

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
OCTOBER 10, 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, Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scheeser and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the minutes as written for September 26, 2011 and the Committee of the Whole September 26, 2011. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Police Chief Hines: September 2011 Monthly Report. Mr. Wolter asked what is the most common type of assault we are having. Chief Hines said we do not have a lot but most of the time it is juveniles at the school. Mr. Miller asked if it was Village kids vs. Village kids. Chief Hines said not necessarily but more district kids overall.

Chief Hines said at the February Committee of the Whole Meeting Council agreed to the purchase of a new police car. At that time it was decided to wait and pursue the Ford Taurus because it was to be comparable in cost to the Crown Victoria. The State bid finally came out and the Ford Taurus was approximately \$8,000-9,000 more than what we purchased the last car for. It was decided with the money that was allocated to purchase a Dodge Charger. It runs on different cylinders depending on how fast the car is going. He believes we will get maximum gas mileage on four cylinders. They have had conversations with the Village of Newtown who has had the Dodges for several years and they are very happy with the performance of the vehicles.

Mr. Scheeser said there had been previous talk about looking into the Chevrolet Impala. The nice thing about the Impala is it gets the greatest mileage of the three cars. We are doing well in the Permanent Improvement Fund but poorly in the General Fund and that is where the fuel is paid from. He asked that the Impala be reconsidered. Chief Hines said yes but in the research they have done and during conversations with the State Patrol, the Chevrolets are the least productive vehicle as far as they are concerned. He said it is late in the year and they really need the car because one of the cruisers is completely out of service. It is the car that will be replaced and he does not feel the cost to fix the car is justifiable. They located a Charger in Dayton ready to go. It cuts the time considerably since they do not have to order a car. Mayor Policastro pointed out the resale value of the Dodge is much greater than the Chevrolet. Mr. Scheeser asked how long it has been since the Village resold a vehicle. Chief Hines said two years and received approximately \$2000. Mr. Wolter said the Dodge was designed as a performance sedan. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Finance Committee and stressed that time is of the essence.

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: September 2011 Monthly Report. Mr. Andrews asked for a follow-up to the question at the last meeting regarding the purchase of uniforms and boots. Superintendent Scherpenberg said the department purchases boots once a year for use for the whole year. They usually get them in August when the shoe company has them on sale. Because they wear them in all the elements they want something that is comfortable with steeled toe. The uniforms that were purchased were for the whole year not just winter. He noted that the department did not order any new uniforms in 2010. These uniforms will be replaced as needed which is the same practice as other departments. Mr. Andrews asked if there is a competitive purchasing process in place. Superintendent Scherpenberg said yes he shopped several vendors for the best deal. Mr. Wolter commented that the drinking fountain at the Bell Tower looked great. He also asked if the Bell Tower Park got cleaned up quickly after the Warrior Run Race. Superintendent Scherpenberg said they had everything pretty well cleaned up. The event was a success and was attended by approximately 900 people.

From Building Commissioner Malone: September 2011 Monthly Report. Mayor Policastro said he is hopeful that CDS can be at the next meeting to present the parking study,

From Tax Administrator Judd: September 2011 Monthly Report/ September 2011 Waste Collection Fee Report

From Chief Hines: Memo dated September 26, 2011 re: Reimbursement of overtime paid

From Councilman Black: Mariemont's Bravest vs. Finest Chili Cook-off flier

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement for August 2011

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: Memo Dated October 4, 2011 re: Outsourcing Mowing and Trimming. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Public Works & Service Committee.

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes October 4, 2011

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Black to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Finance Chairman and Clerk. Mr. Scheeser asked for another copy of the Bi-Weekly payroll ending October 1, 2011 because the one provided in the packet had the second column of numbers cut off. Mr. Andrews questioned the heavy duty motor oil with soot control for \$766.82. Superintendent Scherpenberg said it is a 55 gallon drum of oil that is used to change the oil on the equipment. It lasts approximately two years. Mr. Wolter asked if there is a reimbursement charge of EMS supplies. Assistant Fire Chief Travers said the Village gets reimbursed through MedAccount for EMS supplies based on Advanced Life Support or Basic Life Support. Whatever is used is charged and reimbursable through their insurance. It is considered soft billing through the insurance company. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Leaf Season will begin Monday October 31, 2011 and will end Friday December 16, 2011. Mayor Policastro said he is going to play the beginning of leaf pick up by ear. The leaves were looking good but recently have just begun to fall. He may instruct the Maintenance Department to do the streets that are in trouble. He is also working with Deputy Sheriff, Sean Donovan, to line up non-violent, non-incarcerated prisoners to come in and help in place of Minute Men. It would net a savings of approximately \$15,000. He is going to work with Fairfax Mayor, Ted Shannon, to see if he wants to take turns going to the Justice Center to pick them up. We used this program several years ago until they stopped it but since have reinstated the program. He is going to play it by ear but he wants to make sure the streets and sidewalks are clear for trick-or-treating.

Beggar's Night will be Monday October 31, 2011 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Resolutions

"To Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for Street Repair" had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-13-11 was adopted.

"To Accept the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor; and To Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third reading. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second reading. Clerk Borgerding said the need for the emergency is because the Resolution needs to be returned by October 24, 2011. The final numbers always arrive late. This is a formality for the Village to certify the numbers provided for the budget. He explained the schedule of levies and summarized what the impact on the Village would be. The Resolution had a third reading. Ms. McCarthy moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to invoke the emergency. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-14-11 was adopted.

Ordinances:

"Granting Director of Transportation Authority to Maintain State Highways, Apply Standard Longitudinal Pavement Markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways Inside Village Corporation; Giving Consent of the Village to the Plowing of Snow and Use of Abrasives for Ice Control Under the Supervision of the Director of Transportation, State of Ohio" had a second reading. Mr. Scheeser asked what the Ordinance really means and is it a good or bad thing. Mayor Policastro said this is in regards to changing the signs to meet federal regulations. Engineer Ertel could explain it in more detail. Solicitor McTigue said because the signs go on Village property the state needs the permission from the Village in order to erect the signs. Mr. Andrews asked what prompted the need for the Ordinance and with whom did they communicate. Mayor Policastro said the communication was through Engineer Ertel.

Mr. Miller said while walking he has noticed the school sidewalks on Madisonville Road are covered with overgrown weeds and grass and suggested that they be edged. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he will contact Coach Parker with the school and have them take care of it.

Mr. Andrews said he outlined 12 general steps in the implementation of the IT Plan and said he sent the Mayor an e-mail dated September 29, 2011 asking what role he wanted him to play. Mayor Policastro said he has an IT guy coming in tomorrow to go over the plan. He lives in the Village and he is planning on making him the Webmaster which he is willing to do pro bono. He is also doing work for Mariemont Preservation Foundation as well. Mr. Andrews said the Webmaster is completely separate and has nothing to do with the IT plan. Mayor Policastro said once the IT person has a chance to review the proposal he will have some answers for Mr. Andrews. Mr. Andrews asked Mayor Policastro to share the credentials of this person. Mayor Policastro said he thinks his last name is Williams however the information is on his desk. Mr. Andrews said it is good to have people involved but he has been waiting for a response from the Mayor. In the meantime he has been working with Tax Administrator Judd. Mayor Policastro said he has told Mrs. Judd to take care of what she needs to take care of. Mr. Andrews said the purchase orders have been processed for InTrust and CMI. Also, we have ordered

the Time Warner Internet Service for the Tax Office. They are to meet with InTrust on Monday so if someone else is going to get plugged in we have to have communication. Mayor Policastro said he will let him know.

Mr. Andrews said the Health and Recreation Committee met to discuss the possibility of renting various building facilities. We discussed different ramifications and angles the Committee could take on the matter for residents and non-residents to rent the facilities. We are collecting input and feedback and expect to meet again to discuss further and make a recommendation to Council.

Mr. Andrews said at the same Health and Recreation Committee meeting they discussed the maintenance at the Tennis Courts and resurfacing of the practice court. Work would not happen until late winter/early spring. They will also have a follow-up meeting to discuss further.

Mr. Wolter said the traffic calming plan is on the website. However he left off the reference to "Exhibit A" which is the survey form and asked Mr. Andrews to post it also on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk