

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 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. Hlad, Mr. Miller, Ms. Palazzolo, and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Hlad moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to excuse the absence of Mr. Marsland and Ms. Schwartz. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Hlad to approve the minutes as written for October 12, 2015. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement September 2015

The Cincy Eastern Bypass Solution. Mayor Policastro said we forced the issue to be put farther out in the county and away from the Village of Mariemont.

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes October 14, 2015

From Fiscal Officer Borgerding: September 2015 Monthly Treasury Report

From Administration Office: 3rd Quarter MTD/YTD Report

From Greiwe Development: Development Selected for City of Montgomery

From Mayor Policastro: Letter To Ted Hubbard Re: Proposed Roundabout on Plainville Road

Ms. Anastasia Nurre, 3867 Settle Road, was granted permission to address Council. She is representing the street and was told that some issues regarding their street may be discussed. She sent an e-mail to Council members showing the results from a recent poll circulated on her street. It shows a lot of concern about traffic issues on Settle Road. She wanted to keep Settle Road a priority and in the loop as far as the bike trail. It would be nice to have a crosswalk on Settle where it intersects at the south end with Belmont. She understands that speed reduction cannot be considered due to state statute but we need to find ways to keep our kids and pedestrians safe. She thanked Council for their time and hoped that they will keep residents informed.

Mr. Hlad said the area where Murray and Settle Road split is very dangerous. There is a large vehicle parked that prevents motorist/pedestrians from being able to see oncoming traffic. Even when the vehicle is not there, cars fly around Belmont to swing up on Settle. He has witnessed several near car wrecks at that location. We painted the curb yellow for no parking but still it is a huge accident waiting to happen. It is hard to cross that location as a pedestrian. There is not a crosswalk at the location presently.

Mayor Policastro said if it is dangerous he would not recommend putting a crosswalk at that location. Mr. Hlad said some of the problem is the stop sign on Belmont is too far back. After further discussion, Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Safety Committee for further discussion. He will ask the Village Engineer to attend the meeting as well. Ms. Nurre suggested a design consultant be involved to keep the interests of pedestrians and children because engineer's solutions are often going to be along the lines of making the street wider. Mayor Policastro said we are not going to widen the street. It will be an open meeting for resident input. Mr. Wolter said the first priority is pedestrian safety because they are the most defenseless. Presently Council is taking heat for putting up stop signs. He will take the heat any day over someone getting hurt.

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

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Monday October 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the waste removal contract extension with Rumpke. Present at the meeting were Committee Chairman Eric Marsland, Vice-Chairman Joe Miller, Mayor Dan Policastro, and Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt. The Committee voted unanimously to enter into the second option period of our current contract with Rumpke for the Village's solid waste, yard waste and curbside recycling collection services. The proposed three percent increase will be in effect January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee which met on Friday, October 16, 2015 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers to discuss amending Ordinance section 150.03 of the Mariemont code of ordinances to include the following additions regarding hours of use for

powered yard maintenance equipment. Present at the meeting were Public Works Committee Chairman Dennis Wolter and Vice-Chair Mary Ann Schwartz. After much discussion, it was determined that commercial use of lawn mowers by the village's contract grass maintenance crew within the Village of Mariemont, the hours of said use will be as follows:

Monday thru Friday: 7:30am to 7:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am to 7:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am to 6:00pm

For any use of powered yard maintenance equipment such as lawn mowers, leaf blowers, chainsaws, weed eater, etc., by residents within the Village of Mariemont or contractors hired by residents, the hours for said work are as follows:

Monday thru Friday: 9:00am to 9:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am to 9:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am to 9:00pm

This Ordinance shall go into effect at the earliest date allowed by law. Mayor Policastro asked if Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. was too early. Mr. Hlad asked if the Committee talked with any of the contractors who work in the Village and how this may affect them and how they would be made aware of the change. He was curious if any discussion was had with any of the big lawn care service companies who work in the area. Mayor Policastro said we could send a letter to the companies who have bid on our contracts in the past. He will also put it in the Mayor's Bulletin. Mr. Hlad asked how this came about. Mayor Policastro said it was due to complaints. Mr. Wolter said the major change is not for the hours for commercial operators but for residents. The logic behind the later start is they are right in between houses. The commercial cutters tend to be out on the roads and streets. A lot of residents are also prompted by the EPA that do not want you to cut grass before 6:00 p.m. due to the heat and the pollution issues. He suggested in addition that private construction equipment be included. Mayor Policastro said that too has been an issue of complaint such as the sanding of bricks along Mt. Vernon and all the mess that was created. Mr. Wolter said this is opening discussion of other disturbances in the Village. Mr. Hlad said he does not have issue with when we tell the contractor hired to do Village work what time they can work however, he is concerned telling residents that on Saturday and Sunday you are not permitted to mow your grass until 10:00 a.m. That seems extreme to him and on principle he is not for the Village regulating when residents can use their equipment to mow their grass. Ms. Palazzolo agreed saying it was ridiculous. Mr. Wolter said weekends are to some the only day they can sleep in. It was agreed to table the report since two of the Committee Members were not present. Mayor Policastro referred the matter back to Committee for further discussion and asked concerned Council members to attend.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Leaf Pick-Up will begin October 19, 2015 and end December 18, 2015. Mr. Hlad asked if there was a schedule for pick up. Mrs. Van Pelt said the Service Department is trying to clear each street at least once per week. There is no set schedule due to the amount of leaf collection varies from street to street.

Beggar's Night will be Saturday October 31, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Council Meeting for the month of December will be held on Monday December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Resolutions:

Ordinances:

"An Ordinance Authorizing Application and Contracting with the Ohio Public Works Commission" had a third reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Hlad to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-25-15 was adopted.

"Ordinance To Amend Chapter 94 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mariemont Regarding Municipal Tax" had a first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer