cars each for a total of 24 spots near the apartment area. The parking spots will not go in right away. The trees will be planted first in the fall and the parking will follow in the spring. Ms. Wharten said when reviewing the April minutes of Council it referenced closing off a part of Settle. Mayor Policastro said we talked about it but it is just in the talking stages at this point. Ms. Wharton thanked the Mayor and Council for answering her questions.

Ms. Wendler asked if the metal poles are going to be the high transmission poles. Engineer Ertel said they will not be a giant pole but more of a "stick". They will be either round or square.

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

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee which met on June 25, 2016 to discuss potential changes to the Zoning Code regarding new construction and extensive remodeling to structures within the Village of Mariemont. The Committee recommends that the legislation to maintain the historic and aesthetic character of the entire Village of Mariemont, as drafted by Village Solicitor Ed McTigue, be adopted. This is to include Sections I-VI. The Committee further recommends that the Ordinance be passed on an Emergency basis. Mr. Wolter questioned if we will have good definition of extensive remodel...what will be considered extensive remodeling? Mr. Brown said it could be termed by a percentage of overall project, alterations to the exterior etc. Mayor Policastro said he wants to add to this idea but for now we need to get something on the books. This will give the Building Commissioner the authority to tell someone that their house is not conducive to what is surrounding it. If they want they can appeal to the Planning Commission and then to Council if necessary. It will go back into Committee for further review and discussion. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Regular meetings of Council during the summer months will be: Monday August 22, 2016. Council was reminded to mark their calendars.

Resolutions:

"Adopting the Budget for 2017" had a second reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to suspend the rules to allow for the third reading. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a third reading. Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Hlad to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. O-7-16 was adopted

"To point Linda Swensson as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years of 2016 and 2017" had a second reading.

"To Appoint Steve Spooner as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board to Fill the Unexpired Term of Joe Stelzer for the Calendar Years 2016 and 2017" had a second reading.

"Resolution for the Prostate Cancer Community to Help raise Awareness for the Month of September" had a second reading.

Ordinances:

"To Enact Legislation to Maintain the Historic and Aesthetic Character of the Entire Village of Mariemont; and To Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by 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 if the thought behind the emergency was because Council only meets one more time this summer. Mayor Policastro said you never know who is going to buy a house and tear it down. It's too late for the ones on Belmont. We need to be able to have a say from now. The Ordinance had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call;

six ayes, no nays. Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to enact the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-14-16 was adopted.

“To Amend Ordinance O-10-16 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances To Increase Payment for Employees; and To Declare Emergency” was tabled so the Finance Committee could meet to discuss. It was agreed to hold a Special meeting of Council to pass this on an emergency basis.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer