

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
AUGUST 23, 2010**

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Black, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scheeser, and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews to excuse the absence of Ms. Sullivan. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Black moved seconded by Mr. Scheeser to accept the minutes as written for August 9, 2010. Mr. Scheeser commented that he liked the double sided copies. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Time Warner Cable: 2nd Quarter franchise Fee \$12,061.18

From MariElders: Monthly Recap Ending July 31, 2010

From Rick Greiwe: Letter dated August 18, 2010 re: Emery Park Condo Construction

From Treasurer Borgerding: Treasurer's Report for July 2010. He said the disbursements in the General Fund are down from last year at this time \$160,000 and our receipts are up by \$73,000. The first half Inheritance Tax really helped out. The Paramedic Fund does have a negative balance. We expect to get more money in to cover it but by the end of the year it will probably go negative again so we will have to look into doing something to get it where it needs to be. Clerk Tontillo said that is consistent with the budget discussion. We will have to give some thought to moving payroll out of the fund or charging some of the expenses to the General Fund. The fund cannot run negative for any period of time. The majority of the fund goes toward salaries.

Ms. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Clerk and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Wolter asked when the new cruiser will be ready to go. Chief Hines said by the end of the week. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Tuesday July 6, 2010 in Council Chambers to review the request for replacement of the floors in the Police and Fire Department offices and common areas. The meeting began at 7:45 p.m. and concluded at 8:20 p.m. Committee members Andy Black and Jeff Andrews were present with Kim Sullivan's absence excused. Mayor Dan Policastro and Police-Fire Chief Rick Hines were also present. Chief Hines presented Fire Marshal Tim Feichtner's report detailing the three quotes submitted by JP Flooring, McSwain Flooring & Carpet and Classic Carpet Sales. Specifications called for materials, delivery and installation of floating vinyl flooring in the common areas (i.e. kitchen, hallway, main office and restroom) as well as Shaw commercial loop carpet for in the following areas: Fire Marshal/Captain's office, Assistant Fire Chief's office, Police Chief office and Assistant Police Chief office. After reviewing samples and meeting with company representatives the Committee recommends proceeding with Classic Carpet Sales proposal at a cost not to exceed \$6,690.00. Mr. Miller commented that the flooring is 45+ years old and is disintegrating. Mr. Wolter said this is going to tie into a repainting project and a wall to secure the security of the police computer. One of the firemen has agreed to help build the wall which will help save money. It bodes well to show what direction our fire department is going under its new leadership. We are working like a team. Mayor Policastro said it shows how we are going to invest in the building. In a year or two he would like to bring the Tax Department here on the second floor and build an elevator using Permanent Improvement funds. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 17th to review The Hylant Group's proposal to renew liability insurance for 2010 - 2011. The meeting began at 6:00 pm and concluded at 7:10 pm with the following present: Finance Committee Vice-Chair Kim Sullivan, Finance Committee Member Jeff Andrews, Mayor Dan Policastro, Administrator Joanne Van Pelt and Hylant Group Client Executive Adam Balls. After discussing the proposal recommendations made by Mr. Balls, which included increasing premiums for Forgery and Alteration Coverage, Funds Transfer Coverage and Computer Fraud Coverage, the Finance Committee voted to recommend accepting The Hylant Group's "Ohio Plan Advantage Program" at a cost not to exceed \$27,017.00. The Village of Mariemont has been a member of The Hylant Group's Ohio Plan for 17 consecutive years, & this year's renewal provided a net savings of \$1,493.00 when compared with the 2009-10 plan. Mr. Black said the previous Council signed a two year deal so next year the insurance renewal will be up for bid. The two year deal prevented the premium from going up. The Committee did agree to increase the coverage as indicated in the report to protect ourselves. Clerk Tontillo said this appears to be a best in class product from a company that numerous municipalities are using and it comes at a net savings which will help our deficit program. It should also be noted

that our administrative staff, Mrs. Van Pelt and Mrs. Singleton continue to be very pleased with the service Hylant Group provides to the Village. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter said after meeting with the Safety Committee they are going to take a whole over view of the whole area regarding speed bumps. He has asked Jerry Vianello and another resident on Homewood to be on the Planning Committee. They are going to prioritize the streets by speeding experience, type of street and the population of the street, especially those with children. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated for this important safety issue. Mr. Andrews asked if the scope of the project includes the entire Village and all streets or at the very least will the principles that are applied to the target area be able to be applied to other parts of the Village. Mr. Wolter said the best plan is to use Homewood Road as a prototype study for a manageable size of streets. Mayor Policastro said they should be cut through streets. Mr. Wolter said how we solve the problem on the north side of the Village will certainly apply to the south side. Mr. Black said in the meeting ‘speed calming’ was something that needed to be addressed throughout the whole Village. Mr. Black said there are several streets that have had issues throughout the years. They will ask for assistance from the Village Engineer. Mayor Policastro asked if the police have been running radar on Homewood. Chief Hines said they been there five or six straight days and so far have issued one speeding citation and several warnings. He asked the residents what the trouble times are and it was noted that between 4 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. is the worst. Anything over 30 mph they are stopping them to make them aware of the situation and over 35 mph they are issuing citations. Mr. Wolter said when we identify the high priority streets we will send the police over to make a presence.

Mr. Wolter said there will be a volleyball tournament over the Labor Day weekend at the new facility in Columbia Township. The same person is buying the former Heritage Restaurant for parking and a nightclub. It will have a positive economic impact on the Village. The Mariemont Inn is sold out and he is sure that the restaurants will be active. Mr. Miller said the owner is bringing the tournament to the area on his own and it will consist of some of the world’s best players. It is important to get the word out. The success of this is important to all of us. Mr. Andrews said this is a perfect example of something an Economic Development Committee could formally make sure there is support for this kind of activity. Mayor Policastro said it is important to get the word out to support all of our merchants.

Ms. Scheeser said he wanted to follow up on the Committee of the Whole request from the last meeting. He collected and sent to Mr. Wolter the requested pre-meeting materials regarding safety, renderings and drawings, land usage etc. and asked when the meeting would be scheduled. Mr. Wolter said he still wants to know the percentage of the proposed 2.7 million dollars the Village would have to pay. He feels we have a real speeding issue along our streets and that is going to take a long time for the Committee members because it is a priority. He does not see a safety issue in the area of the proposed roundabout and because of that he is not going to put it ahead of getting the issue resolved with the streets. Mr. Scheeser said he will forward to the rest of Council the information he sent to Mr. Wolter. Mr. Scheeser recommended that the matter be referred to the Public Works and Service Committee. He spoke with Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Andrews and both are supportive. They are going to hold a meeting to discuss some of the pre-steps to gain information. Mayor Policastro said it is already referred to the Committee of the Whole and it will stay in the Committee of the Whole. He will talk to Ms. Sullivan.

Village Engineer Ertel said the left turn signal at Wooster Pike and Pocahontas should be fully installed within a month and a half or so. Solicitor McTigue said he went through the traffic schedules and he feels we do not need an ordinance because there is nothing to amend regarding adding a lane and traffic signal. The Committee report should be sufficient.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Taste of Mariemont & Canine Parade will be Sunday August 29, 2010 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Village Offices will be closed Monday September 6, 2010 in Observation of Labor Day

Barbeque at the Barn will be Saturday September 18, 2010 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Resolutions:

“To Appoint Ruth Varner as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board and to Fill the Unexpired Term of Bev Kranitsky for the Calendar Years of 2010 and 2011” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

“An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement Between the Village of Mariemont and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners Relative to the Rehabilitation of Plainville Road from Chestnut Street to Murray Avenue” had a second reading. Clerk Tontillo said it will be next calendar year that we will fund the project. Engineer Ertel said we will put the specifications together this year but we will not bid the project until next year. The Municipal Road Fund will fund \$14,000, Ohio Public Works Commission \$42,000 and the Village of Mariemont \$14,000. It needs to be bid by contract by April 1, 2011 and construction must be completed by June 1, 2010.

“To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78, Schedule III of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a first reading.

“To Renew Current Contract for the Following Kinds of Insurance: Real and Personal Property, Comprehensive General Liability, Business Automobile, and Other Coverages; to Pay Premiums; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second and third reading. Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-17-10 was adopted.

“Ordinance Amending Chapter 151, Appendix A of the Mariemont Zoning Code” had a first reading.

Chief Hines said the new policy and procedure manual for the Police Department is complete and in effect. It has been signed off by the Solicitor, Mayor and the Chairman of the Safety Committee. Plans are in place to set up a manual for the fire department. Solicitor McTigue complimented that it was a comprehensive manual. Mayor Policastro said once we get more information on the schools we are going to rework our emergency plan if we ever have a catastrophe in the Village.

Mayor Policastro said for the Health and Recreation Committee to get in touch with Mrs. Wilder of the Pre-school Parents Group and work with that organization because they helped buy the equipment years ago. Hopefully, they will help us pay for this much needed repairs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Paul Tontillo, Clerk