

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
NOVEMBER 10, 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.

Mayor Policastro said Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kiefer has completed his 180 day probationary period and it is recommended by Chief Hines that he be moved to Regular Full-Time Employee status. Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer was employed as a full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic for Union township for 13 years and was also employed as a part-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic for the Village of Mariemont for 11 years before accepting the Assistant Fire Chief position. Mayor Policastro said he is doing a great job and was instrumental in helping the Village receive a "2" rating with ISO (Insurance Service Office). The lower the rating the better. For years the Village was a "4" or "3" and it is unheard of for a small department to receive a "2" rating. It should help reduce rates for homeowner insurance. There are no "1" ratings in Ohio and only 32 municipalities with a "2" rating.

Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer said ISO is redefining the parameters so the Village will be inspected every five years instead of every ten years. The ladder truck scored well and so did water pressure. Mr. Wolter asked if the response time is also a key factor. Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer said response time is also identified with mutual aid. With the Village being so close to Little Miami Fire Rescue and Madeira/Indian Hill we can count their engines towards our responses.

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to make Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer a Regular Full-Time Employee. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer was congratulated by members of Council.

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to approve the minutes as written for October 27, 2014. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: October 2014 Monthly Report

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: October 2014 Monthly Report

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: October 2014 Monthly Report

From Building Commissioner Hodulik: October 2014 Monthly Report. He reported that building permit activity is way up from the past several years and close to double the number that we did last year at this time. It may be a combination of residents upgrading their homes from an energy and efficiency standpoint. Many of the permits involve HVAC, roofing and replacement windows. There were also permits issued for the finish outs at Nolen Park. Mr. Wolter asked when the construction will begin on the new condominiums. Building Commissioner Hodulik said the market demand shows that people want larger units so the plan was redesigned for less units but with larger square footage. The builder is in the final stages of financing and he anticipates ground breaking first quarter of 2015.

From Tax Administrator Busam: October 2014 Monthly Report. Mrs. Busam reported that year to date we are up 1/2%. Mayor Policastro said that is better than last year and last year was a pretty good year.

From Administration Office: MTD/YTD 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: Outsourcing Mowing and Trimming. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to Public Works and Service Committee. Mr. Miller, Mr. Marsland and Mr. Wolter all agreed that Gras Cor has done a great job this past year.

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

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Rules and Law Committee which met on Monday October 13, 2014 to discuss the need to recodify the Village Code of Ordinances. Present were Committee members Maggie Palazzolo, Dennis Wolter and Jim Tinkham, Mayor Policastro and Administrative Assistant Joanne Van Pelt. The Committee agreed to begin the process to recodify the Code of Ordinances with the cost not to exceed \$15,000. This will include having the Code available online which will reduce the cost of having paper copies. Solicitor McTigue said we need to update the code in the worst way. It has been at least 7 years and is sorely out of date. The Ohio Revised Code has changed which we reference in our Code of Ordinances particularly as it pertains to Mayor's Court cases. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The Mayor read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Thursday November 27, 2014 and Friday November 28, 2014 in Observation of Thanksgiving.

Luminaria/Tree Lighting will be Saturday December 6, 2014 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Mayor Policastro said Council had discussed meeting once in December and suggested the meeting be held Monday December 8, 2014. Fiscal Officer said he would prefer to have another week to prepare the Appropriation Ordinance. Council agreed to hold the meeting on Monday December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Resolutions:

“To Reappoint Dave Tensi as Inspector for the Building Commissioner for the Calendar Years 2015 and 2016” had a third reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-12-14 was adopted.

“To Reappoint Christopher M. Ertel as Village Engineer for Calendar Years 2015 and 2016; and To Set Compensation” had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-13-14 was adopted.

“To Reappoint Donald White as Mayor’s Court Magistrate for Calendar years 2015 and 2016; To Set Compensation” had a third reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-14-14 was adopted.

“To Confirm the Reappointment of Edward J. McTigue as Solicitor for the Village of Mariemont for the Calendar Years 2015 and 2016” had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-15-14 was adopted.

“To Confirm the Reappointment of Jordan Schad as Swim Pool manager for Calendar Years 2015 and 2016; and To Set Compensation” had a third reading. Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-16-14 was adopted.

“Resolution of Support for Green Umbrella Regional Trails Plan” had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-17-14 was adopted.

“Resolution of Support for Taking Root Regional Reforestation Campaign” had a third reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-18-14 was adopted.

“To Appoint Cindy Slavik as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2015 and 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Dave Wuertemberger as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Year 2015” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Peggy Keyes as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2015 and 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Joan Vago as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years of 2015 and 2016” had a second reading.

“To Appoint Rhonda Materese as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years 2015 and 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Jane Stalzer as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2015 and 2016” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Charlie Thomas as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2015 and 2016” had a second reading.

Ordinances:

“To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78, Schedule of Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a second reading.

“To Designate Section of Cherry Lane in Front of Mariemont Community Church as a School Zone; and To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78, Schedule III, of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a second reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer