

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 29 2016**

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Brown, Mr. Hlad, Mr. Marsland, Ms. Palazzolo and Mr. Wolter.

Mayor Policastro stated that the Village has supported the Safe Routes to School Program in the past and that the project at Belmont & Wooster Pike (HAM US-50-30.23 RRFB) is the last project of an original list of projects. Mayor Policastro asked Engineer Ertel to give additional history.

Engineer Ertel said the original grant was awarded in 2012 from the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI). All OKI grants are administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The village selected an ODOT prequalified design firm and began work. Over the last 3 years, Council committee meetings, public involvement meetings and Planning Commission meetings all took place as required by the ODOT design process and Mariemont's internal codes. To date the village has spent approximately \$46,000 on design and construction plans and \$33,992 in a local match to ODOT. The bids on the project were read on April 19th and the low bidder, Prus Construction is over the state's estimate by approximately 10%. ODOT is requiring Mariemont spend an additional \$12,700 to make up the shortfall. The village could vote yes to the additional funds and the project would go forward. Or the village could vote no and the project would disappear.

Mayor Policastro said that the village has invested a lot of money to date and the village should fund the additional amount and complete the project.

Mr. Wolter agreed and said that at this point we should proceed with the project.

Mayor Policastro mentioned that once this project is completed the village should look at the closing of the north end of Settle Street and making the street a no outlet street on the north side.

Mr. Hlad said that with the upcoming construction of the drainage improvement on Settle Street it would be a good idea to test the closure and gain resident's reaction.

Mayor Policastro stated that the middle island on Murray Avenue could be extended with trees and possible bollards to provide the closure. He wants to send out flyers to the residents of Settle, Homewood and Murray Avenue.

Ms. Palazzolo asked if the state is usually this far off in their estimates of work.

Engineer Ertel said no. Usually the state is closer to the actual low bid amount. However, ODOT usually estimates large scale work in the millions of dollars. Small scale projects like this present a challenge to accurately estimate.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to approve the amount of \$12,700 for the Belmont & Wooster Pike (HAM US-50-30.23 RRFB) project. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer