

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

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. Marsland, Mr. Miller, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Schwartz and Mr. Wolter.

Mayor Policastro welcomed a Boy Scout who was in the audience fulfilling a requirement for his merit badge.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Hlad to approve the minutes as written for February 8, 2016 and the Committee of the Whole meeting February 8, 2016. On roll call; sixes ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement January 2016

From Andrew Kulesza, President, Kramig Industrial: Letter Dated February 4, 2016 re: \$200.00 donation for 2016 July 4th fireworks

From Fiscal Officer Borgerding: Memo Dated February 1, 2016 re: Updated Summary of Tax Levies. Mayor Policastro said this shows what monies we should expect from the present levies. He suggested later in the year discussing a possible half mill more for the Paramedic Fund.

From Engineer Ertel: Memo Dated February 12, 2016 re: 2016 Street Rehabilitation Project. Mayor Policastro said we got an excellent bid from J. K. Meurer Corp at \$200,590 with the next bid coming in at \$256,000. His understanding is that the Village did not receive any grant money from Mariemont Preservation Foundation for the basketball court project at the swim pool. The reason given was the Village was just rehabbing/repairing it. That is not the case. We are going to redo the whole area including adjustable basketball nets. He thinks it will be good for our kids. The estimate was \$8,000. With this excellent bid he would like to have the contractor look at it to see what he would charge and perhaps add it to the list of work for 2016. It would be ideal to do it while they are here working in the Village – especially since part of the work is at the South 80 putting in a drive to the gardens. He will have Engineer Ertel solicit a bid from J. K. Meurer. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the bid of J. K. Meurer Corp. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Ms. Palazzolo asked if the area of Wooster Pike at Madisonville Road could be re-stripped. She has noticed that people are stopping in the middle of the intersection. Mayor Policastro said he would have the Service Department re-paint the pavement. He also would like to have the chunk of concrete by Mio's fixed as well.

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to accept the recommendation of the Rules and Law Committee which met on Monday January 25, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. to allow alternative pets in the Village of Mariemont. Present were Committee members Maggie Palazzolo, Lorne Hlad, and Dennis Wolter. Also in attendance was Mayor Policastro and Chief Hines. The Rules and Law Committee discussed whether to allow alternative pets, such as chickens, small breeds of pigs, and other types of animals that are considered livestock. Due to the limited lot sizes in the Village of Mariemont and concerns regarding noise and waste disposal, the Committee recommends that the Village not allow these types of animals to be kept in the Village. The Committee requests that the Solicitor prepare the necessary legislation. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro referred the matter of more lighting in the Historic District to the Public Works Committee. We looked at this issue about five years ago and he believes the time is right to look at it again. It is very dark in the area and perhaps we can get with Safeways to School for a grant so it is not dark for the kids as they walk to school in the morning. It would take two years but we need to start somewhere. We do not want it dark and dangerous for the kids early in the morning.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Nominations for Outstanding Citizen are due to Mrs. Van Pelt by March 17, 2016.

Village Offices will be closed on Friday March 25, 2016 in Observation of Good Friday.

Resolutions:

“Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Levying a Tax in Excess of the 10 Mill Limitation for Permanent Improvements and Requesting the County Auditor to Certify Matters in Therewith” had a first reading. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said this is for the November election. It is for the smaller of the two Permanent Improvement Levies estimated to bring in \$100,000. It originally passed in 1981 and renews every five years.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer