

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
MARCH 11, 2013**

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following Council members were present: Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scheeser, and Mr. Wolter. (Mr. Andrews arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

Clerk Borgerding said we need to set aside monies for large expenditures for the coming year. He distributed worksheets which detailed preliminary requests and projected monies we should receive from the levies. After monies previously reserved we should have approximately \$533,500 available. He set aside money for the administration building (\$275,000) as he has in the past. Also included is the payment for the fire truck (\$255,000) which will be paid over the next three years. (Payments due 2013, 2014 and 2015). Mayor Policastro reminded Council that the line items are not what we are going to do or have to do - that will be decided by individual Committees of Council.

Superintendent Scherpenberg said the dump truck would be \$78,000. However if it is purchased prior to May 2013 he should be able to get a discount. The truck it would replace is 13 years old, overheats and has had two transmissions put in. He also requested \$6,000 for sewer grates that are damaged and broken. In addition, he requested \$28,000 for a small tractor that can be used down in the South 80 acres. Council discussed and agreed to appropriate \$50,000 for trees that does not fall under regular maintenance. In order to keep with the budget it was decided to postpone the purchase of the tractor for 2013. Total amount appropriated for the Maintenance Department \$134,000.

Chief Hines said they are planning on moving the police SUV to the Fire Department. The Expedition is on its last legs. It should get another 5-7 years of life with the Fire Department. The new SUV plus attachments for the Police Department is estimated to be \$33,500. In addition, the tasers are seven plus years old. For liability reasons it is recommended that they be replaced every five years. They are also finding it hard to find parts to replace those that need repair. Officers do not have their own but are assigned one during their shift. The cost estimate is \$8,000. Total amount appropriated for the Police Department \$41,500.

Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner said the department is looking for \$27,000 for extrication equipment which includes the "jaws of life". The Village has had the need for this equipment in the past but there was not adequate space on the fire truck to store. With the new truck design we will be able to store the equipment. With proper care and maintenance the equipment should last 20-30 years. The hose and equipment needed is estimated at \$12,500. It is additional equipment for the new apparatus. We have no excess hose in our fleet. The last excess hose they had failed testing due to dry rot. He is requesting two sets of turnout gear, 22 helmets, boots etc. Once the equipment is replaced we should have all firefighters in compliant gear. If all of the requests are met he does not anticipate having any Permanent Improvement requests for the next three years. Total amount appropriated for the Fire Department \$51,500.

Administrative Assistant Van Pelt said the Administration Office is going to need to buy four new computers. The current ones are 10+ years old. We are experiencing difficulty downloading updates etc. In addition, with the new server it seems our computers simply can't handle the new upgrade. The issue was addressed when we installed the new server in December 2011. The quote from Premier Internet is an estimate of \$8,000-\$16,000 for the work needed to be done in the Administration and Tax Offices. Once we establish what work and equipment is needed we should be able to be more specific on the cost. Mr. Scheeser said we might be able to take advantage of the state bid discount. Mrs. Van Pelt said we might be able to take advantage of it and will address the issue with Premier Internet. Total amount appropriated for the Administration and Tax Offices \$13,000.

Superintendent Scherpenberg said the tennis courts are cracking. \$19,000 is estimated to be needed to repair the practice courts and resealing courts #1, 2, 3 & 4 and painting as needed. Also, \$5,000 was budgeted to replace the broken diving board at the swim pool. Total amount appropriated for Recreation \$24,000.

Clerk Borgerding said the estimate for the street/highway fund was over what was in the fund. Mayor Policastro said the bids were good and lower than expected. It was agreed to appropriate \$10,000 for Infrastructure. Mr. Miller suggested touching up the parking lot for the Waldorf School prior to school opening.

Mr. Andrews suggested appropriating funds for re-codifying the Code of Ordinances. Mayor Policastro said he wants to wait until the end of this year or next year once we get all of the streets with parking issues taken care of and addressing building codes concerns in the historic district. The cost would come from the General Fund not the Permanent Improvement.

Mr. Scheeser said he did not understand why the levy dollar amounts were decreasing. Clerk Borgerding said he did not know but perhaps it is due to housing market values going down.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk

