

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL  
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO  
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER  
APRIL 28, 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, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Tinkham and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to approve the minutes as written for April 14, 2014. On roll call; five ayes, no nays (Ms. Schwartz abstained due to absence)

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

Mariemont Mixer Flyer. Mayor Policastro said it will be held Thursday May 15, 2014 and it should be a nice evening with participating merchants. For the event they will allow people to walk around with drinks in their hands. Mayor Policastro and Mr. Miller are working with the Civic Association to donate \$500 for signs which will be placed at the north and south Village entrances.

National Day of Prayer Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Notice. Mayor Policastro said it will be held Thursday May 1, 2014 at the Elementary School and invited Members of Council to attend.

From Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District: Top Ten Recycling Communities – Mariemont #1 with 34%. Mayor Policastro said hopefully with the new recycling container carts the Village can surpass 35% this year.

Mr. Wolter said there has been some talk around town about the lack of transparency on the part of Council. He would like it to be known that Council has made great efforts to be transparent. Information is posted on the five posting boards along with a website which we are upgrading which will be more convenient to use. In addition, there is an e-mail group distribution list that people can ask to be added to. They will then receive meeting minutes, agendas and meeting notices. It was tested last month and almost everyone on the list contacted the office that they were receiving the notices. Often the media puts out notices as well. Recently there have been two committee meetings when they felt that no one came to the meeting and held a second one to give people more time to come. He believes Council is being very transparent and he is disappointed that very few people come to the Council meetings. A lot of confusion in the Village would be mitigated by people coming to meetings and seeing how Council deals with problems. He has served on Council for six years and this is the best Council he has worked with. Everyone here is here because they are interested in doing what is best for the Village and we try to communicate the best we can what the issues are and why we have the positions we have.

Mr. Marsland asked when the new website will be up and running. Mayor Policastro said he is hopeful that it should be launched by the first of May. He is presently going through the list of businesses so they can be added to the website and contacting landlords to make sure that we have correct and current information.

Mr. Miller suggested that the new website have a sign-up link for those who want to be placed on the group distribution list. He also disagreed with Mr. Wolter regarding upset residents indicating that Council is not transparent. There are three to five people out of 3500 people who believe that Council is not transparent enough. He wants to let it go at that. Anyone who knows this Council knows and are familiar with the process knows that we are community givers who give unbelievable amount of time and we do what is right.

Mayor Policastro said in his Bulletin it listed both the Shred-It Day and Pharmaceutical Collection Day which were great successes which attracted a lot of people. So a lot of people are getting information off of the bulletin. The information is getting out but we are continuing to try improve communication. The new website will be more user friendly and will be easier to navigate.

Mr. Miller suggested putting signs up indicating that the new website is up and running.

Mr. Marsland suggested putting in the Mayor's Bulletin information for those who want to sign up for the Group Distribution List.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. Fiscal Officer Borgerding asked about the Tax Refund Overpayments and asked if it was one large refund or several refunds. Mayor Policastro said that information is confidential. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Thursday April 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the hourly wages for recreational employees. Present were Finance Committee Members Eric Marsland and Joe Miller. Also in attendance was Mayor Policastro. Committee members unanimously voted in favor to recommend Council

approve a \$.10 hourly increase across the board. The Ordinance should be passed on an emergency basis. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee which met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014, to discuss changes to be made to the Village's Zoning Code to restrict the placement and time limits for the use of portable storage containers (PODS) in the Village of Mariemont. The Committee reviewed the changes as requested in the attached memo (Exhibit A and B) from Building Commissioner, Kirk Hodulik, which included allowing for portable storage containers to remain at a property for a period not to exceed 14 days. This was in keeping with the time limit stated on Ordinance 151.060(C)(10). As shown in Exhibit B, the Committee decided to extend the time period that portable storage containers could remain at a property to 30 days rather than the 14 days allowed by Ordinance 151.060(C)(10). They further agreed that no portable storage containers could be placed in the rear of any property situated on a lane where trucks are prohibited from using the lane. In those cases, all portable storage containers would have to be placed in the front of the residence after receiving the appropriate permit. With those changes included, the Committee recommends adding the amendment for the use of portable storage containers to the Zoning Code for the Village of Mariemont. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

The Council meeting scheduled for Monday May 26, 2014 will be held Tuesday May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Village Offices will be closed Monday May 26, 2014 in Observation of Memorial Day. Mayor Policastro said it is tradition that Council march in the parade.

Mayor Policastro referred the safety issue of a stop sign at Mt. Vernon and Center Street to the Safety Committee. It has been recommended to make that a four way stop due to the amount of children that play in the median. It can be discussed along with a stop sign at Fieldhouse and Pleasant Street.

Resolutions:

“Fixing a Time for Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget” had a second reading.

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 second 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 second reading.

“To Repeal Ordinance No. O-9-13 Pertaining to Maximum Pay Rates for All Grades of Recreational Employees and To Enact New Legislation Pertaining to Maximum Pay rates for All Grades of Recreation Employees; and To Declare Emergency: had a first reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second and third reading. Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to enact the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-12-14 was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer