

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
JANUARY 24, 2011**

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. Scheeser moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to excuse Ms. Sullivan. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro presented Clerk Tontillo with a Proclamation which thanked him for his outstanding work for the Village. Clerk Tontillo thanked Council and the staff for all the work and support over the years. It has been a pleasure to work with everyone. We have had a lot of difficult conversations but it helps knowing he is going into discussions with people of such integrity and tireless devotion to service. He said he was flattered by the gesture.

Mayor Policastro said we had a terrible thing happen in the Village last week and lost a wonderful citizen. He asked for a moment of silence for Camille Reynolds.

Mr. Andrews moved seconded by Mr. Scheeser to accept the minutes as written for January 10, 2011. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court statement for December 2010

From Mayor Policastro: Schematic Proposal West Street parking. Mayor Policastro said he is still working on this but it gives some idea of the preliminary work he and Building Commissioner Malone have been working on. He still has meetings planned with Mr. Imhoff and Mr. Spinnenweber and will have more information for the next Council meeting. If he can get both entities to agree then it will be referred to the Planning & Zoning/Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Scheeser asked what the precedent is for the Village to become involved versus letting the two parties work out the situation and is it the role of Council to help abutting neighbors figure it out. Mayor Policastro said they are not abutting and the Village owns the streets. He said he has been in the middle of this problem for eight years. Now is the time to make changes if the school is going to tear everything down. Mr. Scheeser said there is still a lot to learn. He figures the work will cost \$100,000 to pave, re-stripe move utilities etc. He is weighing the need to get involved versus the investment that will come out of the Village's pocket. We could use that money to invest in other places. He questions if that is the right way for the Village to be involved and spend the money. Mayor Policastro said we always need to invest in our infrastructure. It is a big area that impacts a lot of different entities. If we have the chance to do it and help our grade school it would be perfect parking for them after the new school is built. It would also be perfect parking for guests visiting residents in the new condos instead of parking on Thorndike and streets behind the new condos.

From Ted Shannon: Memo dated January 7, 2011 re: Proposed cuts to the Local Government/Meeting Notice January 31, 2011. Mayor Policastro said it will cut the funds to the school 15-20% and the Village most probably will lose the Inheritance Tax which is approximately \$250,000 per year. The Ohio Municipal League has donated to people in Columbus to try to help us figure out what we can do to overcome the loss.

From Ohio Department of Natural Resources: Letter dated January 6, 2011 re: New Join Application Approval by ODNR

From Cincinnati Enquirer: Article dated January 12, 2011 re: GOP moves to repeal Estate Tax

From Linda Patterson, President, America Supporting Americans: Thank you for joining the program. Mayor Policastro said we have a flag flying on the flagpole showing we are part of the program. There will be a meeting February 9, 2011 if Council wants to join the Mayor, Rich Ewald, Jerry Vianello and Kim Beach to come up with a list of needed items.

From Administration Office: MTD/YTD Report 4th Quarter

From Treasurer Borgerding: Monthly Report December 2010/Annual Report 2010

From Sally Coffman: Letter dated January 4, 2011 re: Garbage Cans by MariElders. Mayor Policastro said this is another thing that he is working with Mr. Spinnenweber on. If we agree on a parking plan so Mr. Spinnenweber knows what is going to happen on West Street he would move the dumpsters behind the Dilly Deli where he can start to clean up and develop.

From MariElders: Monthly Recap ending December 31, 2010

From Solicitor McTigue: Letter dated January 17, 2011 re: Texting while driving issue. Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter that Council pass a vote of support for Ohio Senate Bill 164 which is a state proposed law passed by the House and is now in the Senate, to outlaw texting while driving. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mayor Policastro said a letter will be prepared to both the Senate and the House showing the Village support. It should be signed by all members of Council.

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Clerk and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Andrews asked what the payment to Allen & Hartzell was in the amount of \$1336. Chief Hines said he would have to look into it and get back to him. Mr. Wolter asked if the expenses to CMI will be reduced once Mr. Andrews puts in place a plan to consolidate costs. Mr. Andrews said possibly but he has not gotten to that level with CMI in the planning. We pay for annual maintenance of the various programs in addition to hardware support. If we consolidate to one server there may be the possibility to save money on hardware costs. Clerk Tontillo said the focus is more on the hardware and system support more so than the actual programming. The CMI tool is one we have used for quite awhile and one our staff is comfortable with it. 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 Wednesday, December 29th from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm in the Fire Department Meeting Room to review Assistant Chief Jeff Travers request for a laptop, wireless printer, Firehouse software application and required maintenance contract for processing MedAccount patient care information forms. Finance Committee members Andy Black, Jeff Andrews and Kim Sullivan were present as were Police-Fire Chief Rick Hines, Vice-Mayor Dennis Wolter and Clerk Paul Tontillo. Fire Marshal Tim Feichtner presented members with a summary of the existing manual process as well as the costs associated with processing MedAccount patient care information forms after an incident. Fire Marshal Feichtner researched the cost for manually processing MedAccount forms and came to the conclusion the Village is spending approximately \$1,200 annually. In addition to the cost Feichtner believes employees are spending countless hours re-entering data once they return from the scene of an incident, which can lead to errors and omissions. If permitted to purchase a laptop, wireless printer and the Firehouse software application the department will be able to electronically enter and send the information to MedAccount and print-off patient care forms onsite for hospital personnel. Members voted unanimously to approve the request at a cost not to exceed **\$3,200.00**, even though this request is greater than the **\$2,500.00** initially appropriated by the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Wolter said it is expected to give the Village net savings after three years. He believes it is a really good system and will automate the process and certainly reduce mistakes. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Monday February 21, 2011 in Observation of Presidents' Day

Mayor Policastro said Joan Erhardt retired from the Swim Pool Commission and Wes Iredale will fill her unexpired term.

Ordinances:

"To Amend Ordinance O-6-10 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment for Employees" had a third reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-2-11 was adopted.

"To Increase Building Permit Fees to Equal Fees Charged for Building Permits in Hamilton County" had a second reading.

"To Repeal Ordinance O-2-08; To Enter into Contract with H. Hafner & Sons, Inc. for Brush, Gravel, Dirt Construction Fill and Leaf Dumping in Consideration for Money and the Right to Farm Part of the South 80 Acres" had a first reading.

It was decided to hold the Committee of the Whole meeting to prepare the budget for Permanent Improvement Fund on Saturday February 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The Department Heads should turn in their requests as soon as possible. Mr. Scheeser asked for a copy of the handout from last years meeting.

Mr. Scheeser asked how re-election works for the switch in the Clerk and Treasurer positions. Mayor Policastro said Mr. Borgerding will be up for re-election in November 2011 in the Clerk's position and Mr. Kulesza will be up for re-election in three years. Mr. Scheeser said he feels that is too long for an appointed position. Solicitor McTigue said he did the research but did not remember what it was - he will look back into it and give an opinion to the Mayor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Paul Tontillo, Clerk

