

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL  
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO  
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER  
JULY 11, 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. Black, Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Miller and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Black to excuse the absence of Mr. Andrews and Mr. Scheeser. On roll call; three ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the minutes as written for June 27, 2011 and the Budget Hearing June 27, 2011. On roll call; three ayes, no nays. (Mr. Black abstained)

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Police Chief Hines: June 2011 Monthly Report

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: June 2011 Monthly Report. Ms. McCarthy thanked the Maintenance Department for painting the curb by the fire hydrant along Chestnut Street.

From Building Commissioner Malone: June 2011 Monthly Report. Mr. Wolter commented that it is good to see people doing things. Building Commissioner Malone said it is picking up a little bit.

From Tax Administrator Judd: June 2011 Monthly Report/Waste Collection Report

From Swim Pool Manager Beck: June 2011 Monthly Report

From Federico Hernandez: e-mail dated June 25, 2011 re: Thank you for allowing tennis camp

From Iris Simpson Bush: Letter dated June 30, 2011 re: Flying Pig Marathon Donation

From Mayor Policastro: Section 511.23 Powers and Duties of Park Board. Mayor Policastro said the Park Board is an advisory group with no real power. He referred the matter to the Health and Recreation Committee. He said he gets approximately 20 calls a year from people wanting to rent out the Concourse or the Erickson Pavilion. He believes it is time to charge for people to rent the facilities. Several people have commented that they would be willing to pay. He suggested \$50.00 for non-residents and \$25.00 for residents. With the economy the way it is and the State cuts we need to look at things like this. Mr. Wolter suggested looking at what other communities charge for like facilities so we are not undercharging. Mayor Policastro said the residents pay taxes and he believes \$25.00 is reasonable but that would be up to the Committee. If the charge is too high no one will use it.

From Ohio Department of Public Safety: \$4500 EMS Grant. Mayor Policastro said this is great news. He complimented the Fire Department on the great job they did with the front entrance doors. Assistant Fire Chief Travers said the grant money can be used for EMS equipment or training. We can be reimbursed as frequently as once a month. We will continue to aggressively pursue grant money. FEMA grants have not yet been announced.

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement May 2011

From Mariemont Townhomes: Letter dated July 1, 2011 re: Yard Maintenance Policies. Mayor Policastro said he was glad to see this. The Police Department has been down there making sure the garbage cans have sealed lids. We do every once in awhile have a rat problem and he believes this will go a long way in helping avoid that situation.

From Community Press: Article on Chris Monzel No on CMHA Agreement. Mayor Policastro said he believes Council did the right thing.

Mr. Don Slavik, 3717 Homewood Road, was granted permission to address Council. He thanked Mr. Andrews and Charlie Thomas for installing the speakers at the pool. He is a member of the Pool Board and said they want to make the pool fun for both children and adults. There are three adult pool parties scheduled for this summer. There have been two complaints and he wanted to clarify information because he does not believe it was correct. There was a waiver signed by those who attended. The waiver was given to the Mayor. The other concern they heard was only some of the people paid for the party. They wanted to do the big pool party like last year which had a \$15.00 charge. This year they did not get enough people to do that so they tried to find a fair way to deal with it. They decided to do a casual party which they did not charge for. The people who did pay \$15.00 were given their money back. Another misconception was that the Village paid for the lifeguards to stay extra for the party. That is a little bit true. The pool was closed from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. but the lifeguards just stayed for their regular time. Mr. Beck ended up being the lifeguard and also manned the front gate. The

Village did not pay extra and the Pool Board wants the Adult Parties to be self-funded. Another thing they heard was that it was unfair to close the pool at all for parties. All of the activities at the pool are listed on the pool schedule which is available when people sign up. It should not be felt that it is unfair that three evenings a summer certain people cannot use the pool. The Pool Board meets once a year and sets the calendar in April. He apologized for Council receiving the party dates late. It was dropped by himself and Mr. Andrews to not communicate the information to the Mayor. They will work on that for next year. We want to introduce as many people to the pool as we can. In the future they may ask for donations so they can continue to self-fund the parties to pay for paper products, condiments and lifeguards if needed.

Mr. Wolter said he was contacted by Rex Bevis and Jerry Vianello who both verbalized some of the concerns addressed by Mr. Slavik. He believes Mr. Bevis and Mr. Vianello will be at the next Pool Board meeting to make sure their concerns are clarified. Mr. Wolter said the biggest heartburn generator was the fact that this was done on an emergency basis and there was not much time for public comment. He believes the calendar idea will be helpful in situations like this and if we smooth out the emergency issue a lot of the hyper tension will go away.

Mrs. Van Pelt suggested the Pool Board determine the pool party dates in March to allow for the three readings and the 30-day effect timeframe. Mr. Slavik said the problem with March is they have to wait to figure out when all the swim meets are and that is usually not determined until late March/April. Solicitor McTigue said the Ordinance could have three readings with the emergency clause invoked at the last reading so the Ordinance would take immediate effect.

Ms. McCarthy moved, seconded by Mr. Black to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Finance Chairman and Clerk. Mr. Black said he noticed that there was a lot of overtime paid this payroll in the Police Department and asked if there was a particular event that was going on because the amount is higher than usual. Captain Messer said other than court and Step he does not remember anything else going on. Solicitor McTigue said there were several trials at Mayor's Court. Mayor Policastro asked if it could be details paid by a third party such as the school or Mr. Greiwe. Captain Messer said they did have some road details by the Elementary School. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Safety Services Night Out will be Tuesday July 26, 2011

Resolutions:

"Renewal 3.0 Tax Mill Levy in Excess of 10 Mill Limitation for Capital Improvements for the Tax Years of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015" had a third reading. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-11-11 was adopted.

"To Appoint Mary Ann Schwartz to the Architectural Review Board to Fulfill the Unexpired term of Louise Schomburg for the Calendar Years 2011 and 2012" had a second reading.

Ordinances:

"To Add New Section 150.03 to the Mariemont Code of Ordinances" had a third reading. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-16-11 was adopted.

"Authorizing the Purchase of New Turnout Gear for the Mariemont Fire Department Using the State of Ohio Purchasing Program; To Declare Emergency". Solicitor McTigue said he put the Ordinance together because we did one last time but that was for more money. He said the approved Committee report recommending the purchase should be sufficient.

Mr. Black said from the last Council meeting it seems the Finance Committee is going to have to look at the financial roadmap of the Village and suggested starting to meet after the summer. Mayor Policastro said we should wait to see what the second half Inheritance Tax Settlement comes in at. Our five year budget is now down to three years.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk