

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Vice-Mayor Marsland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following Council members were present: Mr. Marsland, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Schwartz and Mr. Wolter.

Vice-Mayor Marsland referred to Fiscal Officer Borgerding to discuss the Permanent Improvement Budget. Fiscal Officer Borgerding distributed a summary of funds available and attached the various requests from the Department Heads. At the beginning of the year the balance was \$532,200 (with \$200,000 being reserved for the Administration Building) leaving \$332,000 remaining. He anticipates income from the levies to be \$358,000 for a total of \$890,200. With the amounts previously reserved for the Administration Building we have total funds available (unreserved) in the amount of \$690,200. In addition, this will be the last year for the fire truck payment which will be huge going forward.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said he budgeted \$50,000 for tree work. It will be used for new trees and tree removal etc. It will not be used for general maintenance which would come out of the General Fund. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he requested a new power washer to replace the old one for a cost of \$4,800. It was discussed last year but not purchased. The South 80 Committee has requested a 5' rotary cutter for \$1,000. A request for a new asphalt hot box for \$21,000 was discussed. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he is in discussion with the Village of Fairfax and the Village of Newtown to split the cost and uses of the equipment between the three communities. The cost per department would be \$7,106.33. It would require a signed agreement with all departments. It will allow us to do quality repairs even in cold weather. The plant in Newtown shuts down over the winter which means they have to go to either Carthage or Wilder, Kentucky. By the time the hot patch is put in the truck and covered it is cold and difficult to work with by the time they get back to the Village causing the potholes to reopen within months. Mayor Policastro said if the other communities do not go in with the purchase he suggests we put this off to the following year. Superintendent Scherpenberg said the State of Ohio Auditor's Office is on board with the purchase. They encourage shared equipment among communities. He said last year we held off on replacing a dump truck. This year they would like to replace the 2000 Chevrolet dump truck keeping the same design. He estimates it will cost \$80,000 depending on state bid specifications. This dump truck has had the fuel pump replaced 3 times and continues to have issues of overheating. Next year he would like to look into having the 1994 Cherry Picker replaced. His plan would be to buy a vehicle that could be used for the tree work in addition to being utilized as a dump truck. It would be a savings over two years by buying the one vehicle to replace two. It is possible to see if this purchase could be a shared equipment type purchase. Total budget cost allocated for the Maintenance Department \$156,800.

Police Chief Hines said a bid was already submitted to the state for \$36,000 for a new Explorer and equipment. In addition they need to replace one Sig Sauer .45 and one Sig Sauer Rifle for a total cost of \$2,400. The duty weapon will replace the one that Captain Messer bought upon his retirement. The plan is to buy one rifle this year and one rifle next year so there will be a rifle in each police vehicle. Total budget cost allocated for the Police Department \$38,400.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said we will have the third and final payment on the fire truck this year in the amount of \$254,300. In addition, they are requesting some turnout gear and equipment for \$9,000. Chief Hines said Engine 67 is in need of a new alternator for a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Total Allocated for the Fire Department \$266,300.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said the Tax Department does not have any requests at this time.

Superintendent Scherpenberg said he knows that the pool is in need of a new pool vacuum but he does not know if Mr. Beck has priced the equipment yet. It was agreed to allocate \$12,000 for swim pool maintenance. It was discussed to redo the basketball courts but Mayor Policastro said we should hold off on that for now because of the work that needs to be done at the Tennis Courts. The Tennis Court Association would like to have the courts cleaned two times a year which he estimates will be \$3600. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said he allocated \$10,000 for the new tennis court shelter house. Mayor Policastro said he believes once the drawings are complete it is going to be way more than \$10,000. He does not believe that the majority of the work will not be done until sometime next year. It was agreed to allocate \$25,000. Superintendent Scherpenberg said the courts need work too from all the damage from moisture trapped underneath. Total Allocated for Recreation Department \$40,600.

Mrs. Van Pelt indicated that the Administration Office does not need anything at this time but asked that \$12,000 be set aside should the copier begin to fail.

It was discussed and agreed to increase the Infrastructure for streets (in excess of the street fund) to \$90,000 and add \$10,000 for sidewalks. Hopefully, the Village will be the recipient of some grant money. Total Allocated for Infrastructure \$117,000.

Clerk Borgerding said the miscellaneous include encumbrances from 2014 street work (\$30,000) and auditor fees (\$5,000). Total Allocated for Miscellaneous \$35,000. The total request for the Permanent Improvement Funds \$666,100 with \$24,100 remaining in the reserve balance.

Superintendent Scherpenberg said because we are a National Historic Landmark the National park Service must consent with the Safe Routes to School program. It is not terribly difficult but it can take serval months for approval. To keep the project on schedule for construction in 2016, \$8000 should be reserved in the budget to begin design activities; namely, the Cultural Resource Coordination Package. This involves environmental clearance, which includes notifying surrounding residents of the project, obtaining any feedback and coordinating with the National Park Service for consent. Engineer Ertel and Caroline Duffey are working on it and the plan is to try to roll the funds over to the construction portion of the project.

Mayor Policastro said he will refer the individual department requests to a Committee of Council during the regular Council meeting. Each Committee will need to meet to discuss the requests and make a formal recommendation to Council.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer