

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
APRIL 14, 2014**

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Marsland, Mr. Miller, Ms. Palazzolo, Mr. Tinkham and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to excuse the absence of Ms. Schwartz. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes as written for March 24, 2014. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: March 2014 Monthly Report

From Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner: March 2014 Monthly Report. Mr. Tinkham said he was sorry to learn that Mr. Feichtner was leaving. Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the Village and that it had been a pleasure. He made the decision to take a full-time position with Sycamore Township as it will allow more personal time for him to spend with his family. He is going to stay on as a part-time employee so he will be available to help with the transition and continue to serve the residents.

From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: March 2014 Monthly Report

From Building Commissioner Hodulik: March 2014 Monthly Report. Building Commissioner Hodulik said there are a lot of projects going on since the weather is improving. He anticipates the permit activity to increase over the next month and then start to level off as the construction is underway. Mr. Miller asked if there is any forward movement in the Historic District. Building Commissioner Hodulik said they are better about making their applications about rental inspections and permits. He has been averaging two per week. Mayor Policastro said the 30 days are almost up for the ordinance to go into effect to increase the ARB members. Once that happens the ARB members will meet to figure out who is going to do inspections on which streets. Building Commissioner Hodulik said he is in the process of putting together an inspection form with a checklist. Mr. Wolter asked if improvements have been made that are more self-motivated to upgrade properties without being cited. Building Commissioner Hodulik said there are some landlords that come in that indicate they are going to do some other additional work. Mr. Miller suggested giving vendor serial numbers for the types of garage doors that are permissible.

From Tax Administrator Busam: March 2014 Monthly Report. Mrs. Busam said collections were up 11.5% for the month of March.

From Mayor Policastro: Letter Dated March 26, 2014 re: Ohio Sunshine Law Request ODOT. Solicitor McTigue asked when the request was made. Mayor Policastro said he would have to check with Ms. Sullivan who made the initial request.

From MariElders, Inc.: 2013 Annual Report

From Fiscal Officer Borgerding: March 2014 Report/Trend Reports/Quarterly Report. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said there were three payrolls in March so expenses may seem a little higher than normal but it is not cause for alarm. Mayor Policastro noted that the trend shows that the General Fund balance is way above when compared to 2013, 2012 and 2011 and as the year goes on he believes it will just get better. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said with tax revenues coming in we should see a big improvement in the next couple of months.

From Elected Officials of Mercer County: Letter Dated March 27, 2014 re: Local Government Funds. Mayor Policastro said he wanted Council to see the letter. At the last Municipal League meeting Hamilton County Dusty Rhoads distributed the letter to municipalities to put the pressure on Governor Kasich to give back some of our local funds. Mayor Policastro said he will prepare a letter for Council to sign.

From Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner: Letter Dated April 8, 2014 re: Notice of Resignation. Mayor Policastro said we appreciate all that Mr. Feichtner has done for the Village.

From Paul Jirkans: Letter Dated March 24, 2014 re: Mariemont Civic Association Donation. Mayor Policastro said he believes everyone on Council is a member of the Civic Association. Mr. Jirkans donated back the money that was donated to him when he suffered a stroke and could not work with the hopes that the Civic Association would be able to help someone else who might be in need. It should make us all proud to be members of the Mariemont Civic Association.

From Police Clerk Maupin: March 2014 Mayor's Court Statement

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes April 2014. Mayor Policastro announced that this year's Arbor Day Celebration will be on Spring Hill, Friday, April 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. It is an important event and one we need to do every year to maintain our Tree City USA status.

Engineer Ertel said the Village applied for \$18,000 in grant money with Municipal Road Fund (MRF) which is part of the Pocahontas Road grant application. That money should be decided/voted on April 16, 2014. The larger part of the grant application (\$91,000) will be determined May 1, 2014. He is optimistic that the Village has a good shot. Mr. Miller asked if the asphalt companies are open. Engineer Ertel said they normally open before the end of April.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to accept the recommendation of the Health and Recreation Committee which met on Thursday March 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a request by the Swim Association to hold an alcohol allowed adult pool party. Members Mary Ann Schwartz, Dennis Wolter and Maggie Palazzolo were in attendance. Also in attendance were Mayor Policastro, Swim Pool Board member Don Slavik, Assistant Fire Chief Tim Feichtner and Tax Administrator Patty Busam. The Committee recommends Council approve the date of June 21, 2014 (June 28, 2014 rain date) from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. In addition, each person in attendance must sign a liability waiver. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Health and Recreation Committee which met on Thursday March 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a request by the Swim Association to hold family night swims with adults able to bring their own alcohol. Members Mary Ann Schwartz, Dennis Wolter and Maggie Palazzolo were in attendance. Also in attendance were Mayor Policastro, Swim Pool Board member Don Slavik, Assistant Fire Chief Tim Feichtner and Tax Administrator Patty Busam. The Committee recommends Council approve the dates of Friday June 20, 2014, Friday July 18, 2014 and Friday August 15, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. In addition, each person in attendance must sign a liability waiver. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Thursday March 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the budget request for a new emergency vehicle (John Deere Gator) by the Mariemont Fire Department. Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner presented the request for a John Deere Gator outfitted as an emergency vehicle. Initial discussion determined that it was not necessary for the Gator to be painted red as initially requested by the MFD. Mr. Feichtner indicated that MFD is in the running for a 10-year loan from the State of Ohio that would allow for the purchase of the Gator without accruing interest. It was unanimously agreed that the Gator be purchased for the MFD on an emergency basis should the MFD be turned down for the loan request made to the State of Ohio as the spring/summer season is upon us and more people will be utilizing the South 80. The amount of the purchase is not to exceed \$21,214.08. Mr. Wolter asked if any additional equipment would need to be purchased. Assistant Chief Feichtner said it will have emergency lights and a siren but that is included in the price not to exceed \$21,214.08. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Finance Department which met on Thursday March 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the budget request for new computers and MITS software for the Mariemont Tax Department. Tax Administrator Busam presented the need for new computer equipment and software for the Tax Department. Whereas the computer being used by the Tax Department was purchased in 2009 and the software package currently being used is antiquated. It was unanimously agreed that said request be granted in an amount not to exceed \$18,000. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Friday April 18, 2014 in Observation of Good Friday.

Resolutions:

"Fixing a Time for Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget" had a first reading. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said he will have information available for Council to review prior to the meeting.

Ordinances:

"To Temporarily Suspend Section 95.06 Liquor, of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances for the Time Period 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. June 20, 2014, June 21, 2014, July 18, 2014 and August 15, 2014 (Rain Date June 28, 2014)" had a first reading.

"To Repeal Ordinance O-4-11; To Enter Into Contract with H. Hafner & Sons, Inc. for Brush, Gravel, Dirt Construction Fill and Leaf Dumping in Consideration for Money and the Right to Farm Part of the South 80 Acres" had a first reading. Mayor Policastro said we have been doing this for years. In exchange for getting rid of our leaves and brush for free they are able to farm part of the South 80. It is a good trade-off.

Chief Hines said on Friday April 25, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. in Council Chambers there will be a short ceremony honoring the retirement of Captain Tim Messer. He has served the Village for 20 years with 25 years total in law enforcement.

It will be hard losing both of his assistant chiefs so close together. Lt. Kiefer has accepted the position of Assistant Fire Chief and will be working with Mr. Feichtner during the transition period. We have some really good people who work and train here and then take full-time positions with other departments. It is a credit to our department. If they are able to continue to work here part-time they choose to do so but many departments do not allow their full-time personnel to work elsewhere.

Engineer Ertel said the May 6, 2014 Primary Election will have on the ballot State Issue I which is for the Ohio Public Works Commission which helps fund some of our road project work. He encouraged Council to vote yes on the ballot.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer