

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2023**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Council Members Mr. Ayer, Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Rankin, and Mr. York. Dr. Lewis was absent due to illness. Mrs. Brownknight arrived at 5:46 PM. Also in attendance was Police Rick Chief Hines, Senior Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt, Superintendent John Scherpenberg, Interim Superintendent Ben James, Building Administrator Rod Holloway, Village Administrator Chuck Barlow, and Engineer Chris Ertel.

Fiscal Officer Rankin distributed handouts prior to the meeting for temporary appropriations of capital improvement projects for 2024. The numbers in the handout are based on figures that the Hamilton County Auditor has provided. This meeting is to determine which projects to temporarily appropriate funds for and how much to get us through the first quarter. In March there will be a permanent improvement meeting when we will appropriate spending for the full year.

Monies Available After Carry Over Reserve:           \$290.9 (Fund 4901)  
  \$105.9 (Fund 4902) \*Limited

After discussion the following was proposed:

The Police Department requested two new vehicles for 2024. Fiscal Officer Rankin said they will likely have that money, but she cannot put in appropriations for two right now. The cars are about \$70,000 each, which includes \$10,000 to outfit them. \$120,000 is requested for capital spending (4902), the remaining \$20,000 to outfit them will come out of the Alcohol Enforcement & Education Fund (2271). Council agreed to one Chevrolet Tahoe for now, and can add a second one later, making the current request \$60,000 with \$55,000 coming from Fund 4902.

The Service Department requested spending up to \$10,000 from Fund 4901 for the cleanup of the maintenance building. The purchase of a front loader/backhoe was also requested. Superintendent Scherpenberg noted that they are in stock and we could get a bid on ours. Part of the 5-year budget was \$120,000 for the cost minus \$30,000 for selling the one the Village owns. The other option is to include it in the auction because we might be able to get more for our equipment. It was agreed to carry over \$42,500 from last year and mark \$47,500 from Fund 4901 for this year, for a total of \$90,000 spending.

Some of the requested pool projects might start as early as March. Mr. Ayer's requests were discussed, with \$64,513 being approved from 4901. The leak repair will run about \$50,000. It involves relining the existing pipe and should last about 50 years. The water bottle fillers will likely be covered by a grant, but they will not purchase those if they don't receive the grant. Mr. Ayer noted that additional requests will be made for the pool which would fall under operating, not capital, expenses.

\$45,000 from Fund 4901 is requested for the Concourse Pergola. The main cost is for the purchase of the cedar. Mr. Ayer said that amount includes tree removal. Mayor Brown said it also includes tools and miscellaneous expenses. Fiscal Officer Rankin suggested we issue a blanket purchase order in its entirety of \$45,000 for the Concourse work.

Infrastructure requests include \$3,000 from Fund 4902 for sidewalk and curb repairs. Pleasant Street headwall near ballfield 3 is the stormwater work before the Dogwood Park project starts. \$15,000 is requested from Fund 4902. Village Engineer Ertel explained that ideally we would bid that in February but probably wouldn't start construction until April. We should know more about the Hamilton County grant results sometime in the first quarter, possibly as early as late January. This work wouldn't start in the first quarter, but the money needs to be appropriated to go out to bid. \$63,000 was requested from Fund 4901 for the Chapel parking lot, but will not be in the temporary improvement appropriation budget. The work won't happen in the first quarter, but it will go out for bid in February with the street work.

Administration requests include the municipal building front door and windows, which are scheduled to be installed in January. \$7,000 from Fund 4901 is requested. \$7,500 for the municipal building roof and \$75,000 for remodeling of the Administration Office was deferred until the spring.

Funding needed for the first quarter of 2024 Capital Improvements totaled \$310,013. Total needs \$237,013 in Fund 4901. Total needs \$73,000 in Fund 4902. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer, to accept the temporary capital spending requests by department for 2024. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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William A. Brown, Mayor

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Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer