

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
March 27, 2023**

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

Mayor Brown asked for a moment of silence for resident John Bentley who passed away this past weekend. He was a member of the Architectural Review Board and a great guy. We certainly appreciate his time and dedication to the Village.

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Geldbaugh to accept the minutes as written for the Council meeting held February 27, 2023. On roll call ; four ayes, no nays (Mrs. Brownknight and Mr. Bartlett abstained from accepting the minutes as written, due to their absence.)

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Geldbaugh to accept the minutes as written for the Council meeting March 13, 2023 and the Special Meeting of Council March 15, 2023. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Communications:

* From Police Chief Hines: February 2023 Monthly Report

*From Building Official Holloway: February 2023 Monthly report/Spending Request Form – Municipal Building Windows (\$25,000). Mr. York said the rental inspections have begun with the permits expiring in three years. His assumption is it will be in the best interest of Village to do regular communications with those that are not in compliance. He will work with Mr. Holloway on getting announcements out.

Mayor Brown said there is a Spending Request Form (\$25,000) for the front doors, large window above and replacement of five double hung windows for south end of the Municipal Building. This request does not include the installation which is estimated to be \$3,000-\$5,000. The sales tax will be removed. \$27,000 was allocated for the project. Right now, if the materials are purchased, there may not be monies left for the installation. There is lag time estimated at six months for delivery of the front doors which is why the eagerness to approve the request. After discussion, Mr. York moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to approve the spending request contingent upon cost of installation comes in below total allocation of \$27,000. Also, Council gives Mayor Brown the discretion to delete projects off the list to adjust accordingly to the allocated budget approved for this project. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

*From Administration Office: Spending Request Form – Fireworks \$6,000. Mayor Brown said this will essentially cover the cost of a similar show from last year. There was an option to spend \$900 more for a longer show, but he believes the \$6,000 will produce a nice show. Mr. York asked about moving the event to Sunday night July 2nd. Mrs. Van Pelt said the 3rd was chosen due to it being a workday and therefore would not incur overtime as it would for a Sunday show. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to approve the \$6,000 spending request for the fireworks. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

*From Police Chief Hines: Memo Dated March 21, 2023 re: Emergency Purchase of Police Cruiser. Chief Hines said there was difficulty with getting the vehicle from Ford. He is able to get a Chevrolet Tahoe from Joseph Chevrolet through state bid. It was determined that it did not need to go back to Committee. Council approved the request to cancel the Ford and proceed with the Chevrolet.

*From Fiscal Officer Ford: February 2023 Financial Reports. He reported that the property taxes should be deposited tomorrow totaling \$710,000. Mrs. Brownknight said she finds the reports very helpful.

Permission to Address Council:

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to pay the bills. On roll call: six ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

Miscellaneous:

*Village Centennial will be celebrated by 50 West Brewing Company by having Centennial Hops which are 100 years old to brew beer which will be available for approximately one week.

*Arbor Day will be held Friday April 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the Intersection of Wooster Pike and Oak Street. 50 West Brewing Company will be hosting Arbeer Day to celebrate Arbor Day.

Resolutions:

“To Appoint Kelly Rankin as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2023” had a first reading. Mr. York requested that this Resolution, along with the Resolution appointing Michael Kintner be tabled due to the Ordinance only allowing five members. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to table the Resolutions. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

“Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute and File Application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to apply for Financial Assistance in Connection with the Dogwood Park Project and the Municipal Swim Pool; and to Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second and third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to invoke the Emergency Clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-11-23 was adopted.

“To Set Forth Building Permit Fee Schedule to be Utilized by the Village of Mariemont Building Department” had a first reading.

“Resolution Creating a New Capital Project Fund for Dogwood Park” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

“Ordinance Authorizing Application and Contracting with the Ohio Public Works Commission, The Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority and Nature Works” had a first reading.

“To Amend Chapter 150.16 Building Permit Schedule of Fees” had a first reading.

Task List Updates:

Mr. York said Council has received the Kleinger’s Report and asked that the Alignment Study be placed on the Agenda for the next Council meeting for discussion and decision making. It is a big decision and should not be done on a Committee level. He suggested the Alignment Study be placed on the website and sent to the email distribution list. Ms. Geldbaugh said from input at the Safety Committee indicated that some residents have

concerns and want to be heard about the bike path. She suggested distribution of flyers to those on Rembold and Hiawatha who will be directly impacted.

Mr. York asked Ms. Geldbaugh and Mrs. Brownknight to look at their schedules so the Health and Recreation Committee can reconvene to discuss and review the grant for planning work at Dogwood Park that was awarded in August 2022.

Mayor Brown said the other 4 elements of the Ohio Plan Proposal will remain in the Finance Subcommittee. The Economic Development portion of the plan will be referred to the Planning and Zoning & Economic Development Committee.

Mr. York moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to go into Executive Session to discuss a Village personnel matter. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The meeting was suspended at 7:08 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to come out of Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. back to Regular Session of Council. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Richard D. Ford, Fiscal Officer