

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
NOVEMBER 8, 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, Ms Sullivan and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Scheeser moved seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the minutes as written for October 25, 2010. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Police Chief Hines: October 2010 Monthly Report. Mr. Wolter said we are having problems with thefts of hunting equipment in the lower 80 acres. In an effort to catch the individual responsible Officer Rennie came up with the idea to have a motion camera which takes pictures. The Police Department was able to obtain a motion camera free of charge because it was defective. A GPS unit was put inside of the camera. Once it was taken a call went to the police cruiser which was able to follow the person home where he was arrested. It got quite a bit of publicity. A number of other municipalities have been calling and congratulating Chief Hines. Officer Rennie deserves credit for creative policing.

Mr. Wolter said the cooperation with both the police and fire departments is continuing. He asked that the communication dated November 1, 2010 from Assistant Fire Chief Travers to Chief Hines be read into the minutes for commendation for work completed: "This notice shall serve purpose and content relating to the extraordinary job done by the work of the below mentioned individuals. They took the task of designing, ordering and installing the fence materials needed to enclose the area used for waste receptacles. I am confident their collaborative efforts saved the Village in excess of \$1500 in labor: Tim Feichtner, Alex Schmid, Chad Woodrum, Tim Peaker and Jim Henderson. In addition, I would also like to recognize the efforts of the following individuals for work they have completed saving the Village thousands of dollars in labor and repair costs with the Police Department construction project: Boyd Collett, Josh Watren, Chris Ramsey, Craig Wiederhold, and Alex Schmid. It should be easy to understand that benefit of using the skills possessed by these outstanding men to reduce costs and at the same time increase the beauty of the Village, maintain and repair equipment and contribute for the greater good of the whole". Mr. Wolter said this is in addition to saving \$450 by doing repair work to a piece of fire equipment.

Chief Hines said he will be attending the AAA Traffic Safety Awards Banquet on December 1, 2010. The Village will receive an award but at this time he is not sure what the award will be for. We received the Gold Award last year. We might receive this award again as traffic accidents are down 11%.

Chief Hines reminded Council that November 13, 2010 is the date for people to drop off discarded drugs. Residents can do it now if they want to and they can call the police/fire department should they need someone to pick them up.

From Assistant Fire Chief Travers: October 2010 Monthly Report. Mr. Miller commented that the new work on the first floor looks great and is a major improvement.

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: August 2010 Monthly Report. He said we put money aside in the Permanent Improvement Fund to replace Truck #1. We missed the deadline to have the truck available for this winter. He is working with another company that is trying to find another truck. If not, we will purchase the truck next year. It is one of the bigger dump trucks for salt.

Mr. Wolter asked about electronic salt spreaders and the potential savings. Superintendent Scherpenberg said it would still depend on driver education. Drivers are used to looking out the mirror and seeing how the flow is coming out. The electronic spreaders may not throw out as much salt as the driver would want to. There is some savings if done properly but he does not think it would be a cost savings for the Village.

Mr. Black asked how leaf removal was going. Superintendent Scherpenberg said we are right on schedule. They started two days early last week and right now are on schedule. The leaves fell faster with the drought and the next two weeks will be the heavy weeks. All the leaf removal dumping charges are included in the contract with Hafner. The contract is up for renewal at the end of the year. With the total loads so far this year it amounts to a \$1200 savings. We also purchase the mulch through them. Mayor Policastro said they are a great friend of the Village for many years.

From Building Commissioner Malone: October 2010 Monthly Report. Ms. Sullivan asked if anyone had been contacted regarding the lights in the Historic District. Building Commissioner Malone said he is still waiting to hear back from a representative from Duke Energy. Mayor Policastro said the Safe Routes to School may allow us to ask for grant money for the lighting. We will need to get the information to Ms. Duffy so the

school can work with us. He appreciated those Council members who were able to attend the Emergency Meeting.

From Tax Administrator Judd: October 2010 Monthly Report/Waste Collection Report. Mrs. Judd said we are improving.

From Mariemont Preservation Foundation: Meeting Minutes September 23, 2010

From Janet Setchell: e-mail dated October 23, 2010 re: Mayor's Bulletin

From Administration Office: Floodplain Management Program. Mayor Policastro said we definitely want to pass this so we can go out for more grants.

From Edna Crowe: Letter dated October 21, 2010 re: Thank you Police Department. Mayor Policastro said Ms. Crowe is 97 years old and left her keys in her car. Mayor Policastro said this is something you will not find in any other community. She was not in the Village when the keys were left in the car with it running. Cincinnati Police refused to come help but our officer was able to go outside of the Village and open the door for her.

From Joe Cottrill: e-mail dated November 2, 2010 re: Announcement of Chris Ertel as a member of the District 2 Support Staff. Mayor Policastro congratulated Engineer Ertel and said it should be very helpful to the Village.

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement September 2010

From Peggy Possert: e-mail dated October 27, 2010 re: Thank you Fire Department

From Mayor Policastro: Response to Suzy Weinland e-mail dated October 25, 2010

From Linda Patterson: Letter dated November 4, 2010 re: Adopt-a-Unit Program. Mayor Policastro said he is working with Kim Beach to adopt a military unit in either Iraq or Afghanistan. There will be a Resolution with an Emergency Clause for the next meeting. He wants to work with the Civic Association to get money to put packages together to get to our troops for Christmas. Jerry Vianello said he would be happy to assist with the program.

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Clerk and Chairman of the Finance Committee. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter said there was a meeting on the traffic calming issues mainly on the north side of Wooster Pike. There will be two or three more meetings outside of Council with one Council member present. Once all the data is collated then they will bring it before Council through the regular process. We are using Homewood as a study street. He is planning on meeting twice a month. However we have to stay outside of the Sunshine Laws. Mr. Miller asked what it will take to make Murray a one way street. Mr. Wolter said it will take the cooperation of the City of Cincinnati. There is a person in our group who is in the legal department with the city so we may have some inside help. Ms. Sullivan said there would definitely need to be a meeting about that because it would affect so many residents. After discussion it was decided to have a Safety Committee meeting Monday November 22, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. The Administration Office will make additional copies for distribution by Mr. Vianello.

Mr. Scheeser said the recycling/compost class went well with ten residents attending. They recorded the meeting and plan to hook a link to the website. They had two experts who came in and gave some really good information on what can and cannot be recycled. We received good information on how to set up composting. He thought it was a great way to tie together the work done by the Public Works and Service Committee. Mr. Andrews thanked Mr. Scheeser for all his work in putting the class together. Mr. Andrews said it was very helpful to the residents to find out what you can and what you cannot recycle. Mr. Miller suggested putting the information in the next Mayor's Bulletin and the Town Crier.

Mr. Scheeser said he will attend the awards breakfast to accept the award on the Village's behalf.

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee which met October 25, 2010 to discuss the renewal of the current waste removal contract. After discussion of our options and after previous meetings with Rumpke representatives, it was decided to go forward with a renewal of the current Rumpke contract with a 3% increase. Ms. Sullivan said there was a mistake in Section II of the contract - it should say renewal term of one year (2011) not two years. Mr. Andrews said the math also needs to be changed. This is renewing the first year of the two year option. Mr. Black asked what options the Committee looked at. Ms. Sullivan said they looked at going out for bid and they talked with Rumpke to see if they could do the 3% increase for two years but they said it was not feasible. Mr. Andrews said the Center for Local Government is working now on a program for next year for consolidating municipal governments into a single contract. Rather than renew for long term they decided to go for one year and see what happens next year. Mr. Black asked why the decision was not made to go out for bid. Ms. Sullivan said the Committee was worried if they did go out for bid they may actually end up losing ground with the way prices have escalated and end up paying more. A lot of companies do not want to touch us because of the level of service

we require. Clerk Tontillo said we are not signing a new contract but taking them up on their clause which says we can renew. Clerk Tontillo said he will contact Mr. Turchiano with Rumpke. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro referred the restructuring of the Police Department and compensation to the Finance Department.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Leaf pick up will begin Monday November 1, 2010 and will end Monday December 20, 2010

Village Offices will be closed Thursday November 25, 2010 and Friday November 26, 2010 in observation of Thanksgiving

Tree Lighting Ceremony/Luminaria will be Saturday December 4, 2010 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Resolutions:

“To appoint Darla Michael as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the calendar year 2011” had a third reading. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-22-10 was adopted.

“To appoint Don White as Magistrate to fill the unexpired term of Terry Gaines for calendar year 2011; to set compensation” had a third reading. Ms. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-23-10 was adopted.

“To appoint Louise Schomburg as a member of the Architectural Review Board for the calendar years 2011 and 2012” had a second reading.

“To appoint Charlie Thomas as a member of the Architectural Review Board for the calendar years 2011 and 2012” had a second reading.

“To reappoint Dave Tensi as Inspector for the Building Commissioner for calendar years 2011 and 2012” had a second reading”

“To confirm the reappointment of Christopher M. Ertel as Village Engineer for calendar years 2011 and 2012; and to set compensation” had a second reading.

“To reappoint Peggy Keyes as a member of the Parks Advisory Board for calendar years 2011 and 2012” had a second reading.

“To reappoint Carl Stich as a member of the Planning Commission for calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016” had a second reading.

“To reappoint Gretchen Thomas as a member of the Pool Commission for calendar year 2011” had a second reading.

“To appoint Scott McIntosh as a member of the Pool Commission for calendar year 2011” had a second reading.

Ordinances:

“To amend Mariemont Code Section 32.13, Rules of Council 17(f) and 19(f) of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a first reading.

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

“Ordinance adopting Floodplain Management Program; and to declare emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second reading. Mr. Wolter said there is no downside to this and it does not take a lot of time for anyone in the Village. It does not cost us any money and it does not really restrict us or put additional burdens for water runoff etc. that we are not already dealing with. It is a benefit as it may enable the Village to be eligible for grant money. The Ordinance had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No O-27-10 was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Paul Tontillo, Clerk

