

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
FEBRUARY 27, 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. Hlad, Mr. Marsland and Ms. Palazzolo.

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

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes as written for February 13, 2017 and February 13, 2017 Committee of the Whole. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Bob Rich: Letter Dated January 16, 2017 re: Proposal for Construction Documents for an Addition to the Mariemont Administration Building. Mr. Brown said he had a couple questions regarding the stairway (legal exit) and rework/modifications and indicated he was going to reach out to Mr. Rich for clarification. Mayor Policastro said to contact Dennis Malone.

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement January 2017

Mr. Jerry Vianello, 6570 Wooster Pike, was granted permission to address Council. He said he was concerned about the appearance of the Village lately. He has relayed this same information to both Mr. Marsland and Mayor Policastro. During the last leaf clean up in the fall the contracted mowing company simply ran the mower down the island cutting the leaves into thousands of pieces. The leaves were left until last week when the Maintenance Department were able to finally able to clean up all the leaves left around the islands. The pieces were so small that it is difficult to sweep them up. Last fall because it was so dry it left clouds of dirt in the air making visibility on Wooster Pike difficult. The leaves were left to accumulate and he is concerned about how the Village has maintained its beauty through the years. In addition, he noticed that they were taking the leaves from the church yard hillside and instead of getting rid of the leaves, they simply dragged them over the hill to where the Village Maintenance Department would have to get them. Much time was spent cleaning up the Boathouse area by volunteers and Mr. Vianello learned that the contractor simply cleaned up the Tot Lot area by blowing the leaves over the hillside. The leaves that they cleaned up are now another pile of leaves. That is a lack of supervision and a lack of caring. There is not enough in the area of maintenance to control it. The Maintenance Department did not create the thousands of pieces of leaves but it is their responsibility to make sure that the company that did it picks it up and cleans it up. We need to start to hold people accountable for what goes on. Mayor Policastro suggested that the contract be addressed so the leaves are picked up. Mr. Marsland suggested tabling the Finance Report for outsourcing mowing to allow time to speak with the Service Superintendent.

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

The Fiscal Officer certified that funds were in the treasury or in the process of collection of the following bills:

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to discuss the salary ordinance for 2017 which met on Friday February 17, 2017. Present at the meeting were Finance Chairman Chair Eric Marsland, members Mary Ann Schwartz and Bill Brown, Mariemont Staff Assistant Sue Singleton, Police Chief Hines, Tax Department Supervisor Patty Busam, Superintendent John Scherpenberg and Mayor Dan Policastro. Per Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding's recommendation a 2% raise was unanimously proposed for all full-time employees. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

The Finance Committee met Friday, February 17, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the purchase of a new police cruiser and equipment for the Police Department. Present at the meeting were Finance Committee chair Eric Marsland, members Mary Ann Schwartz and Bill Brown, Mariemont Staff Assistant Sue Singleton, Police Chief Hines, Tax Department Supervisor Patty Busam, Service Department Superintendent John Scherpenberg, and Mayor Dan Policastro. The committee discussed the police requests for 2017 Ford Explorer equipped for police service, and 12 handheld radios. Police Chief Hines indicated that there would be a price break offered by Motorola if the 12 new radios were ordered by March 24, 2017. In order to purchase the radios at a discounted price and the cruiser at "state price" this must be passed on emergency. The committee recommends approval of the purchase of the 2017 Ford Explorer, the necessary police equipment for the vehicle, and purchase of the 12 new radios. Chief Hines said he spoke with the representative for Mobilcomm and found that Motorola will honor the discount for the three radios that the Fire Department budgeted to purchase this year. It would be a savings of \$1950 to buy the

three fire department radios during the promotion. Mayor Policastro said we were planning on buying three this year anyway so we might as well take advantage of this savings. Mr. Brown moved seconded by Mr. Marsland to amend the report to add for the purchase of three radios for the Fire Department. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Hlad to accept the amended report. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Miscellaneous:

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

Mayor Policastro said Council needs to determine the dates for the Council meetings for the months of June, July and August. Typically in the summer months Council only meets one time during the month. Ms. Palazzolo said it is hard with vacations and it seems that Council passes so much legislation with emergencies when we only meet one time a month. She knows the argument has been that Council does not have that much to talk about in the summer to justify two meetings a month but she does not feel that has been the case the last two summers. Mayor Policastro said a lot of emergencies are not the fault of Council citing the example of the police cruiser which needs to be done to in order to meet a time or discount deadline. We can always call a Special Meeting of Council should the need arise. Ms. Palazzolo said she feels that emergencies should be emergencies such as a date we can't control – otherwise it makes Council look unprepared and not doing their job. She is increasingly more uncomfortable with only one meeting per month. Mr. Brown said he is comfortable with one meeting and calling a Special Meeting should it be necessary. Mr. Hlad said one meeting creates for a longer Council meeting but there are consequences either way. Ms. Palazzolo said we are just as likely to have people missing from one meeting per month as we would with two meetings per month. Ms. Hlad said if we would go to one meeting per month he would prefer the last Monday of the month. He also said it is hard to always foreshadow what is coming down the road. Mr. Brown moved that Council hold one meeting in June, July and August on the last Monday of the month. Mr. Marsland said he personally prefers having two meetings per month. There was no second motion. Mr. Hlad suggested doing two meetings per month this year and reevaluating for next summer. Mrs. Van Pelt suggested waiting until the next meeting to discuss when Mr. Wolter and Ms. Schwartz are present for their input. It was agreed to table discussion until the next Council meeting.

Resolutions:

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

“To Appoint Maggie Palazzolo as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years of 2017 and 2018 (To Fill the Vacancy of Don Slavik) had a first reading.

Ordinances:

“To Amend Ordinance O-15-16 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinance to Increase Payment for Employees” had a first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer