

**Village of Mariemont
Regular Council Meeting
April 12, 2021**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Present was Mr. Bartlett. Virtually present due to the COVID-19 pandemic were Mrs. Graves, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Rankin, Ms. Palazzolo, Mr. Stelzer, Fiscal Officer Borgerding, Engineer Ertel, Building Department Assistant Aileen Beatty, Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner, Solicitor Ed McTigue and Superintendent Scherpenberg.

Mr. Bartlett asked that the Council minutes from March 22, 2021 be amended to read regarding the Consulting Groups “Mrs. Rankin pointed out that Kramer’s proposal also says they will meet with all stakeholders”. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to amend the minutes. On roll call; five ayes, no nays (Mr. Graves abstained due to her absence from the meeting). Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to accept the amended minutes. On roll call; five ayes, no nays (Mrs. Graves abstained due to her absence from the meeting).

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to amend the minutes for the Council meeting March 8, 2021. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to accept the amended minutes for the Council meeting March 8, 2021. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Stelzer asked that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council March 26, 2021 be amended to read “which allows monies for landscaping of \$89,852” and change “Tom Schmidt to Tony Schmidt”. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to amend the minutes of the March 26, 2021 Special Meeting of Council. On roll call; five ayes, no nays (Mrs. Graves abstained due to her absence). Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the amended minutes. On roll call; five ayes, no nays (Mrs. Graves abstained due to her absence).

Communications:

*From Police Chief Hines: March 2021 Monthly Report. Mayor Brown noted that there was a nice Letter of Commendation for Officer Steve Watt and his mutual aid assistance with the Fairfax Police Department.

*From Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner: March 2021 Monthly Report

*From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: March 2021 Monthly Report. He said regarding the resident email about Grass Cor not cutting the area of Patriot Park. The resident cut the grass and Grass Cor thought it was done by one of their crews. Kevin Schmid has talked with all the crews from GrassCor, and he talked with Alex from Grass Cor. He has been in contact with the resident who made the complaint. Once a week grass cutting will result in higher grass between cuttings. Mr. Stelzer said there was an allegation made in the email that there was a fall off at the end of last year. Superintendent Scherpenberg said because of the tree lighting the Village is not mowed the last week of November. Instead they come in December to cut certain parcels. Grass Cor is complying with the contract signed last year and this year based on what we have asked them to do. He will reach out to the resident.

*From Tax Administrator Darrah: March 2021 Monthly Report

*From Council Member Stelzer: Email Dated April 8, 2021 re: Health and Recreation Committee Assignments. Mayor Brown referred the following: Allow the consumption of alcohol at certain pool events during the 2021 pool season; Minimum age to attend the pool unaccompanied by an adult; review proposals for tree and landscaping work at the pool; Submission of application for ODNR NatureWorks Grant Program; Review Process for acceptance of contracts and issuance of purchase orders and Resident donation of playset for the pool.

Permission To Address Council:

Mr. Paul Mace, 6639 Elm Street, was granted permission to address Council. He is a lifelong resident and presently a Trustee and Vice-President with MPF. He has questions regarding the changes with the Building Department and the impact it will have on the Village. When discussing outsourcing part of the permit process to XPEX he asked the hours that will be allotted to the Building Department. He wants to make sure that we maintain the integrity of the Village and protect our Historic District and the importance of our National Landmark status. He also asked what is next? The minutes raise concerns about contracting out our Fire Department and he asked if other changes were being discussed such as the Tax Department, Maintenance Department

etc. While he understands Council needs to be fiscally responsible, but he also believes Council needs to think about what makes our Village a special place to live and many of these services are part of that factor.

Mr. Stelzer has asked many times what is the chain of events that could cause the Village to lose the landmark status and has never been given an example or what would cause the Village to lose status. It is a standard that no one seems to be able to define. Mr. Mace will look into the answer to the question and will share with all of Council. Mr. Bartlett recommended talking with Diana Welling, Director of the State's Historical Preservation Office. He talked with her about this specific topic and would be a good resource to reach out to. Ms. Beatty said she the answer to the question, though no one ever asked her, and she could certainly help pull the information together.

Mayor Brown said the Village was contacted last fall by Columbia Township to have discussion to see if there are shared resource opportunities. To date that is the extent of what has taken place so far. Any additional information will be made public. Mr. Bartlett said the discussions have been reflected in the Council minutes and agreed with Mayor Brown that the Village is still in conversation stage. The Fire Chief of Fairfax and Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner are going to meet and prepare something to present.

Mr. Bob Van Stone, 4050 Lytle Woods, was granted permission to address Council. He said due to some residents not having access to technology these matters should be heard before live meetings. There should also be a formal risk abatement process that the residents could view. The risks should be listed, and the probability of occurrence should be listed. The timing and cost should be assessed as well. Mr. Stelzer said he will contact Mr. Van Stone to confirm what process he is referring to and will share with the rest of Council.

Ms. Susan Brabenec, 6636 Elm Street, was granted permission to address Council. She urged Council to table the request from the Finance Committee largely because the Village has insufficient data to decide. She requested at the February 8th Council meeting that the Finance Committee make the data available regarding the different departments. The only findings that are public are the attachments to the April 6th report which does not show the cost savings. It needs to show real cost savings. She encouraged Council to listen to those who know what is needed to complete the work to the standard expected by the community.

Mr. Jeff Molski, 4004 Miami Road, was permitted to address Council. He is still concerned with the speeding along the Miami Road hill. It is a residential street with 25 mph speed limit clearly marked. Motorcycles, trucks and bicyclists also speed along the hill. He has reviewed monthly tickets written and warnings given, and it fills an entire page. He has asked Council to come up with a permanent solution because the temporary solutions are not working. He does not feel the electronic speed device does not do much to slow the speed. Pedestrians cross at the bottom of the hill and it is just a matter of time before there is a major accident. He asked that Council look at speed tables as a permanent solution. Mrs. Graves said the matter was heard in the Safety Committee and thoroughly discussed and it was recommended to not install speed bumps/humps/tables for multiple reasons at this time. The methods put in place, per Chief Hines's recommendation, the committee believes will mitigate the problems. She does not believe looking at the issue again will change the recommendation of the Safety Committee. Mr. Molski said it this is a legitimate safety concern. Many neighborhoods have them. In his conversations with the Mayor and Police Department he found that to not be their stance. Mrs. Graves said Police Chief Hines, Mayor Brown and Superintendent Scherpenberg were all in the meeting and the decision was made as a whole, not just by one person. Mayor Brown said he is not certain we have fully explored the speed table to the extent that we could or should have and suggested that speed tables be revisited. He referred the matter back to the Safety Committee. Mrs. Graves reiterated that she felt the Safety Committee studied and vetted this matter thoroughly. Mr. Stelzer suggested looking at enforcement and increasing the cost of the ticket and signage to that effect. Chief Hines said it is already in place that the ticket cost escalates as the speed overage increases.

Ms. Karen Koetzle, 3865 Beech Street, was granted permission to address Council. She owns 3865-3873 Beech Street and has been an owner of historic properties for 34 years. She is offering her services as being a resident who would be contacted when a decision is being made by the Village that effects the Historic District. She founded the Mariemont Apartment Association. With COVID-19 she feels there has been a lack of communication. She was disappointed at first with the trash cans that were forced upon those in the Historic District due to the terrible rodent problems. The Village will celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 4 years. She asked what the Village plans. In addition, it is expensive to maintain homes in the Historic District and would like the Village to consider working together to bring the Village and the properties together. She suggested putting a speed camera on the Miami Hill.

Mr. Derek Page, 6636 Elm Street, was granted permission to address Council. He noted that Council's 3-minute rule is very arbitrary. He wanted to echo the sentiments mentioned earlier about the changes being proposed. The proposals are not clear and not broadly proposed in terms of Village input. He has not seen a cost saving proposal regarding the fire department and the building department. He asked what are the actual cost savings? There has not been much transparency and the chance for Village input into the dialogue about our Village structure. It is being conversed about without community input. In the short

term he can understand some of the fiscal aspects, but in the long term the Village will be losing what it represents. It should be available for the residents at a committee level to look at the data and be involved. The broader community who do not have the same level of access to technology should have a way to have their voices heard.

Mayor Brown said he is hopeful to get back to live open meetings. It will go a long way in helping interaction with the residents.

Mayor Brown read the following from former Building Administrator, Don Keyes: The changes and elimination of the Mariemont Building Department will not save the community money. The Village will spend less on department expenses and this is commendable. But we need to be clear that, with the proposed change, the Village residents will receive fewer and more expensive services. Also, since the department structure and guidelines has not been established, it is not clear that the Historic District will be addressed. It is frustrating to see this change as some of us have been attempting to make the Mariemont Building Department fiscally positive for several years but could not get Council's action".

Motion To Pay Bills:

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

Committee Reports:

Ms. Palazzolo said while reviewing policies for social media she is also reviewing the employee handbook which was last updated in 1999. She is reviewing a sample from our insurance company and another municipality's copy. She asked that the line item for Rules and Law 'Social Media Policies' be changed to a broader item 'To Assist in the Update of the Employee Handbook'.

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to un-table the matter of installation of solar panels. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Stelzer asked that the construction of documents for the multi-use path from Settle Road to Plainville Road be removed from the Health and Recreation Committee. The assignment is complete. In addition, he asked that the fencing at the swim pool be removed as the assignment is complete as well.

Ms. Graves asked that the Safety Committee is to look at traffic speed concerns on numerous streets. She asked that it be changed to read 'Establish process for traffic speed concerns' and how they will be addressed.

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 4:00 pm via video to discuss a potential new organization structure for the Building Department and a new fee schedule. Present at the meeting were Finance Committee members Rob Bartlett, Kelly Rankin and Joe Stelzer, Mayor Bill Brown, and Assistant to the Building Commissioner Aileen Beatty. Over the past three years, Building Department expenses have exceeded the fees collected by over \$40,700/year. The Finance Committee has benchmarked our Building Department versus other communities. Mariemont is currently paying four people to do this work, with the Building Commissioner being a salaried role. Terrace Park, Newtown, Fairfax and Columbia Township all have fewer people in their Building Departments and all of their Building Department roles are paid on an hourly basis. The main difference between Newtown and the other municipalities is Newtown has contracted with a company called XPEX to handle all technical plan reviews and inspections, whereas the other communities have contracted with Hamilton County.

The Finance Committee is recommending the following organization changes to the Building Department:

1. Create the role of Zoning Officer, similar to the other communities. For now, the Zoning Officer would continue to handle administrative and zoning matters. Fairfax pays their Zoning Officer \$20/hour. Terrace Park does not pay their Zoning Officer. Newtown's Village Office handles the Zoning Officer responsibilities. The Finance Committee recommends paying this role \$20/hour.
2. Contract with XPEX to handle all technical building matters. The Finance Committee has talked with XPEX and with Newtown council members, and we believe XPEX will provide very good customer service. Attached is a copy of a standard XPEX contract.

The Building Department will continue to operate as they are today, without set office hours. Instead, both XPEX and the Zoning Officer will be available to schedule meetings at the Municipal Building or at another location whenever is necessary.

The Finance Committee is also recommending some changes to the fee schedule, which has not been updated since February 2011. First, we are recommending instituting a \$100 application fee for any building permits to pay for the initial work required of the Zoning Officer. Second, for any work that XPEX does, XPEX will provide an estimate of the total cost of their work. This cost estimate will be based on an hourly rate, depending on the skills required for that specific job. Mariemont will add 10% on to the XPEX estimate for zoning code review and other administrative costs. And Mariemont will also include a state fee that we will collect and pass on to Columbus. The state fee is 1% for residential work and 3% for commercial work. If the resident decides to proceed with the project, Mariemont will collect the estimated fee from the resident. If there are any changes to the plans, then the fees will be updated as well. Once XPEX has completed its work, they will bill Mariemont for the actual cost. A process will be set up to track the estimated and actual costs to ensure the difference is minimal in total. Attached is a list of the activities within the Building Department that XPEX will be responsible for, what the current minimum fee is for this work, and how the new proposed fee would be determined. The Finance Committee will monitor this work and fine tune XPEX's responsibilities, as necessary. If any other fee changes are required, those will come to Council. Aileen Beatty has also agreed to develop written policies and procedures for the new restructured Building Department. The Finance Committee believes there are additional opportunities to become more cost efficient in the Building Department, as well as revisiting which items should require a permit, what the appropriate fee should be in a more cost optimized process, and what the fines should be for people who do not obtain the proper permits. However, we would like to focus first on stabilizing the new structure with XPEX before introducing any other changes, so we will likely wait until later this summer before presenting additional recommendations to council. If Council agrees with this initial recommendation, next steps would be for the Village Solicitor to draw up the necessary language to create the Zoning Officer role, including the process for identifying a Zoning Officer (Mayor appoint, Council approve). The Village Solicitor would also draw up the necessary legislation to update the Building Department fee schedule for those items involving XPEX. And finally, once the necessary legislation has been passed, the Mayor, Village Solicitor and Fiscal Officer would need to sign the contract with XPEX.

Mr. Bartlett said presently the Village outsources the plan reviews and building inspections. XPEX will do both duties and will offer more scheduling flexibility. We benchmarked with other communities (Newtown, Terrace Park and Fairfax) to gather data. All of these communities have gone to a variable cost versus a fixed cost. Mr. Keyes, who retired, was a salaried position and Ms. Beatty is paid hourly (but is not a Village employee). Other communities have found a way to do the work more efficiently with only one person handling the work. The Zoning Officer will be the one to ensure that the aesthetics of the Village will be maintained. The Zoning Officer will review any plans and determine if they need to go before the ARB or Planning Commission. The fees have not been updated since 2011. He explained the process that XPEX would perform and how they would determine the cost for the work. It will ensure that the cost given is equal to the revenue collected. It will help to eliminate underfunding. The other communities report a \$10,000-\$15,000 deficit versus our \$40,700. Savings cannot be guaranteed because this is a moving target. He expects that the Village deficit will be lower than those of other communities because they do not collect monies for the Zoning Officer. Ms. Beatty has been involved in both meetings regarding the matter. The first meeting in January shared a lot of data. The approved committee report is online and can be accessed whenever necessary. Committee meetings are available online to watch as well. Ms. Beatty has been helpful with research and the committee did involve the right people. She also contributed to this report.

Mr. Stelzer said the Village does not have enough construction activity to justify a full-time Building Commissioner. He knows the Mayor has been searching and it has been difficult to find someone to take on the position of Building Commissioner. What is being proposed is in essence a shared service for the position with XPEX.

Mrs. Rankin said she and Mayor Brown did talk with several people regarding an in-house Building Commissioner and found it to be not cost efficient. The representative from XPEX has been cooperative. It makes a difference when working with someone who wants to work with you. It is not a long-term obligation – it is a three-month obligation to see how it works. Dr. Lewis asked if there would be one person dedicated to the Village. Mrs. Rankin said it would depend on the need.

Mrs. Graves asked if the Zoning Officer would be a Village position similar to what Ms. Beatty is currently performing. Mayor Brown said it could be similar, but it is not fully defined yet and will be part of the process going forward. Mrs. Graves said the intimate feel of a small Village is something we do not want to lose. Mr. Bartlett said the Zoning Officer would be the first point of contact and would be able to step someone through the process, however there will not be set office hours. The only cost would be when they apply for a building permit. Mrs. Graves felt it was important to not lose the personal connection and asked if the permit will be a fixed fee for a specific permit. Mayor Brown said XPEX will determine the plan review etc. and they will process the permit. The Village will add a percentage for the Zoning Officer. Mrs. Graves asked if we would be making the process too costly for those to do work to their homes. She also would like to see some sort of cost saving number. Mayor Brown said we will become competitive with other municipalities. The Village issues more zoning permits than building permits. Mr. Stelzer said going forward we should also look at what the fine should be for those who do not comply with the permit process.

Ms. Palazzolo asked if the Zoning Officer would attend Planning Commission hearings etc. Mayor Brown said one of the first things the Zoning Officer would do is to determine if it needs to go before the ARB or Planning Commission. They would prepare/cite the code and present the issue to the appropriate board.

Ms. Beatty said there are two issues before Council. The first is the decision to outsource the plan review and the inspection work to XPEX. The second is the approval of a Zoning Officer role. The Zoning Officer role will be the most impactful and has yet to be defined. Council is being asked to vote on something that has not been made readable. Outsourcing to XPEX does nothing to change in terms of how the Village operates today. Taking the combination of Don Keyes salary and her time (approximately 30 hours per week) and turn it into an hourly rate it would save \$35,000 per year for a Zoning Officer at \$20.00 per hour. Increasing the fees would result in eliminating the \$40,700 deficit. The Finance Committee models after Fairfax working 10-20 hours per week. She believes Fairfax has a quarter of the workload than Mariemont and does not believe they are the best model. She has heard that she was part of the process, but she does not feel she was listened to. She wanted to raise the alarm on the potential Zoning Officer. The question is how does Council want to staff the Building Department? She has said that it requires 30 hours per week if the Village wants to maintain the services that are offered to the residents today. If the Finance Committee wants to reduce that to save money, then the committee has a responsibility to share with the rest of Council and the residents, what services will be cut. Outsourcing XPEX has zero effect on the workload of the Building Department – they will not create permits, answer questions or do any enforcement. She takes exception to parts of the Finance Committee Report. She does not understand “created similar to other communities” and it identifies a Zoning Officer which right now does not exist. If it was referring to the job she does, there are many responsibilities she performs other than just zoning and administrative. It is concerning to have the Village Solicitor prepare legislation for a role that has not yet been defined.

Mr. Bartlett said it is not a rubber stamp of Fairfax and no hours have been set for the Zoning Officer. The report indicates that more work still needs to be tackled, but not at this point in time.

Solicitor McTigue said he agrees with Ms. Beatty regarding preparing the necessary legislation. He does not know what the job duties and responsibilities for the Zoning Officer. Mr. Bartlett said Ms. Beatty made a list of the different activities she does which will be included in the job description.

Mr. Stelzer said he asked about a policies and procedures manual for the Building Department as it exists today. He was told one does not exist. While Council is being accused of not doing enough due diligence in this process, it is hard to do if we currently do not know what is happening in the Building Office. They are piecing it together and trying to determine what other communities are doing. We have to document what is being done so it can be defined. Ms. Beatty said she supplied a list of the duties performed in the Building Department. Mr. Stelzer said that was not what he asked for while Ms. Beatty commented she has never heard of a professional job that has a manual.

Council agreed with the XPEX model and the proposed fee structure. Mr. Bartlett said the Finance Committee could meet to work on a list, though not a detailed list, of the kinds of responsibilities that the Zoning Officer would be responsible for. Mr. Bartlett proposed to amend the report to eliminate the part of Zoning Officer and corresponding legislation. The Finance Committee will follow up to come up with a role description for the Zoning Officer and will submit to Council for their approval. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to amend the report. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to accept the amended report. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mrs. Graves to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 3:00 pm via video to discuss the purchase of a subscription to Lexipol for the Police Department. Present at the meeting were Finance Committee members Rob Bartlett, Kelly Rankin and Joe Stelzer, Mayor Bill Brown, and Police Chief Rick Hines. The Finance Committee reviewed the purchase request submitted by the Police Department for a subscription to Lexipol. Lexipol is software that assists fire and police departments in complying with current laws, regulations and public safety best practices, and documents the training of personnel on the approved policies and procedures. We are a member of Ohio Plan, who provides our liability insurance. As a member, we will receive a 10% discount on the subscription fee. Ohio Plan is also providing a 50% reimbursement for the subscription costs the first year, a 30% reimbursement the second year, and a 20% reimbursement the third year. The cost of a subscription is \$6,345.90/year after the 10% discount. Also, there is a one-time implementation cost of \$11,939.10. This is after a 15% discount. So total costs year 1 will be \$18,285.00. After that, we will pay just the annual subscription fee. The term of the contract is for 12 months with an automatic renewal unless we give written notice at least 30 days prior to the renewal date to discontinue the subscription. Chief Hines had previously budgeted for these costs in the Traffic Enforcement Fund. The Finance Committee recommends council approve signing the contract with Lexipol for a subscription to their software and paying \$18,285.00 this year from the Traffic Enforcement Fund for this service. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mrs. Graves to accept the recommendation of the Public Works & Service Committee which met on April 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM to discuss outsourcing the mulching of the Village areas. In attendance were the Committee Chairperson Kelly Rankin, Committee Member Avia Graves, Maintenance Supervisor John Scherpenberg and Mayor Brown. The topic of discussion was whether to outsource the task of mulching the required areas of the Village. We received proposals from Grass Cor i/a/o \$9,896.00 and Supreme Scapes i/a/o \$9,500.00. Maintenance Supervisor Scherpenberg stated the cost to have the Service department handle the mulching would be between \$10,000 and \$11,000. Taking into consideration the workload for the Service Dept and a more efficient utilization of their time, the outsourcing is the better choice. The Committee recommends accepting the bid from Supreme Scapes for the 2021 mulch service.

Mr. Bartlett asked if this was built into the budget. Superintendent Scherpenberg said originally yes, and it was discussed with the outsourcing mowing contract. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said it was a line item for Land & Building beautification or 'Other Contractual'. Mr. Stelzer said when we did the budget, we took the 2020 spend and added 2%. If it was not in the 2020 budget, how is it in the 2021 number? Superintendent Scherpenberg said there are things that we are not doing this year that we did last year. Mr. Stelzer asked if he was aware of what things are not being done this year. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he will be able to document the changes that were cut back on in June/July. He was below budget last year and expects to be below budget this year. Mr. Bartlett said it is not a savings if we are not having costs go down somewhere else. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he looks at production as well as cost savings. Example - sewer work performed in house will be cheaper than outsourcing sewer work. He referenced a conversation with Mr. Bartlett regarding it did not matter where the money was spent as long as the department was under budget. He said it is the same – it should not matter where he moves the money as long as he stays under budget. Mr. Bartlett agreed while Mr. Stelzer disagreed with the concept. Mr. Stelzer said we should be spending the money wisely on what we all are aware of. He asked if the mulch will be blown in or applied by hand. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he does not know. As long as the crew gets it done within a day or two versus 5 days with his crew it does not matter to him. Mr. Stelzer said there is approximately 10,000 hours of work available in the Maintenance Department and wanted to know where the time is being spent. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he now has his crew fill out a form to indicate how long it takes to do a project. Mr. Stelzer suggested he and Superintendent Scherpenberg talk in the upcoming week to help him understand the accumulated data and share with Council where the hours are going.

Mr. Stelzer questioned whether or not we should be mulching the trees to the depths we are doing. He has heard questions from qualified people that we may be putting too much mulch on the trees. Superintendent Scherpenberg said it is less than two inches. The problem is the tree flare at the bottom. He has heard this for many years, and some believe that trees should not be mulched at all. He suggested checking with the Tree Committee.

On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Miscellaneous:

Village Offices will be Closed in Observation of Memorial Day Monday May 31, 2021.

Mayor Brown explained the plan for refunding garbage stickers and how it will be communicated to the residents. A sample form will be included in the next Council packet.

Mayor Brown said he had a Mariemont High School student reach out to him regarding Community Earth Day which will be Sunday April 25, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Brown referred to the Finance Committee the reclassification of the School Resource Officer.

Resolutions:

“To Appoint Alicia Cline as a Member of the Pool Commission, To Fill the Unexpired Term of Leesa Blanding, for the Calendar Years 2021 and 2022” had a third reading. Mr. Stelzer moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-10-21 was adopted.

“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 Connection Therewith” had a second reading. Fiscal Borgerding said this is a renewal of the smaller Permanent Improvement Levy first passed in 1981. This is required paperwork to get it on the November ballot.

“Authorizing Purchase of Mayor’s Court Software form the Baldwin Group Inc. (BGI)” had a first reading.

“To Authorize the Recodification of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a first reading.

“To Accept the Bid of Pinnacle Paving and Sealing, Inc. for the Murray Avenue Multi-Use Trail Project and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third reading. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second and third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mrs. Graves to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-11-21 was adopted.

Ordinances:

“An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. O-32-98 Establishing a Restricted Computer Fund, Herein Called “Mayor’s Court Computer Fund” had a first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer
