

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
APRIL 13, 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.

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

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

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: March 2015 Monthly Report

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: March 2015 Monthly Report

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: March 2015 Monthly Report

From Building Commissioner Hodulik: March 2015 Monthly Report. Building Commissioner Hodulik said permits are up again. Two years ago there were 38 permits at the end of the first quarter, last year there were 58 and this year there are 78 permits at the end of the first quarter. He anticipates a busy second and third quarter and possibly the busiest year in the last 5-6 years.

Ms. Palazzolo asked if we are doing a better job at collecting permit fees when the work is performed. Building Commissioner Hodulik said part of it is that he has been diligent on taking information that the Building Inspector provides to him regarding work that is being done without a permit. He follows up with both the homeowner and the contractor. Most people are good about getting a permit when one is required.

Mr. Wolter asked if the people who are remiss in obtaining permits are doing it out of ignorance not out of covert action to avoid it. Building Commissioner said most are doing it out of ignorance and don't realize a permit is required. Mayor Policastro said we put information on permits in a recent Mayor's Bulletin. Building Commissioner Hodulik said it might be good to do that on a quarterly basis as a reminder and also put an article in the Town Crier. He has found that more people are calling or stopping into the office to inquire as to whether or not a permit is required.

From Tax Administrator Busam: March 2015 Monthly Report

From Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District: Letter Dated March 19, 2015 re: Residential Recycling Incentive Program. Mayor Policastro said he saw an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer where some communities are only recycling 5% of their waste. The Village is recycling approximately 32% which is excellent. It also generates \$20,000 a year for the Village.

From Engineer Ertel: 2015 Street Rehabilitation Project Recommendation. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Public Works and Service Committee. It was discussed that the legislation should be passed on an Emergency basis. Engineer Ertel said if we get the grant money to do the work on Belmont Avenue – the work cannot begin until July 1, 2015 (only on Belmont Avenue) however, the other work on the contract list can begin. Mayor Policastro said he would like the Committee to meet as soon as possible.

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

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Eldridge: February 2015 Monthly Report/Trend Reports

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to move the Council meeting from Monday May 25, 2015 to Tuesday May 26, 2015 due to the Memorial Day Holiday. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter 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.

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Friday March 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the request for a new dump truck for the Service Department. Present at the meeting were Committee Chairman Eric Marsland, and Member Mary Ann Schwartz. Also in attendance were Mayor Dan Policastro and Service Superintendent John Scherpenberg. Superintendent Scherpenberg indicated that he found a Ford F550 for the same price as a F450 through a local dealership. The cost of the new fully outfitted truck will be approximately \$78,000. This next year the Village will be able to auction off 3 old trucks from the fleet which will save money in maintenance and insurance. The Committee recommends that the legislation be passed on an emergency basis to replace the old 2000 truck. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Friday March 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the request for a hot water power washer for the Service Department. Present at the meeting were Committee Chairman Eric Marsland, and Member Mary Ann Schwartz. Also in attendance were Mayor Dan Policastro and Service Superintendent John Scherpenberg. Superintendent Scherpenberg found a "demo" unit through a local distributor that the Maintenance Department has been using. The cost of the new power washer

will be \$4400 with another \$500 needed for the neutralizing soap. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to accept Superintendent Scherpenberg's request. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Council Meeting will be Tuesday May 26, 2015 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Resolutions:

"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 third reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-16 was adopted.

"A Resolution Authorizing an Amended Agreement with the Center for Local Government Joint Self-Insured Benefits Pool" had a second reading.

"Fixing a time for Public Hearing on the 2016 Budget" had a first reading.

"To Appoint Judy Foreman as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2015" had a first reading.

"Resolution to Amend Resolution R-19-07 Implementing Sections 3735.65 Through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, Establishing and Describing the Boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area in the Village of Mariemont, Ohio and Designating a Housing Officer to Administer the Program and Creating a Community reinvestment Area Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council; and To Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Miller 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. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Building Commissioner said we are expanding at the request of the new homeowner the Caretakers Cottage next to the Barn (which already is in the CRA). The homeowner is doing a complete renovation and would like to get a tax abatement. It seems appropriate since what he is doing is sympathetic to the original design of the building and what he is planning on doing as far as exterior finishes would be congruent with what has been done at the Barn already. We see this as a way of protecting that particular property and being properly maintained and upgraded. Mayor Policastro said the whole interior has been gutted to the studs. Mr. Marsland asked who is overseeing the historic preservation. Building Commissioner Hodulik said the changes the homeowner is making does effect the outside of the home and has submitted application to ARB for approval. The part that is being changed is not part of the original house. The Resolution had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-17-15 was adopted.

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 third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-8-15 was adopted.

"To Amend Ordinance O-4-15 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment for Employees" had a second reading.

"To Purchase a 2015 Ford F550 Dump Truck Using the State of Ohio Purchasing Program and To Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second and third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-9-15 was adopted.

An Ordinance Authorizing Cost Sharing Agreement with Fairfax to Rehabilitate Belmont Avenue" had a first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer