

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
AUGUST 8, 2011**

Vice-Mayor Black 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 July 25, 2011. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. (Mr. Scheeser abstained)

The following communications were read by Vice-Mayor Black:

From Police Chief Hines: July 2011 Monthly Report. Chief Hines said on a daily basis we are noticing along Wooster Pike people are squealing tires and stopping because of the deer crossings. There have been a lot of near strikes and one fawn being struck last week at the square. The State of Ohio has issued to the Village three yellow signs with the deer graphic. He wanted to have the Service Department put up the signs but not before he got permission from Council. He believes it is a great idea because the signs will let drivers know that there is the possibility of deer ahead.

Vice-Mayor Black said it is an issue we are going to have to deal with.

Mr. Wolter said it is an issue he has discussed with Chief Hines. He agrees with Mr. Bevis regarding putting up more signs but he pays attention to the deer signs so he believes it would be a good idea in helping people slow down in the area.

Mr. Andrews asked if they were temporary or permanent signs. Chief Hines said they are permanent signs similar to what you see elsewhere in the state. Mr. Andrews agrees with Mr. Bevis's legacy regarding signs and asked how we are assessing that this is now to the point where we now need signs. Chief Hines said he can sit in his office on a daily basis and hear tires squeal and the cars stopping or slowing along Wooster Pike. The deer are so comfortable in the area.

Mr. Wolter said we are going to have to address this issue. The State of Ohio has some very stringent regulations as how to deal with them. You can not move them. There are more deer this year than last year. Once the coyotes find out the deer and fawns are in confined space they will be more abundant. It is part of the solution but it is not the solution. Once coyotes move into the area they will stay here even if their food source goes away. They will find other food. They have managed to survive in the inner city. Once they establish a population if you harvest as many as you can they will increase their litter size to maintain their population. He is more concerned long term about the coyote.

Chief Hines said he understands the concern for more signs but these are free and will certainly help with the safety issue. There is no way to measure but he believes it will cut down on the near misses.

Vice-Mayor Black suggested placing the signs along the inside lanes on Wooster Pike closer to the hazardous area and he recommended one sign placed in each direction. Chief Hines and Mr. Wolter will look at the area to determine the best location for the signs. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Andrews recommended if this is an issue let's educate through communication as well.

From Assistant Fire Chief Travers: July 2011 Monthly Report

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: July 2011 Monthly Report. Mr. Scheeser said he appreciated the addition to the report indicating YTD trees planted and removed. He finds the information to be a big help. Mr. Andrews also thanked the department for the work completed at the tennis courts.

From Building Commissioner Malone: July 2011 Monthly Report

From Tax Administrator Judd: July 2011 Monthly Report/Waste Collection Report. It was noted that collections were up 8% YTD.

From Swim Pool Manager Beck: July 2011 Monthly Report. Mr. Andrews commented that the report does not include the approximate on-line receipts of \$1,600. The Concession Stand has extended their hours by one hour through August.

Vice-Mayor Black said he added a communication based on the press release issued about 3M Company and their upcoming relocation to Milford. It came as a surprise to all of us and we were not aware of the rapid plan. We need to follow up on this at the next Council meeting and try to prevent this from happening in the future. We do not want to be blindsided by any businesses leaving. He read the following statement: "After many years of business operations and community partnership, 3M notified Village officials on Wednesday, August 3rd of their

intentions to relocate their Futuro manufacturing facility from Mariemont Avenue to Lila Avenue in Milford, Ohio. The former 3M facility was purchased by National Prize Fullfillment (formerly Bones National Prize & Toys) in December 2010, and since the property transfer 3M has been exploring options to accommodate larger manufacturing requirments and closer proximity to a major interstate highway. While the Village is saddened by 3M's sudden and abrupt departure, we are appreciative of the commitment made by National Prize Fullfillment and look forward to working closely with the management and its employees in the years to come”.

Mr. Miller said it sounds like National Prize fullfillment may be expanding which could be a reason they chose that space. 3M made the decision a long time ago they had to move and were on a month to month basis. We will all be better informed when the Mayor returns from vacation.

Vice-Mayor Black said he would like to hold off until Mayor Policastro gets back in town. He knows that the Mayor has been instrumental in the past with negotiations with 3M. He referred to the Economic Development and Zoning Committee a more formal business outreach communication program.

Mr. Andrews said we need to have a plan in place of what Council can do to partner with our business community to ensure that they are satisfied. We also need more communication.

Mr. Wolter suggested net-working with the personnel in the companies that we know personally. Something like this could still happen no matter how much interface we have.

Mr. Scheeser said when he shared with Council the article announcing National Prize Fullfillment was leaving downtown and coming to Mariemont he did not realize it would be swap in business and swap out. Had we wathced the Auditor's webiste we would have been able to figure it out. We now need to make a plan to fill the hole.

Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Finance Chairman and Clerk. Mr. Wolter commented that it seemed like a lot of money for lifeguard swimsuits. Mrs. Van Pelt said she pays approximately 15-20 on the Swim Pool payroll. Mr. Andrews confirmed that the \$5000 spent with Webco for replacement hoses, nozzles etc. was allocated in the Permanent Improvement Budget meeting. Mr. Andrews questioned the \$1100.00 for drunk driving awareness items such as 32oz cups, coolies, clips and magnets and asked if they were for Service Night Out. Chief Hines said it was. The items promote anti-drunk driving and anti-drugs. It was paid for out of the special fund that can only be used for items like that. The fund has a good balance and he anticipates that it should increase. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Scheeser said he attended the Madisonville Community Council which discussed the Eastern Hills Corridor Phase I. There is a lot of concern about Phase I of the project. It will run from Interstate 71 to and through Madisonville down through the intersection in Fairfax. The Community Council is mobilized and has gotten a lot of support from other Community Councils. His concern and what he wants Council to be aware of is the plan right now from the State of Ohio is to develop it into a big multi-lane limited access highway. It will run past Wal-Mart, across the Little Miami River, out across the sod fields in Newtown and then run towards Clermont County. On the surface it sounds like a great thing for Mariemont because it will redirect traffic away from Wooster Pike which would be a good thing. The downside and the part that is concerning is that this is going to be the new I-74 ending in North Carolina. The interstate would be within a few hundred yards of Miami Bluff which is the most valuable real estate in the Village. There will be noise and air pollution in addition to a lot of other issues affecting properties that are providing a lot of property tax help to the Village. He believes at some point Council ought to take this up and develop its opinion.

Mr. Wolter said he went to the meeting last year and found that they are sensitive to the potential noise and have talked about moving the interstate further to the southwest putting it out more towards the center of the sod fields. They are environmentally conscience. They are studying everything which is why it is taking so long. They are under a lot of pressure from the Little Miami Association who does not want any road through there. He believes the Village can be effective if Council puts their plan together and maintain a voice.

Mr. Scheeser said he voiced at the meeting that Phase I dictates the tenor of the project. If Madisonville says they want a parkway it will change the dynamics of what goes through the floodplain on the Little Miami River. Council should absolutely weigh in on this matter.

Mr. Andrews asked if it is a Mayor, Committee or staff duty. Vice-Mayor Black referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. Mr. Andrews said he believed a person or a Committee should then take ownership of the issue. Solicitor McTigue suggested designating one or two people to attend the meetings to gather information.

Mr. Andrews said the Health and Recreation Committee will be meeting soon to discuss repairs at the Tennis Courts and the possibility of charging fees to rent out Village shelters/Boathouse.

Vice-Mayor Black said the Finance Committee met before the Council meeting and are working through the final computer guidelines.

Mr. Wolter said the Safety Committee is one meeting away from finalizing the traffic calming study. He has received feedback regarding the stop signs we have installed and they seem to be helping with the traffic control problems. At the suggestion of Treasurer Kulesza they are planning on adding some stop stripes on the

ground to help indicate that people should be stopping. There is a Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday August 10, 2011 to discuss West Center Street parking.

Mr. Andrews asked what is the status of the Village wide parking study. Mr. Miller said it should be complete in a couple of weeks.

Ms. McCarthy said the Public Works & Service Committee will be meeting to discuss the trash contract renewal.

Vice-Mayor Black reminded Council of the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for August 25th to discuss the possibility of hosting a Cyclo-Cross race in the Village.

Vice-Mayor Black read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Monday September 5, 2011 in Observation of Labor Day

Ordinances:

“To Add Section 51.18 to Chapter 51 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Andrew Black, Vice-Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk