

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

Vice-Mayor Marsland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following Council members were present: Mr. Brown, Mr. Marsland, Ms. Palazzolo and Mr. Wolter.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding distributed a summary of funds available and the various requests from the Department Heads. Nothing is etched in stone. This is a roadmap as to what kind of money we want to spend this year for Permanent Improvements. The handout also included a ten year summary of the Capital Improvements. We have \$150,000 beginning balance. He reserved \$100,000 for the Municipal Building leaving \$50,000 at the beginning of the year. We will bring in \$380,000 giving us total funds of \$530,000 (less \$100,000 for the building) for a total of \$430,000 unreserved funds available to spend. He encouraged having some extra in case something unknown comes up.

Service Superintendent Scherpenberg requested \$50,000 for tree work. They spent \$22,300 last year well below the \$50,000 budgeted. Also requested is \$7,300 for street lights and \$20,000 for a storage shed and attachments. He indicated in 2018/2019 he will be requesting a new dump truck/utility bucket truck. Total budget cost allocated for the Maintenance Department \$77,300.

Chief Hines requested \$37,000 for a 2017 Ford Explorer plus the equipment package. Mayor Policastro said the Dodge Chargers are out of warranty and are not holding up mechanically as well as the Explorer. Chief Hines said the Explorer is more practical and are not that much more expensive. He plans to trade one of the Dodge Chargers while it still has value. The department needs to purchase Pamet computer software for \$13,300. After discussion it was agreed that the software system could be purchased out of the Mayor's Court Fund. Chief Hines said to replace all 12 of the police radios was \$49,000. His plan was to replace 3 or 4 per year over the next three years. He was notified if we order the radios by March 24, 2017 they will reduce the cost to \$40,000 saving almost 25%. We do not have to transition completely until 2019. After that our radios will still work but Motorola will stop making parts for the old radios. Council agreed to purchase all 12 of the police radios and take advantage of the hefty discount. Mr. Marsland said the grant that was written has the radios in it. The grant won't be awarded until May 1, 2017 but we can apply it towards the fire radios. Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer said he too applied for a grant through the State Fire Marshal. The department also requested one P227 Sig Sauer handgun for \$800. Total budget cost allocated for the Police Department \$77,800.

Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer requested five sets of turn out gear for \$15,200 and three new Motorola radios for \$14,300. In addition, the department is requesting a 2017 Ford Explorer plus equipment (\$40,000) to replace the 2007 Tahoe which needs maintenance work. It would be a ten year investment. He suggested selling the Tahoe on Gov Deals which is like an EBay for government entities. Total budget cost allocated for the Fire Department \$69,500.

Tax Administrator Busam said she does not have any requests. Total budget cost allocated for the Tax Department \$1,000.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said in 2016 we spent \$23,000 at the pool and recommended \$15,000 for this year. Mayor Policastro said the greater need is to resurface the tennis courts instead of the shelter. It was agreed to budget \$30,000. Mr. Marsland is also working on a grant for the tennis courts. Mayor Policastro said we are going to reach out to the Boosters and High School to kick in if we do not get the grant. Mayor Policastro said we need "baseball dirt" on the Bell Tower field at a cost of \$2,000. Total budget cost allocated for the Recreation Department \$47,000.

Administrative Assistant Van Pelt said she did not anticipate any needs but requested \$5,000 to cover any equipment that may need to be replaced and to budget \$10,000 for the phone upgrade to the Municipal Building. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler suggested that we look at a technology upgrade. If we do not do it this year we should plan for 2018. The website and phone upgrades have already been referred to the Finance Committee. Total budget cost allocated for Administration \$15,000.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said the Street Fund does not have enough money to cover all the street repairs. He allocated \$125,000 (depending on the grant it may be \$50,000 more or less) to cover in excess of the Street Fund and \$20,000 for sidewalk and curb work. Total budget cost allocated for Infrastructure \$145,000.

Fiscal Officer said he allocated \$20,000 for Permanent Improvement costs that were done in 2016 but paid in 2017 and \$5,000 for Auditor Fees. Total budget cost allocated for miscellaneous \$25,000.

Fiscal Officer said the total needs/requests for 2017 is \$457,600 with \$455,500 available. Mayor Policastro said he will refer the individual department requests to a Committee of Council. Each Committee will need to meet to discuss the requests and make a formal recommendation to Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer