

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MAY 22, 2017**

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.

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the minutes as written for the May 8, 2017 Council meetings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Building Department Administrator Keyes: April 2017 Monthly Report

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes May 2, 2017

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: Hiring of 5<sup>th</sup> Employee. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Finance Committee. We laid off the fifth employee over seven years ago. He believes it is time to hire someone. During the last hiring process there was a good candidate but he did not have much experience. We could hire a trainee to help do things that we were having done by general contractors. This employee could help with the brush route, cleaning gutters etc. It would also decrease the amount we spend with Minutemen in the fall during leaf season. Elisha Davis was at the top of the salary scale. He believes this is something we can now do since we passed the levy without raiding the general fund. Ms. Palazzolo said we will start getting the monies from the levy in 2018 and asked if the fifth employee would be hired in 2018. Mayor Policastro said we could hire them still this year. Mr. Marsland said he has spoken with Fiscal Officer Borgerding and emailed Mayor Policastro about giving the police increases to bring them up to local standards. Mayor Policastro said he would like to raise the top of the range six percent and said it would show good faith if we gave them three percent this year. He referred that matter to the Finance Committee as well.

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler: April 2017 Monthly Report

From Mayor Court Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement for April 2017

From Engineer Ertel and Fred Schlimm, Hamilton County Engineer's Office: Village Awarded Small Government Funds for Settle Road. Mayor Policastro said we will a \$50,000 grant and a \$50,000 twenty-five year interest free loan.

From Blue Ash, Ohio Mayor Lee Czerwonka: E-mail Dated May 12, 2017 re: Medical Marijuana. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole. Presently this is going to pass in the State Senate. In his letter it states that Mariemont has said marijuana cannot be sold in the Village. He does not believe Council has ever done such legislation. He personally does not want a marijuana shop in the Village.

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

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee which met on Wednesday May 17, 2017 in Council Chambers to discuss the parking plan for the south side of Murray Avenue. The Committee recommends spending approximately \$20,000 to install four parking pads on Murray Avenue, after a survey of parking dynamics and patterns is completed, in order to help insure the most efficient location of the proposed parking spaces. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Brown said the report indicates that after a survey of the parking dynamics the location will be proposed. Will this go back to Committee for final placement of the parking spaces? Mr. Wolter said we do not have real data on where the parking pressure is along Murray. Where the need is the most intense is where we would want to place those pads. Mayor Policastro said we should rely on JK Meuer who is an expert at that. Mr. Wolter said they may not be aware where the car pressure is. Mayor Policastro said we also need to remember the vegetation and that we need to balance it with greenery and trees. We don't want to pack it all with parking. Mr. Wolter agreed. After discussion it was determined that the Police Department will compile data to count cars to aid the placement of the pads to ensure the best use for the parking. It will be reviewed by the Police Chief, Village Engineer and JK Meuer. Their recommendation will go to Planning Commission for final approval.

Mr. Hlad moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee which met on Wednesday May 17, 2017 in Council Chambers to discuss the road rehab and water retention system for Settle Road. After much discussion between Committee members, Village Engineer and two residents living on Settle Road, the Committee recommends spending \$262,000.49 and an additional

\$60,000 for the installation of a water retention system that would mitigate a two-year heavy rain event, modifying approximately six driveways and re-paving Settle Road. Mayor Policastro said he and Engineer Ertel got with JK Meuer to sharpen their pencil. Engineer Ertel explained the change order and said it should hold up for twenty years. They also discussed the Settle Road Retention Tank and the need to expand it. JK Meuer was agreeable to do the additional work for \$50,000 which should double the water capacity. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said that leaves us with approximately \$5,000 that we did not budget for which is not a big deal. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to amend the report to change the amount for the additional work from \$60,000 to \$50,000. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The work on Settle Road will begin early July.

Miscellaneous:

Village Offices will be closed Monday May 29, 2017 in Observation of Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Parade will be Monday May 29, 2017. Line-Up will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the parade will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The 2018 Budget Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday July 10, 2017. Fiscal Officer said we will need at least five members present to invoke the emergency clause.

Resolutions:

“Renewal of 3.5 Mill Tax Levy in Excess of 10 Mill Limitation for Permanent Improvements for the Tax Years of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021” had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-14-17 was adopted.

“Fixing a Time for Public Hearing on the 2018 Budget” had a third reading. Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-15-17 was adopted.

“Resolution Authorizing Construction Loan for Mariemont Administration Building” had a second reading. Fiscal Officer said he will finalize the fixed rate once the paperwork is signed but he will get a determination that will be valid for a period of time.

“To Appoint Jill Mehl as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years of 2017 and 2018 (to Fill the Vacancy of Maggie Palazzolo) had a first reading.

Mr. Wolter said he wanted to discuss the closing of the northeast entrance to the parking lot behind the theatre. Mayor Policastro said due to Sunshine Laws he does not believe Council should be discussing the issue in an open meeting because it is not on the agenda. Mr. Wolter said it should go into a Committee of Council to study. Mayor Policastro said he has been in contact with the Village Solicitor and he is waiting on an opinion. Mr. Wolter was unsure why the matter is being heard by ARB – it does not have anything to do with safety ingress or egress. Mayor Policastro said it is because it is in the Historic area and ARB has complete control of the Historic area. He did not believe the parking area is historic but he was dead wrong. The code states the square area and its parking area.

Ms. Palazzolo said since the matter of preparing a good map of the Historic District falls under the ARB she asked that it be deleted from the agenda for Rules and Law Committee.

Ms. Palazzolo asked how to add something to the agenda to be referred to a Council Committee. Mayor Policastro said only he can refer something to a Committee. Mr. Marsland said according to Roberts Rules Council can refer a matter to a Committee. Ms. Palazzolo said she wants to have the Health and Recreation Committee do a complete study on all aspects of having bicycles on the bike trail. Mayor Policastro said it needs to be a written request and given to Mrs. Van Pelt so she can add it under communications for Committee referral.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer