

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 13, 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 and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to excuse the absence of Mr. Hlad and Ms. Schwartz. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to approve the minutes as written for January 23, 2017. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: January 2017 Monthly Report/2016 Annual Report. Mr. Wolter commented that there has been a substantial reduction in crime in the Village. Chief Hines said the reduction in thefts was a goal for 2016 and gave credit to his officers for obtaining that goal. They have done a great job being visible. We get a lot of help from the community and working together is what it is all about. He said the department received their certification from the State of Ohio for the collaborative from the Attorney General's office. It is quite an accomplishment. A lot of departments won't be able to meet those standards by the deadline. It includes thorough policy and procedures along with hiring practices and use of force. He gave credit to Lt. Ostendarp who tackled 90% of the work.

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: January 2017 Monthly Report/2016 Annual Report.

From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: January 2017 Monthly Report/2016 Annual Report. He said they hired Joe Godbey to fill the opening created by Elisha Davis retiring. He came from Sycamore Township and is working out very well. Mayor Policastro said later in the year he would like to look into adding the fifth man to the department. We laid one off back in the days when we had the recession. Foreman Davis was at the top salary. There was another candidate they interviewed that was a good applicant and would be good to start as a trainee. He asked Superintendent Scherpenberg to put together a list of the money we would save if we brought on an extra man at a reduced salary and cutting back on Minute Men. We would need to pass the levy in May before we can look further into this.

From Building Administrator Keyes: January 2017 Monthly Report

From Tax Administrator Busam: January 2017 Monthly Report. She said we had a very good January in 2016 and we are down from that. HB 5 changed the due date which had been January 31 to December 15. Mr. Brown said it will all even out. Fiscal Officer said it is all just timing. Administrator Busam reminded Council to talk to our legislators to try to keep the centralized collection for the businesses from passing. It would cost the Village an additional one percent of our take if that happens. She has not heard any more than what she has sent out. She will continue to keep Council updated.

From Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste district: Letter Dated February 3, 2017 re: Update Solid Waste Management Plan

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler: Fiscal Officer's Report January 2017

From Engineer Ertel: OPW District 2 Funding 2017 SGC Prioritized Projects. Engineer Ertel distributed a point value handout and explained how it works regarding the Settle Road Small Government Application. You can reboot or reapply to strengthen your application. The original application requested \$99,999 as a grant. Higher point values are given to a project that takes financial assistance which makes the application more competitive. The question is how much more competitive does the Village want to be. We lost out on the grant last year by one point. The most competitive would be to take half as a grant and half as a loan. Mayor Policastro said we have the second priority project in Hamilton County and taking the loan would increase our points to number one. Engineer Ertel said each county can submit five applications. There are 88 counties in Ohio applying for the 3-4 million grant money. Mayor Policastro said if the Village takes a loan – it is a no interest twenty year loan. Ms. Palazzolo said she is not a gambler and predictions may be the way to go. Engineer Ertel said it is hard to predict because the applications change year to year. Over the years we have gotten close to half a million dollars from the Small Government Fund. Mayor Policastro said he believes more and more counties are realizing this grant is out there. Mr. Wolter said we should weigh our decision on how important this project is. We have some real problems on Settle Road. Ms. Palazzolo asked if there is a pre-payment penalty. Mayor Policastro said no. Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to reboot the application and apply for the \$49,999.50 loan and \$49,999.50 grant. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

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

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met on Monday, January 23rd, at 6:30 to discuss street address numbers on properties within the Village. In Attendance: Committee Chairperson Lorne Hlad, Committee Co-Chairman Mrs. Palazzolo and Committee Member Mr. Brown, Mayor Dan Policastro, Police Chief Hines, Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer. The Committee recommends an ordinance be drafted requiring all properties within the Village that are located on streets with rear access alleys to also display address numbers that are visible from the back alleys. This is to help emergency, police, and fire services identify properties quickly in the case of an emergency. For properties located in the Historic District, it is recommended the ARB establish clear guidelines for such numbers. Mr. Wolter said we were thinking of safety services but this will help delivery people as well. Mayor Policastro asked Mrs. Van Pelt to get a copy to our Solicitor and the Building Commissioner for the Architectural Review Board. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Miscellaneous:

Village Offices will be closed on Monday February 20, 2017 in Observation of Presidents' Day.

Outstanding Citizen Nominations are due to Mrs. Van Pelt by March 16, 2017

Resolutions:

“A Resolution Approving the Update of the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Hamilton County Waste Management District” had a first reading.

“Resolution to Amend Resolution R-19-17 and R-17-15 Implementing Section 3735.65 Through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, Establishing and Describing the Boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area in the Village of Mariemont, Ohio and designating a House Officer to Administer the Program and Creating a Community Reinvestment Area Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer