

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 13, 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. Brown, Mr. Hlad, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Schwartz and Mr. Wolter.

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

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to approve the minutes as written for Council May 23, 2016. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: May 2016 Monthly Report

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: May 2016 Monthly Report. Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer said we got the grant for the power cot. He anticipates having the funds by the end of August. It will take approximately eight weeks after we order it for it to be implemented. The cot costs \$43,000 but the BWC grant will cover \$32,000.

From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: May 2016 Monthly Report

From Building Administrator Keyes: May 2016 Monthly Report. Mr. Keyes said as everyone knows we have a problem with storage. He has work plans stored in the office, in the hallway behind Council Chambers and in the basement. He has come up with a system he is hopeful will help and will also help streamline his job. He would like to install a scanner/copier/printer which will scan all the prints to memory. He will keep the paper copies on a project until it has its final inspection. They then can be searched for on the computer. Presently it can take him two hours to search through paper files to see if we have prints of a certain residence. He averages one request monthly. Mr. Hlad asked what would happen to the paper prints. Mr. Keyes said we would destroy them but the prints could be reprinted. It would cost approximately \$18,000 to purchase with a monthly maintenance charge less than we are paying now. If we leased it will be about \$500.00 per month. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Finance Committee. Mr. Wolter asked if a low skill person could load and scan the papers. Mr. Keyes said ideally he could get a high school student to do the work.

From Tax Administrator Busam: May 2016 Monthly Report

From Swim Pool Manager Schad: May 2016 Monthly Report

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Minutes from May 3, 2016

From Pam McDonald: E-Mail Dated May 31, 2016 re: Time Warner Name Change to Spectrum

From Village Engineer Chris Ertel: E-mail re: Belmont Avenue & Wooster Pike Project. Engineer Ertel said the construction is scheduled to begin July 5, 2016 and have it done by the middle of August. It has to be complete no later than October 1, 2016 or they will incur extra costs from the State of Ohio. Mr. Hlad asked if the affected residents have been kept informed. Engineer Ertel said actually that is who the email was directed to.

From Wes Iredale: Email thanking the Service Department for brush pickup

From Sue Singleton: Copy of Memo to Mayor Policastro regarding complaint about dogs in the Tot Lot. Mayor Policastro said there was a complaint about dogs running loose in the fenced area of the Tot Lot. He said that is an invitation to disaster. It was believed that one of the dogs was a pit bull. When you get two or three dogs in an enclosed area it could lead to a problem with children getting bit. He referred the matter to the Safety Committee. We need to determine if we want to keep dogs out of the enclosed area and submit a report with the recommendation to put up a sign. Mr. Hlad said he is at the Tot Lot often with his three year-old and even when dogs are on leases they do not let their daughter go near because you just never know. He believes this is worth studying whether to allow dogs at all. Ms. Palazzolo said what she has seen happen is one person allowing his dog to run in the enclosed area when no one is there, but when a mom and a small child arrive the person does not leave. Mayor Policastro said the other concern he has is if the dogs use the area to relieve themselves and the area then not being sanitary.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Ms. Palazzolo said she has noticed that each department pays their own cable bill and was curious if consolidating would be more cost effective. Mayor Policastro said once the Tax Department is located in the Municipal Building it will be incorporated into one bill, but there are charges for each location. He also said there was a question several meetings ago about the tennis ball purchase. He went over to the tennis courts and there were balls all over the place. The Tennis Pro told him he could actually use more balls. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Hlad moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met at 4:00 p.m. on Friday May 20, 2016 to discuss appointing Tim Biggs to the Tax Appeals Board. Present at the meeting were Finance Committee members Eric Marsland and Bill Brown and Mayor Policastro. After a brief discussion of Mr. Biggs' qualifications, it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Biggs to the Tax Appeals Board. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met on May 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Present were Committee Chariman Lorne Hlad, Committee Vice-Chairman Maggie Palazzolo and Committee Member Bill Brown, Mayor Dan Policastro and Police Chief Hines. The Safety

Committee met to discuss the purchase of three new sets of Turn Out Gear for the Fire Department at the recommendation of Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer. The Committee recommends that the Village purchase the gear as requested and that the purchase be an emergency purchase due to the three-month wait period once an order is placed. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Regular meetings of Council during the summer months will be: Monday July 18, 2016 and Monday August 22, 2016. Council was reminded to mark their calendars.

Mayor Policastro referred to the Finance Committee Liability Insurance Renewal.

Mayor Policastro referred to the Economic Development and Zoning Committee standards for new construction or tear down and rebuild a structure it has to be conducive to the surrounding areas in regards to size, materials etc. Solicitor McTigue encouraged the Committee to be as specific as possible.

Resolutions:

“Adopting the Budget for 2017” had a first reading.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to go into Executive Session to discuss policing and security options with Columbia Township both compensation and other terms and conditions of a contract with Columbia Township. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mayor Policastro asked Police Chief Hines to remain for the Executive Session of Council.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:11 p.m. Mr. Hlad moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to return to the Regular Session of Council. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer