

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 9, 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, Ms. Schwartz and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to approve the minutes as written for February 23, 2015. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: February 2015 Monthly Report. Mr. Wolter commented that the crime rate followed the thermometer this past month.

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: February 2015 Monthly Report

From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: February 2015 Monthly Report. Mr. Miller asked how the new equipment is working. Superintendent Scherpenberg said it is working well. He got several compliments from the Spring Hill area saying how well the hill stayed cleared off. He thanked the Fire Department for their help keeping the sidewalks and parking lots cleared during the last snow storm. Mr. Wolter said the Maintenance Department and Fire Department did a great job clearing the Village.

From Building Commissioner Hodulik: February 2015 Monthly Report

From Tax Administrator Busam: February 2015 Monthly Report. Mrs. Busam said she is hopeful that returns will pick up. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said the tax forms were late going out and believes that is the reason people may be a little behind on filing.

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Eldridge: January 2015 Monthly/Trend Reports

From Clem Luken: E-mail Dated March 1, 2015 re: Town Meeting Caucus – Mr. Lorne Hlad. Mayor Policastro said Mr. Hlad was nominated to be the Council Member to represent District 6 to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Tinkham. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of Town Meeting to have Mr. Hlad become a member of Council. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Engineer Ertel said at the next meeting Council will need to pass an emergency ordinance for the Safe Routes to School Project. We were awarded funding in 2012 and it will finally go to bid in April. It is 100% paid by ODOT as long as it comes in under the engineer's estimate which it is expected to. There is \$230,000 in the grant and the engineer's estimate is \$187,000. This will be the Hawk Signal which will be on Plainville Road in front of the Elementary School. It will move the crossing guard to another location if need be. The project will also include a sidewalk on the south side of Wooster Pike between Park Lane/Harvard Acres to the corporation line. He has permission from the property owners to allow for the work to be done. The lines on Wooster Pike will be re-stripped and bike signals will be installed in the pavement from the west corporation line to West Street. It will be a "share the road" with a wider lane indicating that cars stay to the left and bikes stay to the right. There will be more signage in the Village around the school with most already having been installed. We also received funding from OKI to install a rectangular rapid flashing beacon in the Homewood/Settle/Wooster Pike area to make motorists aware of a crossing area. It will provide a safety area in the middle should they not be able to make it all the way across Wooster Pike. ODOT will pay 80% of the project and the Village will pay 20% with the work tentatively scheduled for 2016. Another project with 80/20 funding from OKI is the proposed bike trail along Murray from Settle Road to Plainville Road. Construction is not scheduled until 2017-2018. He is researching grants to help cover the Village's 20%.

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Miller 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 Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

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

Village Offices will be closed Friday April 3, 2015 in observation of Good Friday.

Resolutions:

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

“To Appoint Anita Hunt as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Year of 2015” (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Maggie Palazzolo) had a first reading.

Ordinances:

“To Amend Section 78, Schedule I of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Include No Parking on Certain Streets Within the Village” (West Street) had a first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer