

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL  
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO  
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER  
FEBRUARY 27, 2012.**

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, Mr. Scheeser and Mr. Wolter.

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

Mayor Policastro introduced Mr. Grant Karnes who wished to present Council with information regarding the proposed Porsche Rallye October 7, 2012. Mr. Karnes distributed an informational packet to members of Council. He has been a resident of the Village with his family since 2001. He was accompanied by several gentleman both residents and non-residents, who were supportive of the rallye. The Porsche Club of America is over 70,000 members strong with 1200 members locally including Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and West Virginia. They organize more than 25 events each year that include charity events, social events, concours, technical sessions, high performance driver education, club races, autocrosses, rallies and tours. He was asked by the Chairman to oversee the feasibility of a signature event for the Ohio Valley. It was decided that the event concept was viable in Mariemont pending Village Council feedback and community support. They believe they have the opportunity to create a recurring annual event that will be open and inviting to spectators, families and children in the surrounding community to both enjoy and explore the Porsche marque. They would like it to represent all facets of the club because people have different interests. They want to be able to draw from the full geographic region of their membership along with neighboring Porsche Club America Clubs. It provides them an opportunity to give back to the community, sponsors and friends. All the net proceeds will be donated to charity. They believe the Village of Mariemont can be a very viable location for this event. They are looking at Sunday October 7, 2012 for traffic considerations but Saturday is a viable alternative. He has had preliminary meetings with Chief Hines and Mayor Policastro to gather information about Mariemont and review critical concerns such as traffic, parking, business involvement, community plans and residents' concerns. The next step for them is to go back and recommend to their board to commit resources to the project. They plan on creating a website for people to view for information on lodging and restaurants. They anticipate anywhere from 100-300 cars for display in addition to all the spectators. It was discussed to consolidate traffic into one lane on Wooster Pike. He did indicate that they need to have a rain plan in place.

Mr. Miller said he would hate to miss an opportunity like this and suggested shifting the date to a Saturday in the event of rain which Sunday could then be the rain date. Mr. Scheeser commented that the Hyde Park Art Show is the same weekend. It could be a good thing where there is an East side destination or maybe you choose to stay out of its way. Mr. Scheeser said that communication (similar like what is sent during the Flying Pig Marathon) should be sent to surrounding residents so they have ample time to prepare for some inconvenience for one day.

Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Economic Development and Zoning Committee. Mr. Black asked when the Porsche Club of American would need to know. Mr. Karnes said they would like to have a good idea within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Scheeser said he agrees with putting it in Committee but he is excited about this and asked if any other Council member had any issues with it. He would love to see this as an annual event and this is what we should be doing more of. He has no concerns except the details which will need to be worked out. Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter that the idea was right for the Village of Mariemont and gave their approval to move forward with the proposed rallye. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro said this will add to the excitement with Hugo's coming to the Square. That should be around the time that they will open.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to accept the minutes as written for February 13, 2012. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Treasurer Kulesza: January 2012 Treasurer's Monthly Report. Treasurer Kulesza pointed out that the deposits in transit were quite high due to some tax deposits being deposited into the payroll account. He is in the process of having those funds (approximately \$87,000) transferred to the General Fund. He wanted to point it out should someone question it.

From the Eastern Corridor: 2011 Fall/Winter New Update. Mayor Policastro said he and Mr. Wolter attended the meeting and were happy to see that the route will go further from Mariemont which we have been lobbying for the past 10 years. Mr. Scheeser said did the math after reviewing a satellite photo. The study area is only 1500 sq. ft. from Miami Bluff. To him that still seems pretty close. They will be studying soil well within our south 80 acres. Eventually it crosses the river. Mr. Wolter said it crosses the river at the Horseshoe Bend in Fairfax. Mayor Policastro said he believes Mr. Scheeser is wrong - it is on the other side of the river. It might be

5,000-10,000 feet away. It is the best scenario presented so far for the Village. Mr. Wolter said the Sierra Club and Little Miami Association had a big fight and he does not believe it will cross the river two times. Mr. Scheeser said this could be a major interstate in 50 years and he wants to be sensitive to those living on Miami Bluff.

From Swim Pool Manager Beck: Proposal Information on ADA Compliance Requirements. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Health and Recreation Committee and noted that time is of the essence. We have no choice - this is something we have to do. Mr. Wolter commented that it seems we are finding out about this at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Mayor Policastro said we need to insert chair lifts in the Main and Lap pools. Solicitor McTigue is looking into the need for one in the baby pool. The belief right now is we are okay unless we do modifications to the baby pool. Clerk Borgerding said this would be considered a Permanent Improvement expense.

Ms. McCarthy moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Clerk and Finance Chairman. Mr. Wolter said the \$2000 parts for the leaf vacuum seemed high. He will check with Superintendent Scherpenberg. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met Monday January 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the purchase of a camera for our new police cruiser. Present at the meeting were Safety Committee Chairman Dennis Wolter, Safety Vice-Chairman Jeff Andrews, Committee Member Andy Black, Mayor Dan Policastro, Police/Fire Chief Rick Hines, Assistant Fire Chief Tim Feichtner and several residents. After discussion with the Police/Fire Chief, the Committee recommends that we purchase a Kustom Signals G3 Vision Cruiser Camera at a total cost of \$3980 (the installation cost for this camera was included in the original purchase price of the new Dodge Charger Police Cruiser). Mr. Wolter said the cameras are sealed units and "water marked" meaning there is no way to tamper with the unit or change the image they collect. They are permissible in court which helps our Police Department in case of a false claim. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the parking configuration on the north end of East Center Street. Present at the meeting were Safety Committee Chairman Dennis Wolter, Safety Committee Vice Chairman Jeff Andrews, committee member Andy Black, Mayor Dan Policastro, Police/Fire Chief Rick Hines, Assistant Fire Chief Tim Feichtner, and several residents. Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner read his report on the test conducted at this location with a newer design fire truck, and after much discussion among the Committee members and those in attendance, the Committee recommends that no parking be allowed on the west side of East Center Street between the intersection of Crystal Springs and Center Street in order to ensure safe egress of fire equipment at this location. Mr. Wolter said this is the first of many long looks at all the streets in the Village. We are going to bring them all up to safety standards as mandated by the State. We did not use our own fire truck for the test because the current truck is smaller than what we would have once it is replaced. The report concludes that this is the safest way to ensure egress. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro referred to the Safety Committee rehabbing the fire truck versus purchasing a new truck. He said we need to be ready for either situation. Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner is also looking into the possibility of purchasing a demo. Mr. Wolter said the truck has not had a hard life and he believes it is worth looking into the realities of rehabbing. Mayor Policastro said it will be a large purchase and we need to make sure the residents know that we researched all angles.

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee which met on February 13, 2012 to discuss the proposed bike/walking path on the acreage located in the area known as the South 80 Acres. In attendance were Chairman Joe Miller and Committee members Dennis Wolter and Denise McCarthy along with Mayor Policastro. The entrance is opposite the pool on Mariemont Avenue. Village resident, Joe Stelzer, was in attendance and has spearheaded the effort in creating the 2.7 mile path. It was approved by all three Committee members to recommend to Council that the Village of Mariemont contribute up to \$1,000 for signage and other miscellaneous costs associated with completing the project for the use and enjoyment of Mariemont residents. Mayor Policastro said things are going well with the project. This will be an area for children only if with adult supervision. This will not be a playground. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to accept the recommendation of the Public Works & Service Committee which met on January 30, 2012 to discuss road, curb and sidewalk improvements for 2012. The Committee recommends improvements this year in the amount of \$160,000 per the Engineer's recommended streets (which were attached) except for the partial Albert Place sidewalks to be discussed later, curb ramps crossing Chestnut at Lane I, sidewalks at 3812 Settle, and sidewalks at 6993 Wooster Pike. The Committee will meet to discuss these exceptions and may recommend additional work for 2012. Mr. Scheeser asked if we have a sense of where we will land for the year as far as the street funds. Clerk Borgerding said we will receive approximately \$10,000 per year. He estimates the balance to be \$140,000. Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Mr. Black to amend the report to reflect the recommendation of spending \$151,000. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mayor Policastro said once we get the bids we can move around as we need to, but it is critical to get the bids out as soon as possible. The bids may come in a lot cheaper. Ms. McCarthy moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the report. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Treasurer Kulesza said Council needs to keep in mind that with the rumored higher gas prices gas taxes may be affected as they were years ago. That could impact the Village.

Mr. Miller said the paper reported that the restaurant, Hugo, will be relocating to Mariemont from Oakley. The whole process happened very quickly. The chef has a great reputation and they are well financed. It is his understanding that Hugo and Mr. Spinnenweber have come to business terms. This will bring more pressure on the existing parking. We will have to start thinking about adding parking. It is not just a school issue now. It is really vital to the retail district. He is going to meet with Superintendent Imhoff and a member of the School Board, Building Commissioner Malone, Mayor Policastro and Martin Koepke to look at the school plan. Mayor Policastro said Mr. Koepke has come up with a new idea for parking in the teacher's lot and along the old football field which is now a small practice soccer field that is not used that much. Mr. Miller said the thought is that would possibly cost less money than doing West Street and realize 80 parking spaces.

Mayor Policastro said there have been quite a few restaurants that wanted to go into the proposed Hugo space. Hugo is the best fit. The white tablecloths and southern dining will be replaced with more of an American tavern. Hugo was listed as the #6 of Cincinnati Magazine top 10 restaurants. Mr. Miller said they want to encourage families and children. He suggested that the Mayor have the Service Department paint the area in front of the Administration Building for parking. Mr. Scheeser said he worked on a draft of opportunistic parking spaces. He believes they will work if you are really creative. Mr. Miller said right now we need to help the square. Mayor Policastro said he will have the Service Department measure and paint the lines. Mr. Scheeser asked if we needed to paint lines. Mayor Policastro said right now people do not have the feeling of invitation to park there. Mr. Black said we agreed to broader look at where we can utilize more parking, lighting and signage. We need to remember to look at the bigger issue.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Nominations for Outstanding Citizen Award are due to Mrs. Van Pelt by Thursday March 22, 2012.

Lima Company/Marines of Always Brothers 100 Mile Run will be held Saturday May 26, 2012 starting at 6:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Parade will be Monday May 28, 2012 (Lineup begins at 8:00 a.m.)

#### Resolutions:

"To Reappoint Gretchen Thomas as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Year 2012" had a third reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-4-12.

"A Resolution Authorizing an Amended Agreement with the Center for Local Government Joint Self-Insurance Benefits Pool" had a second reading.

"To Authorize Ohio Department of Transportation to Proceed with Safe routes to School Project PID No. 90898 County/Route/Section: Ham Mariemont - SRTS; and Enter Into Contract" had a second reading.

"To Appoint Scott McIntosh as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Year of 2012" had a first reading.

"Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Contact United States Representatives to Voice Opposition to the Closure of the U.S. Postal Service Mail Processing Facility In Cincinnati, Ohio; To Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Mayor Policastro asked if Council wanted to go forward with the Resolution due to the recent article in the Cincinnati Enquirer indicating that the hub is to remain open. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to void the matter. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

#### Ordinances:

"To Amend Chapter 78, Schedule III of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances" had a second reading.

"To Accept Bid of 4 Seasons; to Authorize Contact and Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second and third reading. Mr. Black moved, seconded by M. McCarthy to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ms. McCarthy moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-4-12 was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk