

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
July 25, 2022**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Brownknight, Ms. Geldbaugh, Mrs. Rankin, and Mr. York.

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. York to excuse the absence of Dr. Lewis. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, to accept the minutes as written for the Council Meeting July 11, 2022 and the Special Meeting of Council July 11, 2022. On roll call: five ayes, no nays.

Communications:

- From Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler: June Financial Reports
- From Engineer Ertel: Change Order for Additional Work on 2022 Street Rehabilitation Contract. It is the Mayor's opinion that Council proceed with the resurfacing of the overlook at the Concourse and use alternative methods for the curb repair. He spoke with Service Superintendent Scherpenberg regarding other options that are less costly such as crusher fill gravel which compacts tightly. The cost of the curb is \$8200 (initiated by a homeowner) versus a couple tons of crusher fill gravel would be approximately \$50.00. Fiscal Officer Ford said the ARPA monies, if a Resolution is adopted accepting the standard allowance for lost revenue, the Village can use the funds for any normal government expense – which could include this. Mrs. Rankin expressed concern about the Duke pylons. Once removed, it will damage whatever curbing is installed. Ms. Geldbaugh said the Parks Board is working on things that need to be done at the Concourse such as trimming back the Wisteria and replacement of the rotted wood trellis. Because those projects would not happen this year, it was agreed to go forward with the resurfacing. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr. York to add to the scope of the work the resurfacing of the Concourse (\$8,552). On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Permission to Address Council:

Ms. Karen Fallon, 6966 Murray Avenue, was granted permission to address Council. She distributed to members of Council a "Communications Diary" that she compiled of dates of communications regarding the wood poles along Murray Avenue left by Duke Energy along with a breakdown of the pole ID numbers (one pole is indicated as a communications pole and will not be coming down). This is a follow-up to her request presented at a Council meeting in June 2022. She had contact with John Schack with Duke Energy who explained to her the process. Duke Energy is waiting for Cincinnati Bell and Spectrum to remove their lines from the poles so they may be removed. She has not received communication back from Cincinnati Bell. She has asked, but not yet received the contact information for Spectrum. The main focus is to keep on this. While she is happy to help, she does not want to bear full ownership and asked that the Village be involved. She will email the spreadsheet so it can be updated as calls are made. It was agreed that the Mayor will follow-up with Engineer Ertel to get phone numbers for the contractors for Cincinnati Bell and Spectrum. Members of Council will tag-team making calls. It will go alphabetically starting with Mr. Bartlett making follow-up calls.

Motion to Pay the 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: five ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Zoning & Economic Planning Committee which met on May 2, 2022 to bring new Council members up to speed on MPF's Demolition Ordinance. Present at the meeting were Committee Chair, Marcy Lewis, Vice-Chair, Leah Geldbaugh, Member, Susan Brownknight and Mayor Bill Brown. Also in attendance were MPF Trustees Bob Van Stone and Mary Beth York. The meeting began with a brief history of the proposal and the importance of having this type of legislation in an important historic village such as Mariemont. Zoning Officer, Rod Holloway, though not present at the meeting, had submitted some suggestions to be incorporated into the ordinance. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that Chair Marcy Lewis, Zoning Officer Rod Holloway, and MPF Trustees Bob Van Stone and Mary Beth York would meet to make the appropriate changes, then bring the revised ordinance back to the P,Z, & ED Committee for final review. The P, Z, & ED committee reconvened on June 27, 2022 to review the revised ordinance. Present at the meeting were Committee Chair, Marcy Lewis, Vice Chair, Leah Geldbaugh, Member, Susan Brownknight, Mayor Bill Brown and Fiscal Officer Richard Ford. The Committee unanimously voted to accept the proposed changes for legal review. Zoning Officer Rod Holloway graciously offered to facilitate the process. When the process is complete, the Committee recommends the Solicitor prepare the necessary legislation.

Solicitor McTigue said he has been working with Building Official Rod Holloway on drafting the legislation. He suspects it will be ready for the next Council meeting. Council agreed that the legislation should first be reviewed at the Committee level and the recommended changes be put forth in a detailed report to be accepted by Council. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Miscellaneous:

- Public Hearing Multi-Use Path Through Village will be Monday August 1, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mariemont Elementary School Cafeteria
- Special Meeting of Council will meet Monday August 29, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Strategic Planning Session Report Summary

Mayor Brown referred to the Rules & Law Committee the matter of a bench naming request.

Resolutions:

“Adopting the Budget for 2023; 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 readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Resolution has a second and third reading. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-29-22 was adopted.

Ordinances:

“To Amend Section 79, Schedule I of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances Regarding No Parking on West Street Between Thorndike and Madisonville Road” had a third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. York to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-19-22 was adopted.

“An Ordinance Authorizing Application and Contracting with the Ohio Public Works Commission” had a first reading.

With the change over between Fiscal Officer Borgerding and Fiscal Officer Ford, PNC requires the adopted Council minutes reflect Council's approval of signatory for the Village of Mariemont accounts. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to transfer authorization to sign accounts on behalf of the Village of Mariemont from Anthony J. Borgerding and Elissa Wendler to Richard D. Ford. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Chief Hines said Safety Services Night Out will be held on Tuesday August 16, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 at Dogwood Park. There will be free food and lots of activities including a K-9 presentation and the Air Care Helicopter.

Mr. Bartlett asked if Solicitor McTigue could prepare the resolution to free-up the ARPA funds. Fiscal Officer Ford said he would send a sample of the resolution to the Solicitor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Richard D. Ford, Fiscal Officer