

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

Vice-Mayor Rankin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. to discuss overnight parking on Homewood Road. The following Council members were present: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Graves, Ms. Palazzolo and Mrs. Rankin.

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

Mrs. Rankin said what is to be discussed is specific to Homewood Road to keep the ordinance that prevents 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. parking. From the previous meeting it appeared that the majority wanted to keep the ordinance in place but the Committee needs to discuss what is best for the safety of the Village.

Mr. Bartlett said based on the number of people who attended the meeting and the emails received he is in favor for keeping the ordinance in place.

Discussion ensued regarding marking Homewood Road with parking spaces such as it is on Murray Avenue. The spaces would need to be compliant with State code and Village code. It was recommended that Engineer Ertel evaluate the area and update Council on the amount of spaces it would provide and whether it would eliminate some parking spaces. Marked parking spaces may provide safety for those backing out of their driveways. From the last meeting the unofficial parking count was 54 parking spaces were available on Homewood Road. The Committee of the Whole would meet again once the data was provided to them from Engineer Ertel. Mrs. Rankin said Council also needs to discuss parking overall in the Village.

Mrs. Graves suggested incentives to homeowners for making additional parking spaces on their property/driveway/garage such as a tax abatement but on a smaller scale to incentivize people to create additional parking. Mr. Bartlett said it would encourage property owners to invest their own money to create new off street parking. Mrs. Graves said on that particular street there is not much the Village can do about it honestly but this could be one way to have people take care of it themselves. It was agreed to recommend that the matter of studying tax incentives for this purpose be referred to the Finance Committee.

The next topic was the overnight parking ordinance. Mrs. Graves said the ordinance is not being enforced across the Village at all. The only time it is ever enforced are on Homewood and Settle and when people complain. She does not believe it serves the purpose anymore and she does not believe it is fixing the issue. Right now there is already a regulation that a car cannot be parked for more than 24 hours without being moved. Police Officer Lyons and Sergeant Pittsley said they do issue warnings Village wide. It brings to the attention of everyone the code regulations and not to make Homewood and Settle feel like they were being targeted. He said there was a resident (not on Homewood or Settle) who was livid and got several warnings before he was issued a citation. Vehicles and safety equipment vehicles are larger today than when the ordinance was created. Mrs. Graves said she still questions the ordinance but does understand there are some safety components

Mr. Bartlett said he disagrees and believes the 1:00-6:00 a.m. parking actually does matter from what he gathered from the last meeting. A resident does have to have a parking pass to park on the street during those hours. Mr. Brown said he knows on Lytle Woods there were warnings given. Mrs. Graves said it was probably due to someone complaining. Mrs. Graves said the rest of the Village is not being held accountable because they have plenty of parking. The ordinance as it stands does not make sense for this Village and she questions the validity of it. Mr. Bartlett said he does not follow because those without a sticker are more likely to pull into their driveway. Mr. Brown said there are exceptions to the ordinance which are pretty thought out such as Murray Avenue which has no private parking. Mrs. Graves said the ordinance needs a lot of work. Ms. Palazzolo said we

need to look at a holistic parking plan for the Village and suggested leaving the ordinance as is for the time being. Council agreed that the Village needs a comprehensive parking assessment which is beyond the purpose of the meeting this evening. Mrs. Rankin said the Murray Trail will impact the parking but we do not yet know in what manner. Mr. Brown said the parking situation as it currently exists will maintain the same number of parking spaces. It was proposed to have Choice One do a cost evaluation for the potential of adding a couple spaces at the Plainville end and perhaps 2-3 spaces at the Settle end depending on cost. It will be discussed in more detail at the following Health and Recreation meeting.

It was recommended that a comprehensive parking assessment and related ordinances be reviewed and was referred to the Public Works and Service Committee including if there should be a charge for overnight parking stickers Village wide. The target completion date is June 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer