

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 26, 2015**

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.

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

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to approve the minutes as written for January 12, 2015. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

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

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Eldridge: December 2014 Monthly Report/Trend Reports. Mayor Policastro said we are doing quite well and ended the year with 1.3 million in the General Fund just like last year. We are spending just about the same as we take in – which is good.

From Hamilton County Municipal League: Meeting Notice Thursday January 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Policastro said if anyone would like to attend to please let Mrs. Van Pelt know to make a reservation.

From Administration Office: MTD/YTD 4th Quarter Expense Report

From Rod Holloway and William Roe: e-mail Dated January 11, 2015 re: Hillside by Steam Plant. Mayor Policastro said he answered their e-mail, explained all that was going on and said we would have more information after they come to the Planning Commission.

From Fiscal Officer Borgerding: Annual Fiscal Report for Years Ended December 31, 2014/2013. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said we budgeted a deficit of \$125,000 for 2014 but we came in with a deficit of only \$30,000. Revenue wise we were pretty much dead on what we were last year except for the estate tax. We budgeted revenues of 3.115 million and our actual was 3.160 million (due to earnings tax being more than estimated). Expenses were way down (\$175,000 from last year) however in early 2014 we paid some expenses that were received too late in 2013 to pay and were carried over for payment last year. We also had some turnover in the Police Department and replaced the higher paid salaries with lower paid salaries which also effects the pension cost. The big savings were found in the Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Tinkham asked about the Miami Road flasher. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said it is an expense we share with Indian Hill. Mrs. Van Pelt said Indian Hill pays us for one half of the cost. Mayor Policastro said we also gave 2% raises and year-end fair bonuses. Mr. Wolter said he knows the Police/Fire Chief struggles to save money in his departments and that is where we saved a lot of money.

From Chief Hines: Memo Dated January 22, 2015 re: Speed Trailer Purchase. Mayor Policastro said we have a speed trailer however it is no longer working very well. It was given to the Village through a donation from Paul and Brenda Allen approximately 10-12 years ago. Through a grant the Police Department can purchase a state of the art speed trailer. Chief Hines said the Safety Committee asked him to look into a new speed trailer. This unit has LED lighting and a solar panel which will cut down on the purchase of batteries – which are not cheap. For a little more than \$6800 we can purchase state of the art equipment which will serve the Village for many years to come. The money that we will use to purchase this with comes out of the alcohol and education fund which is funded by the grant that we get for the OVI task force. He anticipates that it should take a couple of weeks to have delivery. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to approve the purchase. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Don Slavik, 3717 Homewood, was granted permission to address Council. He represented the Tennis Board which met previously to discuss needs for the Mariemont Tennis Courts which consists of 6 courts and one practice court. There is a small storage shed with an overhang that provides little coverage. Besides paying members, the courts are utilized by the high school boys/girls team, women's doubles teams and men's Saturday doubles teams. We have a great pro, David Russell, who has organized kid's clinics, adult clinics, private lessons and friendly matches. The current facility status includes a small shed with no insulation which means in colder weather the water needs to be turned off. With no running water there is no bathroom/drinking water etc. The small overhand provides limited protection from light rain. The seating consists of an old picnic table with a few benches. In addition, the old practice court is in bad shape with little practical use. The current facilities make it difficult to expand the program or attract local fun tournaments. Therefore the Tennis Board would like to propose the following recommendations: (1) Build a larger building with a Tudor look, (2) Insulate the shed with heat/cooling functions, bathrooms, small changing area and a multi-use gathering area, (3) A larger overhang to watch matches, (4) Improved benches/tables and (5) Remove and replace the practice court with grass/trees/benches and possibly extra parking. Presently the Board is talking with Village Council and the Mariemont Boosters. They have determined that they need drawings in order to proceed. They have identified an architect to do the preliminary design and construction drawings. They presently are in the application process for a grant through Mariemont Preservation Foundation. They are hopeful that the \$5000 grant will pay for the architect work. The next step would be to ask for funding for the construction of the structure. The Tennis Board would like to know Council's input to see if this is the right plan so they can complete the grant application.

Mayor Policastro said we will not be able to do all of these things at once and asked if the shed was the number one priority. Mr. Slavik agreed that the shed was the number one priority.

Mr. Carter Kemper, 3610 Mound Way, was granted permission to address Council. He is a Tennis Board member and said yes the shed was a vital part of the tennis teams needs for water access and shelter. He has talked with Greg Long, President of the Boosters, and Tom Nerl, Athletic Director at the High School. Both are interested in assisting in some way and they have asked the Tennis Board to be diligent in showing plans, costs and those who will be involved in the funding. It is to be added as a new order of business on the agenda at the high school.

Mayor Policastro said once a good architectural rendering is made he can refer the matter to the Health and Recreation Committee of Council. Getting other entities involved in the financing would be good. The Village's finances look good enough that we should be able to contribute.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said the money would be coming from the Permanent Improvement Fund. After the final payment for the fire truck we should be in good shape.

Mayor Policastro said if we get the grant for Belmont Avenue we would really be in good shape to help out.

Mr. Kemper said other groups, such as the boy/girl scouts could also use it for certain events.

Mr. Miller said we have million dollar condominiums being sold across the street. This improvement will help in those sales. Right now they are looking at a gray painted shed. People who are moving into those condominiums tend to be interested in golf and playing tennis. For that reason he thinks the attendance will go up. It is also the doormat for the Plainville Road entrance to the Village.

Mr. Wolter said there has been ongoing criticism of that intersection for lack of aesthetic appeal and this will help that. We would get multiple rewards with this project.

Mr. Tinkham questioned who owns the tennis court property. Mayor Policastro said the Village does. Should the Tennis Board be awarded grant money it would need to go through the Village's treasury. Mr. Tinkham asked how our fees compare to surrounding communities. Mr. Slavik said they are lower because those facilities are by private membership and usually include swimming as well. Mr. Tinkham asked if looking at raising rates for tennis players has been looked at. Mr. Miller said a small increase was just made for the first time in years. Mr. Slavik said a project of this sort could not be paid for through membership alone. If that was the wish of Council – it is not going to happen. Mr. Miller said once the project is done and there is something to show for it – perhaps then would be the time to look at a rate increase. Mayor Policastro said that is something that should be looked at by a committee of Council. He encouraged the Tennis Board to apply for the grant as the first step. Should they be awarded the money, we will refer the matter to a Council committee to prepare for the next course of action.

Mr. Jerry Vianello, 6570 Wooster Pike, was granted permission to address Council. He said he is not a member of the Tennis Board but he does support their proposal. However, \$5,000 seems like a lot for a rather small building. He thought a little more due diligence may find someone less expensive. He recently made renovations to his residence and did not spend that kind of money. It is also his understanding that the Waldorf School uses the facilities as well (whether they are allowed to or not) and perhaps they could contribute towards the project. Mayor Policastro said they do ask and he has granted permission for the couple of times they have used it. Mr. Wolter stated that the plans will also include the building construction plans. Mr. Slavik said drawings for a home residence and drawings for a structure that will be used by many require different specifications.

Mr. Miller 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; five ayes, no nays.

The Fiscal Officer certified that funds were in the treasury or in the process of collection for payment of the following bills:

American Legal Publishing	4,900.00	League of Women Voters	6.00
Arrow International	468.24	Mariemont Executive Building	547.94
Batteries Plus Bulbs	225.99	Martin Simon	45.00
Bethesda North Apothecary	82.78	Mobilcomm	672.31
Buckeye Power Sales	782.25	Modern Office Methods	593.37
Bureau of Workers Compensation	24,255.24	OH Dept. of Job & Family Services	418.00
Center for Local Government	2,000.00	Photo Station Imaging	87.00
Cincinnati Bell Any Distance	59.91	Premier Internet	300.00
Cincinnati Bell Telephone	981.60	Recreations Outlet	4,442.50
City of Cincinnati	50.00	Scherzinger	38.00
Davey Tree	5,600.00	Staples	261.52
Dental Care Plus	1,189.11	SWOAMCC	25.00
Edward C. Perry	300.00	Time Warner Cable	170.79
Fleet Services	3,424.28	US Bank Custody Services	21,586.88
Framers Guild	140.80	US Postmaster	147.00
Grass Cor	90.00	Verizon Wireless	507.72
Hi Tech Graphics	52.00	Village Payroll Account	69,422.09
Ice B'Gone Magic	939.95		
Jason Kiefer	100.69	TOTAL	144,913.96

Police Department

Richard D. Hines, Regular	3086.30	Nick Pittsley, Personal	208.00
Tom Ostendarp, Regular	2415.42	Tom Ostendarp, Comp	143.97

Nick Pittsley, Holiday 1846.15	208.00	Adam Geraci, Regular	
Nick Pittsley, Regular	1664.00	Ethan Simms, PT, Regular	1759.44
Cameron Shaw, Regular	2366.05	Cameron Shaw, Comp	29.95
Phil Mitchell, Regular	2256.79	Cameron Shaw, Overtime	292.01
Paul Rennie, Vacation	958.83	Brian Hoffman, Regular	2120.00
Brian Hoffman, Overtime	139.13	Dan Lyons, Regular	1918.00
Dan Lyons, Overtime	84.00	Dan Lyons, Comp	98.00
Margie Maupin, Mayor's Court	125.00	Dan Lyons, Personal	224.00
Margie Maupin, Regular	1528.72	Patricia Bradford, PT, Regular	325.52
Betty Kuntzman, PT, Regular	337.50	Tracie Hodge, PT, Regular	325.52
Jedy Gerros, PT, Regular	337.50	Department Total	26323.97

Fire Department

Rick Hines, Regular	489.75	Jason Kiefer, Regular	
2522.40			
Mose Demasi, PT, Regular	612.50	Mark Flagler, PT, Regular	
611.00			
Tyler Morgan, PT, Regular	1422.36	Patrick Handley, PT, Regular	
624.00			
Alex Schmid, PT, Regular	78.00	Jason Williams, PT, Regular	
600.00			
Chad Woodrum Supervisor Pay	1746.36	Department Total	
8706.37			

Paramedics

Michael Washington, Supervisor Pay	429.00	Greg Lang, Supervisor Pay	
117.60			
Greg Lang, PT, Regular	1095.60	Brandon Manor, PR, Regular	775.00
Jeff Ridge, PT, Regular	1072.50	Steve Auffart, PT, Regular	
922.25			
Chad Webb, PT, Regular	763.75	Joe Meyer, PT, Regular	
1170.00			
Michael Carey, PT, Regular	788.50	Eric Holden, PT, Regular	528.00
Mike Thumann, PT, Regular	1069.50	Mike Washington, PT, Regular	412.50
Randall Lindsey, PT, Regular	398.40	Dan Copeland, Supervisor Pay	468.00
Jim Henderson, Supervisor Pay	695.80	Tim Feichtner, PT, Regular	763.60
Boyd Collett, Supervisor Pay	940.80	Chris Ramsey, PT, Supervisor Pay	901.60
Josh Watren, Supervisor Pay	940.80	Dereck Hunt, PT, Regular	544.38
Tim Peaker, Regular	1012.60	Department Total	15810.18

Maintenance Department

John M. Scherpenberg, Regular	2694.09	Elisha Davis, Regular	1891.45
Elisha Davis, Vacation	210.16	Ben James, Regular	1924.32
Kevin Schmid, Regular	1924.32	Department Total	8644.34

Administrative

Joanee B. Van Pelt, Regular	2218.04	Joanee Van Pelt, Sick	60.77
Joanee Van Pelt, Council	125.00	Sue Singleton, Sick	15.29
Sue Singleton, Regular	1513.43	Department Total	3932.53

Tax Department

Deborah Combs, Regular	1070.10	Patty Busam, Regular	2192.30
Debbie Combs, Sick	458.62	Department Total	3721.02

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee which met on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers to discuss 2015 road and curb improvements. Present at the meeting were Public Works Committee Chairman Dennis Wolter, Vice-Chair Mary Ann Schwartz, Committee member Eric Marsland, Mayor Dan Policastro and Village Engineer Chris Ertel. After much discussion, the Committee recommends that the village make the following street and curb improvements in the coming year, and to pass the ordinance for these expenditures on an emergency basis in order to get the benefit of early bid pricing from contractors.

	<u>Village Engineer's Estimated Cost</u>
Belmont Avenue from Wooster to Murray Avenue	\$116,564.00
Asphalt rejuvenator (reclamite on Mariemont half)	\$2475.00
Miami Bluff Drive from Cachepit Way to Midden Way	\$46,644.00
Parking lot widening, south of Municipal Building between concrete driveway and asphalt employee entrance	\$5610.00

Other items of work recommended

Pavement repair of Wooster Pike (patches)	
Eastbound @ East Street	\$3700.00
Eastbound @ Bank Place	\$1500.00

Westbound @ Mariemont Inn	\$2800.00
Lane B curb at the east parking pad (Buntin Becker Park)	\$11,600.00
Spring Hill Drive piecemeal curb	\$2500.00
Total:	\$193,393.00

Mayor Policastro said on Belmont Avenue the original price is over \$200,000 which we are splitting with the Village of Fairfax. It has taken a couple of years for Fairfax to commit but it is finally going to have the work done. We have also partnered with the Village of Fairfax for a small government grant of \$120,000 which if we are successful in getting it will ease each community's responsibility by \$60,000. According to our Village Engineer, Chris Ertel, we are close to getting the grant.

Mr. Wolter said we are going to apply the reclamite on the Mariemont half of the road. It is a sealer which is also a benefit for snow and ice removal. We will have a great opportunity to compare to see how that product works against Fairfax's side which will not be treated. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed in Observation of President's Day Monday February 16, 2015.

Outstanding Citizen Nominations are due to Mrs. Van Pelt by Thursday March 19, 2015.

Resolutions:

"To Reappoint Mark Erhardt as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015" had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-1-15 was adopted.

To Reappoint Andrew Seeger as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015" had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-2-15 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Joe Stelzer as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015" had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-3-15 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Tim Duever as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015" had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-4-15 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Karen Sullivan as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015" had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-5-15 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Rob Winget as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015" had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-6-15 was adopted.

To Reappoint Mark Glassmeyer as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015" had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-7-15 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Doug Welsh as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015" had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-8-15 was adopted.

"To Reappoint Jason Brownknight as a Member of the South 80 trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015" had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-9-15 was adopted.

"Resolution for the Prostate Cancer Community to Help Raise Awareness for the Month of September" had a second reading.

"To Amend Resolution of Existing Pick-Up Plan for the Mariemont Ohio Police Department" had a first reading.

"To Amend Resolution of Existing Pick-Up Plan for Mariemont Ohio Fire Department" had a first reading.

"To Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for Street Repair and To Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second and third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-10-15 was adopted.

"To Authorize Ohio Department of Transportation to Proceed with Safe Routes to School Project Pid No. 93533 County/Route/Section: Ham Mariemont Spts Hawk Signal; and To Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second reading. Mayor Policastro said it has taken three years to get this from ODOT. The Haw

light on Plainville Road will allow a safe place for the children to cross at the crosswalk. In addition, we will get sidewalks on the stretch from the Fairfax Corp line to Park Avenue along Wooster Pike. Wooster Pike is also going to be re-stripped which should calm traffic and allow for a “share the road” lane for bicyclists. All of this work is at no cost to the Village. The Resolution had a third reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-11-15 was adopted.

Ordinances:

“To Amend Ordinance O-21-14 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment for Employees” had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-4-15 was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer