

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

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

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 \$227,000 (with \$200,000 being reserved for the Administration Building). He anticipates income from the levies to be \$385,000 for a total of \$612,000. With the amounts previously reserved for the Administration Building we have total funds available (unreserved) in the amount of \$412,000. With the final payment for the fire truck being made in 2015 this fund will start to replenish itself.

Mayor Policastro said he is hopeful that we will be awarded \$400,000 in grant money for the Administration Building. In speaking with State Representative, Tom Brinkman, he is confident that we should get at least \$200,000 for use in renovations to the Administration Building at this point. Former Building Commissioner, Dennis Malone, estimates the work to be \$410,000 but he thinks it will be closer to \$500,000.

Mayor Policastro also went over the levy money distribution from 2013 to educate Council and give a good idea of how much money is generated from each levy and what it can be used for. It shows that we have two general operating levies (one brings in \$240,000 and the other from 1941 brings in \$77,000). We also have two Permanent Improvement levies (1981- brings in \$94,000 and 1997 brings in \$257,000). 1997 was the last year the Village asked for "new money" as far as a tax levy. In 2003 when the joint Fire District disbanded the Village passed a Paramedic Levy which is used to pay for EMS salaries, etc. The 1.9 mill is not enough to pay the salaries. It is currently split with half of the year the salaries being paid by the Paramedic Fund, the other half the salaries are paid out of the General Fund (approximately \$75,000). He suggested perhaps next year increasing the levy to 2.5 mills which would be less than a mill increase. The MariElder's Levy does not provide any monies to the Village – it all goes to MariElder's. We ended the year with 1.2 million in the General Fund but we certainly do not want the balance to go downhill because last year we ended the year with a balance of 1.3 million.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said he got an update on rates from Hamilton County and will prepare a report for Council for the next meeting.

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. The department is going to hold off until 2017 for the dump truck and utility bucket truck. In addition, \$2200 is earmarked for Reclamite Rejuvenation and \$20,000 for other miscellaneous needs. Total budget cost allocated for the Maintenance Department \$72,200.

In addition, Fiscal Officer Borgerding budgeted \$15,000 for Swim Pool maintenance, \$10,000 for a storage barn at the ballfields and \$15,000 for the shelter house at the Tennis Courts. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he believes the Recreation Association is going to pay for the storage barn or reimburse the Village. He will check into that. Mayor Policastro said we submitted an application for grant money for the shelter house at the tennis courts with MPF. He is hopeful with that grant money it will pay to have the plans drawn up. The estimate for those drawings is \$9,000. Total budget cost allocated for the Recreation Department \$40,000.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said the Police Department is requesting a new 2016 Ford Explorer and equipment (\$37,500) and new in car camera systems for all the cruisers (\$30,000). Chief Hines said the cameras are eleven years old. The quality of the footage is not what it needs to be for prosecution purposes. These cameras should last ten years. We will probably get rid of the oldest car in the fleet. Total budget cost allocated for the Police Department \$67,500.

The Fire Department requested bunker gear (turnout gear \$9,000) and new tires (5,000) which have already been purchased for the Quint. Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer said he is working on a Bureau of Worker's Compensation 3-1 grant. For every dollar the Village spends they will match with three dollars. He is applying for a power cot and loading system. It is a hydraulic lift. The cost is \$45,000 which would be an expenditure of \$15,000 to the Village. The grant is scheduled to be opened in April. Mayor Policastro said if we get good bids on the Street Rehab project we should have money left over to do this should we be awarded the grant. It was agreed to add this to the budget request. Total budget cost allocated to the Fire Department \$29,000.

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

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.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said Engineer Ertel requested \$20,000 for the rectangular flashing beacon which will be located at Wooster Pike and Belmont Avenue. It would match the money we will get from OKI. In addition, \$20,000 was allocated for sidewalk and curb repair. Depending on how the street rehabilitation bids come in it was

agreed to budget \$80,000 should the Street Fund not have enough to cover the cost. Total budget cost allocated to Infrastructure was \$125,000.

With miscellaneous expenses Fiscal Officer Borgerding said that bring us to approximately \$350,000 from the \$412,000 unreserved funds available leaving \$62,000 to carry over to 2017. He estimates we should have \$300,000 balance to start 2017, but it could be less depending on if any work to the Administration Building is done this year.

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 6:55 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer