

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 9, 2017**

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

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

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to approve the minutes as written for December 19, 2016. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: December 2016 Monthly Report. Ms. Palazzolo said the report showed zero speeding tickets. Officer Ruth said he would assume that is an error.

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: December 2016 Monthly Report

From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: December 2016 Monthly Report. Superintendent Scherpenberg said they have disconnected all the leave vacuums and equipment. They will have to be bagged from here on out.

From Building Administrator Keyes: December 2016 Monthly Report

From Tax Administrator Busam: December 2016 Monthly Report/2016 Annual Report. Mr. Brown asked the impact of pending legislation SB 198. Mrs. Busam said it would prohibit municipal corporations from levying an income tax on non-residents' compensation for personal services or on net profits from a sole proprietorship owned by a non-resident. The bill had some hearings during 2016 but did not go to a vote. It will impact the Village monetarily but to what degree she has not yet determined. Mayor Policastro said the Ohio Municipal League and Hamilton County Municipal League is fighting this tooth and nail. He said businesses would be like predators in the Village and would not be paying anything for Village services. He does not see it passing.

Mr. Wolter said we came out \$112,000 ahead in taxes over last year and asked if those are stable tax dollars we could expect to project to next year. Mrs. Busam said perhaps some of it but also in 2016 we had five quarters of estimated tax. The last quarter used to be due in January, but it is now due in December.

From Mike Rinehard: E-mail Dated December 22, 2016 re: Thank You Police Officer Matt Kurtz

From Engineer Ertel: Memo Dated January 4, 2017 re: 2017 Street Rehabilitation Project. Mayor Policastro said the list is extensive but we are still hopeful to get the grant.

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler: December 2016 Fiscal Officer's Report

From Administration Office: MTD/YTD Expense Report 4th Quarter

From Cincinnati Enquirer: Article Dated December 27, 2016 regarding: "The Case of Death by Falling Tree". Mayor Policastro said he put this in because we do take down trees that are in bad shape. We do not want to take any chances of a tree falling and hurting someone. If our Maintenance Department or personnel from Davey Tree tells us a tree is in decline let it be known the tree is coming down and a tree will be planted in its place. Mr. Wolter asked if we have an estimate of how many trees are in harm's way. Superintendent Scherpenberg said most of the Oak Trees on Oak Street and Chestnut have outlived their life. The majority of the Ash Trees have been removed. Mr. Wolter said there is talk about another species of invasive bug. Superintendent Scherpenberg said it is the Asian Longhorn Beetle and would be more devastating than the Emerald Ash Borer. It can attack eight variations of trees that they attack with Maple Trees being one. Usually you are not aware of the insect until healthy limbs fall off. Mr. Brown asked if we have an Arborist. Superintendent Scherpenberg said we have a good repaire with Davey Tree who have a good working knowledge of the Village.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to nominate Mr. Marsland as President Pro-Tem of Council. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

"An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures of the Village of Mariemont, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending 2017" had a first reading and second reading. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said this is something we need to do every year in order to be compliant. We have to appropriate

the funds before we can spend any money. It is basically the budget Council prepared in July 2016. The only change he made was adding \$100,000 to the General Fund for salaries due to there being 27 pay periods in 2016 (which was paid in 2017) as opposed to 26 pay periods. The Ordinance had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-1-17 was adopted.

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

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Economic Development Planning & Zoning Committee which met on Thursday January 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the addition to the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Committee Chairman Bill Brown, Vice-Chairman Eric Marsland, Member Lorne Hlad, Mayor Policastro, Council Members Dennis Wolter, Maggie Palazzolo, Mary Ann Schwartz, Building Administrator Don Keyes, Architect Bob Rich and residents Rob Bartlett, Jenny Ferguson, Stan and Bobbie Bahler and Bob Van Stone. The meeting was held as a follow-up to the Economic Development Planning and Zoning Committee meeting that was held on December 12, 2016. When the Committee presented its recommendation from that meeting at the December 19, 2016 Council meeting, Council requested an additional meeting to discuss further details and design elements to meet the needs of the building. Council also voted to name Bob Rich as the Architect of Record for the Municipal Building renovation. At the follow-up meeting, Mr. Rich presented the Committee with a revised drawing of the Council Chambers and adjoining conference room. The revision showed a new configuration for placement of seating for Council members and for members of the public attending meetings that would be held in Council Chambers. Mr. Wolter asked if there would be quoins at the corners of the addition. Mr. Rich recommended that there not be and that there not be shutters on the addition. After reviewing the revised drawings, the Committee recommends that with the exception of a few minor details, such as three glass-paned French doors between Council Chambers and the adjoining Conference room and the addition of a storage area, Council should proceed with the plans that have been submitted. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee which met at 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 5, 2017 in Council Chambers, to discuss repair of sewer collapses at Pleasant Street and Mariemont Avenue in addition to water retention and street rehab on Settle Road. Present at the meeting were Committee Chairman Dennis Wolter, Vice-Chair Mary Ann Schwartz, Committee Member Eric Marsland, Council Members Lorne Hlad, Maggie Palazzolo and Bill Brown, Village Engineer Chris Ertel and Mayor Dan Policastro. The meeting opened with Chairman Wolter describing the sewers having collapsed due to age, and the cost of repair to the sewers in the two locations at Pleasant Street and Mariemont Avenue. After much discussion, the committee recommends that we repair the sewer at 6600 Mariemont Avenue at a cost of \$25,000 and the sewer at 3706 Pleasant Street at a cost of \$10,000. The Committee recommends that the Village proceed with acquiring bids for the project. Chairman Wolter and Village Engineer Chris Ertel explained the problems with storm water drainage and degraded eroding surfaces on Settle Road, with a total project estimate of \$280,000. Subtracting the cost of applicable grants, the project should cost approximately \$130,000 for both storm water mitigation and repaving. After much discussion, the Committee recommends that the village proceed with acquiring bids for the project assuming a net cost to the Village of approximately \$130,000. Ms. Palazzolo stated that she was not present at the meeting, but believed that Police Chief Hines was present. Mayor Policastro said that the Committee report does not need to report who was there...that is something that should be kept in the minutes. He said he is glad to see this done in January and is hoping in February that we get 8 or 9 bids. Fiscal Officer Borgerding asked when we will find out if the Village is awarded grant money. Engineer Ertel said he will find out May 11, 2017 and be able to report back by May 12, 2017. He would like to say it is likely we will get it. We are the seconded rated project in Hamilton County. Each State County is allowed five projects. There are 88 counties in the State of Ohio. He is hopeful but we are competing with a lot of other people. He is going to meet with Fred Schlimm to finalize the paperwork and point process strategy. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Miscellaneous:

Ms. Schwartz moved seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to appoint Mr. Brown to the Planning Commission as Council's representative. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro referred to the Finance Committee the Salary Ordinance for Full-Time, Part-Time and Appointed Officials.

Mayor Policastro announced that Council Committees would remain the same as 2016.

Mayor Policastro urged the Economic Development Planning & Zoning Committee to meet as soon as possible to discuss the Community Reinvestment Area of the Steam Plant.

Mayor Policastro said the Safety Committee needs to meet to discuss numbering, size, coloring etc. on the back of houses/townhomes for safety purposes. Mr. Brown said Mr. Hlad sent out an email earlier regarding the matter earlier in the day to schedule a meeting.

Resolutions:

“To Reappoint Karen Sullivan as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2017” had a second reading.

“To Appoint Mike Kintner as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years of 2016 & 2017 to Fill the Unexpired Term of Paul Haffner” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Chris White as a Member of the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board for the Calendar Year of 2017” had a second reading.

“New Continuing 1.98 Mill Tax Levy in Excess of the 10 Mill Limitation for Providing Safety Services to the Village of Mariemont, Including Police, Fire and Paramedic Services” had a first reading. Mayor Policastro said we will have the second and third readings at the next Council meeting.

Ordinances:

“Ordinance Authorizing the Naming of the South 80 Driveway” had a second reading. Mr. Wolter said it is for public safety so the Communication Center has an address should there be an emergency. It is also a way to honor Native American Indians who inhabited the area.

“To Set Permit Fees for Utility Companies Digging through Village Streets, Sidewalks and Lawns” had a second reading.

Mr. Wolter gave a verbal report regarding lighting in the Historic District to increase the lighting with a Safe Routes to School grant. He looked at the lighting situation with Ms. Schwartz and they determined the most need was in Ann Buntin Becker Park. Mayor Policastro said in order to get the grant it would have to be along a route children would take to school. He does not believe a park will satisfy that need and it must be a well-traveled route. Mr. Wolter said there were other areas such as Waldorf School and around the Church. Mayor Policastro said the park could be a grant possibility with the Dornetti Foundation. Mr. Wolter said they will re-evaluate the area but may need some help identifying what the routes are. Ms. Wendler said the school sent home magnets with the official Safe Routes to School outlined. Mr. Marsland said he had an extra magnet which he will get to the Committee. Mayor Policastro said the grant process will take approximately two years so we need to get the report complete as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer