

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
June 26, 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, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Rankin, and Mr. York.

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, to accept the Council Meeting minutes from June 12, 2023, as written. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Communications:

*From Mariemont Preservation Foundation: Letter Dated June 1, 2023, re: Grant Request Centennial Project – Kleinger’s Group. There will be an initial meeting on July 6, 2023, with Kleinger’s Group.

*From Michael Harlow, Administrative Associate, Hamilton County Board of Elections: Email Dated June 8, 2023, re: 3.08 Mill tax Levy. Solicitor McTigue said the wording left out the tax year 2023. He spoke with representatives from both the Auditor’s Office and the Board of Elections and there are many hoops to go through. Council will need to pass the legislation with the Emergency Clause.

*From Council Member York: Financial Recap Auction Items for the Centennial. Mr. York said the proceeds were \$18,000 less expenses and commissions to Kate Albert resulted in a net of \$4,485.00 to the Village Centennial Fund. We still have prints that the Village owns, and we will retain one half of those proceeds.

*From Council Member York: MPA Program Partnership Application Draft. Mr. York said this is one of the grants that Mr. Dalton, from Greg Landsman’s office, thought would be really appropriate for park renovation as part of the Centennial. This program works with an MPA program who will help write the grant. It is a ODNR grant with a 50 percent match. It is a land and water conservation grant. He has completed the application and needs Council’s approval to submit. He feels the Village is a perfect candidate. Council agreed to go forth with the program and Mr. York will submit the application.

Permission to Address Council:

Ms. Kate Albert, Kate Albert Studios, was granted permission to address Council. She was commissioned by the Village to produce a painting of Mariemont to celebrate the Centennial. She made a canvas replication of the original painting and donated it to the Village. She is part of an organization named Masterworks for Nature which is a group of artists that help further conservation by producing artworks that help organizations reach their goals. Currently they are holding a show at the Eisele Gallery. She was approached by Brett Harper to help coordinate a project of creating a mural painting in the Village. She understands there are many hurdles for a project of this nature. While exploring the Village, she thought the Elementary School (west side) offered a wonderful canvas. It would not be in plain public view. Artworks employs students and interns for fine arts. She is happy to work to find an investor and would be available to help break down the imagine simplifying it. It is a well-thought-out project. She thought this project could be a nice end cap to the Centennial dedications. Members of Art Works would be available to attend a future meeting if needed.

Mayor Brown said we would have to work with the Mariemont School District as they own the building, not the Village, but he would like to move forward to see what the feasibility would be and asked if a graphic rendering could be produced.

The next steps would be: 1. Council approve the rendering by show of hands vote 2. Present the rendering to the Mariemont School District 3. Present to ARB 4. Council formally approves by Resolution. Public input would be heard at the Council meetings and the ARB meeting.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin, to pay the bills as submitted. Mr. Bartlett asked if every department had its own membership to CAGIS. Mrs. Van Pelt said it was one bill split between the various departments. On roll call: five ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

None

Miscellaneous:

- Village Fireworks will be held Monday July 3, 2023, beginning at dusk.
- Village Offices will be closed in Observance of Independence Day Tuesday July 4, 2023
- The Budget Hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday July 10, 2023, with the Regular Council Meeting to begin immediately upon its conclusion.

Resolutions:

- “To Repeal Resolution No. R-14-23 Pertaining to a Renewal of 3.08 Mill Tax Levy for General Operating Expenses and To Enact a New Resolution Pertaining to the Renewal of a 3.08 Mill Tax Levy in Excess of 10 Mill Limitation for General Operating Expenses for the Tax Years of 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third reading. On roll call; five ayes, and no nays. The Resolution had a second and third reading. Dr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-27-23 was adopted.
- “To Accept Bid of Envision and To Authorize Contract; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second and third reading. Dr. Lewis said Exhibit “A” contain both the proposal and contract that was distributed to Council at the last meeting. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-28-23 was adopted.

Ordinances:

- None

Task List and Committee Assignments:

The Boathouse target date of August 2023 was added. Mayor Brown said he was going to do more research. Mr. Bartlett said his wife, Linda, is the Archivist for MPF, and would be willing to assist.

It should read EV Charging Stations.

Mayor Brown said he is working with Duke on the median project. The vaults are in the ground. The next step is to get it up and out of the ground. He will be working with Superintendent Scherpenberg and Mr. York on the trenchwork.

Mr. York said regarding the dunking booth at the Taste of Mariemont. The Village liability insurance will not cover it, though MPF's may cover it.

Mr. Bartlett said the Village website contract runs through April 2024. It was Mrs. Wendler's recommendation that if we were to switch, we need to decide by October if we are staying with E-Gov. If not, we need time to make the transition.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Interim Fiscal Officer