

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MERCY ST. THERESA  
MAY 14, 2018**

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: Mrs. Graves, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Marsland, Ms. Palazzolo, Mrs. Rankin and Ms. Schwartz.

Mayor Policastro announced that the Village was awarded the grant for the work on Madisonville Road. He thanked Engineer Ertel for a good job. Engineer Ertel said the Village had the second highest score in the State. What pushed the application over the edge was the traffic count (volume of traffic on the road) is only second to Wooster Pike. There are 4,000 cars that travel that road per day. Mayor Policastro asked if next year Petoskey Avenue/South Petoskey Avenue would be considered. Engineer Ertel said we can certainly apply. The issue maybe that it does not have the traffic that Madisonville Road does and it is in better condition.

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to accept the minutes as written for April 23, 2018. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: April 2018 Monthly Report

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: April 2018 Monthly Report

From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: April 2018 Monthly Report

From Building Administrator Keyes: April 2018 Monthly Report

From Tax Administrator Busam: April 2018 Monthly Report

From Suzanne Bischoff: E-mail Dated April 23, 2018 re: Proposed Bike Trail

From Engineer Ertel: Memo Dated May 9, 2018 re: GSI Invoice re: 6610 Mariemont Avenue. Engineer Ertel said the wall is constructed but they could not regrade the soil because it is too wet. They have not called him to view and inspect what the slope looks like. He authorized payment based on the fact it was a lump sum contract. We have till the end of May to pay the bill. If by the end of May the work is not done he suggests paying 90% and holding back 10%. He is hopeful that the work will be done in the next couple of days if the weather stays dry. Mayor Policastro said the check is prepared but he does not want to pay them until the work is complete and Council has a chance to look the project over. Ms. Palazzolo verified that the rain was making it too wet not that there was water still seeping. Engineer Ertel said that was correct. He took water samples on April 13 of the water coming out of the pipes to make sure it was not potable water. He anticipates that the pipes will continue to drip until we hit August and have a true dry spell. It is performing as expected.

From Engineer Ertel: E-mail dated May 10, 2018 re: Small Government Grant Award – Madisonville Road

From GSI: Invoice Dated April 5, 2018 re: 6610 Mariemont Avenue

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler: Fiscal Officer's Report April 2018 and IT Infrastructure Project Update. Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler said we got a lot of money this month because the county changed when the rollback money is dispersed.

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement April 2018

From Engineer Ertel: E-mail Dated April 30, 2018 re: Eastern Corridor Traffic Signals. Mayor Policastro said we stopped them from putting in the Eastern Corridor but he has been asking them for traffic lights. The Police Chief has been championing for new lights because the ones we have are in pretty bad shape. The lenses are burnt from the lights. At every eastern Corridor meeting he tells them there are smart lights in Fairfax but they are not connected with Mariemont. The lights we have are antiques. He said we will get new traffic lights along Wooster Pike which should save \$100,000. Next year they are going to re-pave Wooster Pike to Milford. He asked the Solicitor to look over the contract.

Solicitor McTigue suggested at the end of the contract the Village ask that wording be added that if any of the Village property is disturbed during the process they should return it to the same condition.

Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler asked if the new light could be a fully protected walk cycle for all the lights. For instance, there is still a green light for left hand turners while there is a walk light. Chief Hines said that would be up to the State but he does not think, due to the way the Village Square is set up, all of the lights could go red at the same time. It would cause a lot of congestion. Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler asked if we petitioned ODOT would they do a traffic study. Chief Hines said on something like this ODOT would probably just say no. Ms. Palazzolo said the light from the Mariemont Inn across to Eyecare on the Square is impossible to cross with a cross signal the whole distance. It is concerning for senior citizens. Chief Hines said he has asked ODOT at different times to look at it and they make tweak it a bit. Discussion ensued surrounding the crosswalk between the Mariemont Inn and the former PNC Bank and how it is a blind crossing with cars flying around the corner. Mr. Hawkins agreed that it is really a dangerous intersection. Ms. Palazzolo questioned if we could ask ODOT about the timing of the lights while they are working on the project. Mayor Policastro said that is one of the reasons he puts signs up in the area. Perhaps ODOT could put up a blinking sign to warn of an approaching crosswalk.

Engineer Ertel said there are Eastern Corridor meetings going on right now and he can certainly ask. However, the current project is just for the controller part of the cabinet not for the physical lights. It is the computer inside the box which should make the lights function better. Mayor Policastro said well it is a start.

From Solicitor McTigue: Eastern Corridor Traffic Signals/Sample Resolution

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes April 30, 2018

From Sue Singleton: Memo Re: Night Swims/Pool Party at Swim Pool. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Health and Recreation Committee and said time is of the essence. Mr. Hawkins said if it is the same as last year can Council vote tonight. Solicitor McTigue said it should be heard by the Committee. The legislation will need to be an emergency.

From Kim Donovan Smith: E-mail Dated May 7, 2018 re: New Mariemont Park Signs Request – Food Allergies and Keeping Children Safe. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Safety Committee. Superintendent Scherpenberg said Kleem should be able to make the signs.

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: Memo Dated May 9, 2018 re: Permanent Improvement Request – New Water/Deicer Tank. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

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

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Rules and Law Committee which met on April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Maggie Palazzolo, Mary Ann Schwartz, Eric Marsland, Mayor Policastro, Linda and Rob Bartlett, Police Chief Hines and resident Mary Marcal. The Committee recommends that council packets be distributed electronically beginning immediately but to also continue to distribute paper copies for six months while everyone gets used to the change in the process. Packets will be Adobe .PDF files and will be formatted so they can be printed easily on letter sized (8.5x11”) paper if someone wants to do so. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mrs. Graves moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to accept the recommendation of the Rules and Law Committee which met on April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Maggie Palazzolo, Mary Ann Schwartz, Eric Marsland, Mayor Policastro, Linda and Rob Bartlett, Police Chief Hines and resident Mary Marcel. The Committee was informed by the Village Solicitor that, by statute, the Mayor’s spending limit is \$5,000. The Committee agreed that this was appropriate and recommends that documentation of the \$5,000 spending limit should be added to our Village Code of Ordinances to avoid us revisiting the question every few years. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro referred to Rules and Law the matter of changing the wording of the code to allow for landscape architects due to John Nolen being one as well.

Ms. Palazzolo said made a verbal report regarding the noise ordinance. The Rules and Law Committee met and feel they need one more meeting to finalize what they want to do. They have had input from the community and will continue to do so.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Monday May 28, 2018 in Observation of Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Parade line up will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Council will meet Tuesday May 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Mercy St. Theresa

Resolutions:

“Renewal of Present 3.08 Mills Tax Levy in Excess of 10 Mill Limitation for Current Expenses for Tax Years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022” had a second reading. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said this is the renewal of the current operating levy which brings in \$100,000. We have to renew it every five years.

“Renewal of Present Tax Levy of One Mill in Excess of 10 Mill Limitation for Recreational Purposes of the MariElders, Inc. for Tax Years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022” had a second reading. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said it is a renewal that we have to do every five years. It comes to the Village and then is distributed to the MariElders.

“Fixing a Time for Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget” had a second reading. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said the Public Hearing will be before the second meeting of Council in July.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Anthony Borgerding, Fiscal Officer