

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
MARCH 26, 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. Andrews, Mr. Black, Ms. McCarthy and Mr. Miller.

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

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to accept the minutes as written for March 12, 2012. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Steve Turan: e-mail dated March 9, 2012 re: Murray Avenue One-Way

From Chief Hines: Memo Dated March 6, 2012 re: Confiscated Money

From City of Troy Auditor: Letter to Editor re: Taking Local Collection of Income Tax Away

From Audry Sharn: Letter re: Thank You Fire Department

From Treasurer Kulesza: February 2012 Monthly Report. He reported that the deposits in transit should decrease. Clerk Borgerding said we typically go down this time of year; however it should go back up when we get our real estate tax deposit mid-to-late April.

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes March 13, 2012

Mr. Black said we lost two people in the last week. One was a student in our school district and the other was our retired Fire Chief, Jack Phifer, who served our community for 27 honorable years. He asked for a moment of silence.

Ms. McCarthy moved, seconded by Mr. Black to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Clerk and Finance Chairman. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews to accept the recommendation of the Health and Recreation Committee which met Monday February 27th to discuss the request to replace the Tot Lot Play Equipment. MPPG representative Merret Collister and Steve from Recreations Outlet also attended. After discussing the site, the existing equipment, and repair & replacement options and the offer of MPPG to provide some monies towards the replacement of the equipment the committee recommends that the Tot Lot Play Equipment be replaced. We also recommend purchasing through Recreations Outlet. The cost breakdown is as follows:

Equipment, Freight and Installation:	44,030.50
MPPG contribution	<u>-13,000.00</u>
Adjusted Cost	31,030.50

In addition to the above monies, the Village will need to assume the costs of removal of the old equipment and surfacing/mulching of the area. It is possible the metal from the old equipment can be sold for scrap and some costs can be recouped. The final cost is greater than the allocation of \$25,000, but the Committee still recommends the replacement of the equipment. Ms. McCarthy said the equipment is made from recycled materials and comes with a lifetime warranty. The equipment is tan, brown and green and should blend well. She said a lot of the work was done by the MPPG. Mr. Black said the overage in cost is justified when you consider that it is a widely used area. Mr. Andrews asked if other communities may be interested in the equipment who would remove the equipment at their expense. Ms. McCarthy said once the equipment is taken up it cannot be put back into use again due to liability issues. She personally would not want to give it or sell it to somebody. Mr. Andrews said he thinks a lot of MPPG and asked if this design was the idea of one or was it reviewed by the whole group. He asked if Ms. McCarthy was confident that the specs were approved. Ms. McCarthy said yes and the work should begin this spring. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met Monday March 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss Building Commissioner Malone's request to purchase 12 replacement windows for the west side of the Village Administration Building. Present were Committee Members Andy Black, Cortney Scheeser and Joe Miller. Building Commissioner Malone, Maintenance Superintendent John Scherpenberg and Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt were also present. Committee Members unanimously voted in favor to recommend Council approve funding to purchase Marvin replacement windows at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Andrews

said windows can be an opinionated point. What looks like a good window sometimes is up to the individual. In a building like this we need to make sure that the windows that are being replaced are not cheap and not uniform. Mr. Black said the replacement windows are going to replace the existing windows so they will not be dramatically different. They are thermo paned and will help the Village Offices. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met Monday March 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the Maintenance Department's request to purchase a 2012 Ford F-350 pick-up truck to replace the existing 1997 Ford F-150 pick-up truck. Present were Committee Members Andy Black, Cortney Scheeser and Joe Miller. Building Commissioner Malone, Maintenance Superintendent John Scherpenberg and Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt were also present. Committee Members unanimously voted in favor to recommend Council approve funding not to exceed \$36,478.50 to purchase the 2012 Ford F-350 pick-up truck from Middletown Ford. The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Borgerding said \$41,500 was appropriated. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee which met on March 19, 2012. The Committee recommends accepting the bid of Queen City Blacktop in the amount of \$121,840 for Miami Road resurfacing. Net cost to the Village after grants will be \$41,840, slightly above the \$40,000 budget expectation. Ms. McCarthy said the Village Engineer indicated they had not had any issues with Queen City Blacktop when we used them for past projects. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed in Observation of Good Friday April 6, 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.)

Village Offices will be closed in Observation of Memorial Day Monday May 28, 2012

Resolutions:

“To Appoint Scott McIntosh as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Year of 2012” had a third reading. Ms. McCarthy moved, seconded by Mr. Black to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-8-12 was adopted.

“Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Levying a Tax in Excess of the 10 Mill Limitation for Permanent Improvements and Requesting the County Auditor to Certify Matters in Connection Therewith” had a second reading. Clerk Borgerding said this is the first step in the process of renewing the 3.5 mill Permanent Improvement Levy.

Ordinances:

“To Accept Bid of Queen City Blacktop, Inc. for the 2012 Miami Road Rehabilitation Project; To Authorize Contract and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. The second and third readings will be read at the next Council meeting.

“To Amend Schedule VII of Section 78 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Include Murray Avenue, Westbound from Plainville Road to Settle Road, as being a One-Way Street” had a first reading.

“To Purchase a 2012 Ford F-350 Pick-Up Truck Using the State of Ohio Purchasing Program” had a first reading.

Chief Hines said he wanted to make Council aware that next week two of our firefighters will be certified in child safety seat installation. It will be another service we will be able to provide to the community.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk