

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 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, Ms. Schwartz and Mr. Wolter.

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

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to approve the minutes as written for February 27, 2017 and February 27, 2017 Committee of the Whole. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. (Ms. Schwartz abstained due to absence)

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: February 2017 Monthly Report. Mr. Wolter asked for clarification when a patient refuses to be transported how it is verified. Assistant Chief Kiefer said we get a signature. If they are unable to sign they have a witness sign. They also document it in their run report. He said if they respond to someone who falls and needs assistance getting up but is not hurt is an example of when they would have a patient sign the refusal paperwork.

From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: February 2017 Monthly Report. He said this morning the posts were put in for the new fence at the tennis court which will make space for seating. Mayor Policastro said some of the fence is already in. The school will supply portable bleachers and then take them back. They will not be permanently attached.

From Building Administrator Keyes: February 2017 Monthly Report

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

From Mr. Marsland: E-mail Dated March 9, 2017 re: Outsourcing Mowing Contract. He said this was to clarify a few points on the mowing contract to insure that service is provided in the future that was not in the past specifically the hillside below the cemetery, maintaining the islands along Wooster Pike and areas by the Boathouse where leaves had been blown over the hillside. The leaves will now be moved to a location determined by our Service Superintendent for our Maintenance Department to gather. Service Superintendent Scherpenberg said we had a lot of leaves come down late this year. For GrassCor to dispose of the leaves would be an additional cost. The Village already collects leaves so it would be more cost efficient for our Maintenance Department to go ahead and collect them. None of these changes will change the cost of the contract. The contractor is aware of the extra cut in December if needed and it is not an issue. Mr. Wolter asked if the two week extension of the contract will incur additional charges. Superintendent Scherpenberg said we pay them by the cut so it would be as needed.

From Mayor Policastro: Ordinance No. O-16-49 Establishing Dogwood Park as a Forest, Bird and Wildlife Preserve and Sanctuary. He said our forefathers made Dogwood Park a sanctuary for wildlife in 1949. He is going to have our Solicitor look into this because we should not have an extreme bicycle path down in a wildlife area. In the lower 80 area is fine but not in Dogwood Park. We need to update this Ordinance. He referred the matter to the Health and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Ken Schneider, Representative for Center for Addiction Treatment (CAT), was granted permission to address Council. He distributed literature about CAT. They have been in existence for 47 years working on the heroin epidemic servicing Hamilton County. In response to the epidemic, CAT developed a \$5.7 million plan called "Lead the Change" which will nearly double total capacity by adding a new outpatient building and retrofitting CAT's existing building. They are reaching out to every municipality in Hamilton County to ask for help financially. He is an attorney volunteering to help this generation's biggest crises in his opinion. Anyone of our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren could be faced with it and sucked into a deadly situation. Treatment does work. We are the proper care to give them a chance to survive. This effects all income levels and it is a family problem. Often the families suffer much more than the addict. Their motto and mission is to help save a life and rebuild the family. They are asking each community to consider \$20,000 or whatever the community is willing to donate. Donations from individuals are welcome as well. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

Mr. Wolter asked the percentage of hard addicted patients that recover. Mr. Schneider said he did not know the statistics.

Mr. Dan Segal, Representative for Center for Addiction Treatment, was granted permission to address Council. He is a volunteer who felt compelled to get involved because the epidemic is so widespread it is crossing all borders. It is in all of our backyards. He was effected by the loss of Lexis Waterman who was taken way too young. The CAT House is the only treatment facility within 180 miles that is not hospital based. He heard an interview with the head of DEA Task Force who said they are having a difficult time getting a handle on the problem. Now we have the problem with Fentanyl and Carfentanil. The only way to get a handle on this is to reduce the demand and reduce the number of people using it.

Ms. Baylee Waterman, Representative for Center for Addiction Treatment, was granted permission to address Council. She currently resides in Pleasant Ridge and was previously a resident of Montgomery and Blue Ash for over 20 years. Her family recently experienced the effects of the heroin epidemic first hand. Her baby sister, Lexis, died four months ago, on November 10, 2016 at the age of 22 leaving behind two young boys, Liam and Silas, who will grow up without their mother. Her sister, Logan and she will continue to live their lives without the other third piece to their puzzle. Her parents have both outlived their last-born child and her grandmother has outlived her granddaughter. She can whole heartedly say that no individual, no family, no community should ever have to experience this tragic pain and loss. This epidemic is attacking all sorts of individuals, regardless of one's age, sex, race, socioeconomic status, place of residence – it does not discriminate on who it attacks. This illness is hitting all parts of our Tristate and she believes the only way we can truly put an end to this is for all communities to unite and find the funds to be allocated to the CAT House. Her family tried numerous times to get Lexis the help she needed. They saw the roller coaster that most families probably experience in regards to addiction. There would be amazing days where they had so much hope when she would enter a treatment or rehabilitation facility, and then that optimism would be shattered when she would leave. Her mom once looked to the CAT House and was inspired by others' success stories; she had hoped for that to our story. We are hopeful that with the efforts of our local communities that can be someone else's story. She thanked Council for their time and consideration.

Mr. Wolter said he was very active in the free clinic in the early days. They had a lot of kids that were from Indian Hill and communities like this who were seriously addicted. Getting to know some of them the common thread was parents don't care or the kids were bored. The kids did not work and had time to play around. He said it is not a disease of poverty. A friend of his became addicted and he was a totally different person. It is nasty stuff. We need to all really think seriously the opportunity of supporting operations like this and supporting those who came to talk to us about something that is not easy to talk about.

Mayor Policastro said Council will get together to see what they can do for the CAT House.

Mr. Bob Rich, 6925 Crystal Springs, was granted permission to address Council. Mayor Policastro said he asked Mr. Rich to come to talk to Council about his scope of services. Mr. Rich said the proposal was for architectural services. The Village has had himself and his employees free up to the point of drawing the construction documents. His time will be free for the duration of the project but his employees need to be paid. The proposal is for his employee's time to draw the construction documents. It also includes the structural engineer and the services of a mechanical/electrical plumbing engineer to draft design build documents. The intent is to allow some flexibility. It is a fairly small addition in the world of mechanical engineering. The proposal does not include Engineer Ertel's time as the Village will continue to pay him directly. It also does not include the geo tech engineer which he estimates will be \$2,000 to perform two borings to analyze the soil samples. From the samples he develops the soil characteristics so the structural engineer can design the foundation for the building. In his opinion a survey would be nice but not imperative. In the spirit of economics we can work with what we have.

Mr. Brown clarified that if there were changes to the plan the Village would be billed at Mr. Rich's hourly rate. Mr. Rich said that would be if the Village made significant changes resulting in the documents needing to be redrawn. It also outlines if the project were delayed for some unknown reason resulting in an escalation of the cost of the project those costs would be billed to the Village. He wanted to be sure the groundwork for the relationship is defined.

Mr. Wolter asked if there was a way to estimate the price range of the unknown costs. Mr. Rich said he would like the Village to hire the geo technical engineer directly. The structural engineer is estimated at \$15,000. He is referring firms he believes will be economically favorable for the Village. Mr. Brown said he is also in communication with Dennis Malone to start the process of getting names for the geo technical engineer.

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; five ayes, no nays.

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met Friday, February 17, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the extension of the mowing contract with GrassCor for 2017. 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. Mr. Scherpenberg indicated that GrassCor has been very willing to accommodate our changing needs and have been willing to loan us equipment such as the mulch spreader at a great savings to the Village.

In addition, the Committee recommends that the following changes be made to the contract:

1. The contract will be extended an additional two weeks to December 14, 2017 to allow for additional leaf removal if needed.
2. Leaves that have traditionally been blown down the hill into the woods above the Boathouse need to be collected and moved to a location determined by Maintenance Superintendent Scherpenberg for removal by the Maintenance Department.
3. Leaves that have traditionally been blown down the hill into the woods off of Mariemont Avenue need to be collected and moved to a location determined by Maintenance Superintendent Scherpenberg for removal by the Maintenance Department.
4. At the end of the season the pavement around the islands of Wooster Pike need to be cleaned up to avoid the matted masses of leaf debris that collect there.
5. Every spring the hill below the graveyard needs to be blown/cleaned up and moved to a location determined by Maintenance Superintendent Scherpenberg for removal by the Maintenance Department.

It was unanimously decided that the contract be extended one more year at a cost of \$47,292.00. Ms. Schwartz asked if GrassCor is going to blow the leaves by the Boathouse that they blew over the hill last year so they can be collected. Mayor Policastro said no we are not sending them down the hillside. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met on Monday February 13, 2017 at 5:30 pm to discuss restricting two parking spaces along Cherry Lane from 7-9 am on days that school is in session. In attendance were Committee Chairperson Lorne Hlad, Committee, Co-Chairman Ms. Palazzolo and Committee Member Mr. Brown. Also in attendance were Mayor Policastro and Chief Hines. After hearing from concerned residents and collecting input from the Police Chief and Village Engineer, the Committee recommends the Solicitor draft an Ordinance to restrict the two requested spots to no parking between the hours of 7 am and 9 am on days that school is in session. This will allow a safer passage for pedestrians to walk to school during the morning hours when traffic is congested. With the lack of sidewalks on that portion of Cherry Lane, this restriction will help provide more space for students and their families to walk to school. Ms. Palazzolo and Ms. Schwartz said their understanding was there were three spaces to be dedicated. Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to amend the report to indicate three spaces instead of two parking spaces. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the amended report. On roll call; five 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. It was agreed to table discussion until the next Council meeting when we have all members present.

Resolutions:

“A Resolution Approving the Update of the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Hamilton County Waste Management District” had a third reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-6-17 was adopted.

“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 third reading. Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-7-17 was adopted.

“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 second reading.

“A Resolution of the Village of Mariemont, Ohio Creating an Organization of Municipalities within the United States that have been Designed by Renowned City Planner John Nolen; and Providing an Effective Date” had a first reading.

“Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Levying a Tax in Excess of the 10 Mill Limitation for Permanent Improvements and Requesting the County Auditor to Certify Matters in Connection Therewith” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

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

“To Purchase a 2017 ford Utility Police Interceptor Using the State of Ohio Purchasing Program and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third reading. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second and third

reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-4-17 was adopted.

Mr. Wolter asked how we are coming along with the Street Rehabilitation Project. Engineer Ertel said the bids are due Thursday March 16, 2017. He will find out about the grant regarding Settle Road May 11, 2017. Mayor Policastro said we have had eight contractors pick up bid specifications. Mr. Wolter asked how they bid if there are no plans that are finalized. Engineer Ertel said he quantifies in the contract based on the amount of pipe we want to install, the depth and location. They will get the plans at the pre-construction meeting. If there are any changes we would discuss at that point but he is not anticipating many.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer