

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JUNE 10, 2019**

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. Bartlett, Mr. Brown, Ms. Palazzolo, Mrs. Rankin and Ms. Schwartz.

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

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to accept the minutes as written for May 28, 2019. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: May 2019 Monthly Report

From Assistant Fire Chief: May 2019 Monthly Report

From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: May 2019 Monthly Report. Mrs. Rankin asked if Davey Tree had completed the tree work on Miami Bluff. Superintendent Scherpenberg said they are still working from 6610 Miami Bluff to Flintpoint. Mr. Brown asked if the Arborist is determining if the trees are dead. Superintendent Scherpenberg said they inspect the trees mainly from resident input. If you look along the Bluff on the hillside there are a number of dead trees.

From Building Administrator Keyes: May 2019 Monthly Report

From Swim Pool Manager Schad: May 2019 Monthly Report

From Engineer Ertel: Street Repair 2020. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Public Works and Service Committee. Ms. Palazzolo said there has been comments from runners and residents in the condos that there is a stretch of road work on Murray Avenue that is bad and dangerous. She understands that the road is not in the Village but wanted to ask to put it in the Public Works Committee for further study as Mrs. Rankin is familiar with the Trustees in Columbia Township. The area of concern is where the old firehouse was located. Engineer Ertel said he has offered his services before to help write a grant application. The Township did write a grant application last year with Public Works but did not get funding. They did not have our help with it. To continue that conversation would be fantastic. Mayor Policastro said the application was made from the north end of Murray to Thorndike all the way to Settle Road. They did not do the area he asked them to do. It was a million dollar application. Engineer Ertel said when the application is too big the points are not there to support it. Ms. Palazzolo made a motion to refer the matter to the Public Works and Service Committee. Mayor Policastro said he does not think it needs to go into Committee as the Engineer can add it to the list. Engineer Ertel said for the 2020 project we need to discuss Albert Place/Mt. Vernon Lane drainage issues and we did win a grant for Petoskey Avenue street improvements. Both projects are estimated at \$400,000. Ms. Palazzolo said the area of Murray between Berwick and Plainville is really bad and said if Mrs. Rankin can work with the Trustees perhaps we can get the work done. Mayor Policastro said they have an engineer who writes the grants for Columbia Township. Engineer Ertel said they hire a firm to write the grants. Mayor Policastro suggested that Engineer Ertel get in touch with their engineer and work together. Entities receive more points when working together. If he remembers correctly some of the drainage issues could be on Village property. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Public Works and Service Committee.

Mr. Brown asked Engineer Ertel to check with ODOT to see if they would do work on the crossovers at the square while they are here doing the Wooster Pike repaving work. Engineer Ertel said he has been having ongoing discussion with ODOT to do some of the pothole repairs. He has approached them before about doing the work – he

has not gotten a firm answer. Tom Arnold with ODOT seemed to be agreeable but he needs to check with the project manager, John Otis.

From Village of Fairfax: Notice Dated June 5, 2019 re: Planning Commission Meeting Site Plan Review. Mayor Policastro said if any members of Council are interested they may attend.

Mr. Joe Stelzer, 6609 Pleasant Street, was granted permission to address Council. He understands there will be discussion regarding the multi-use path from Plainville Road to Settle Road. He knows there is some concern in the Village that approving the current proposed path will somehow guarantee an eastern extension of the path. He probably knows more about path development work in this area than most people in the Village and can say he is not aware of any current plans for path development in the area between Plainville and the Library. In fact, he personally asked a former Councilperson several years ago not to hold any meetings regarding additional path development until there could be a full review with input from the Village and its residents of all alternatives east of Plainville. Several reasons he believes the Village should move forward with the proposed plan are:

1. Mariemont received a \$270,000 grant and there is a group that he is part of committed to privately fund raise the additional \$100,000 needed to construct the path. Why would we squander this opportunity at this point in time?
2. The path will add to Mariemont's park space and will be used by Mariemont residents. If you look at the existing path built by Fairfax several years ago and you will see a constant stream of Mariemont residents enjoying the path. Just yesterday he saw a Mariemont family using the path with two small children on bicycles and the youngest child learning how to ride a scooter. The picture would have made a great picture of the image of the pathway.
3. The sidewalks along Murray either do not exist or are woefully inadequate so the path will provide a safe route to school, Village Square and the tennis courts for families on the western side of Mariemont.
4. This plan will correct some of the storm water issues in the area.
5. Most planned communities today contain multi-purpose paths. He has no doubt if John Nolen was planning Mariemont today multi-use paths would be included.
6. Multi-purpose paths are one of the amenities being desired by younger home buyers and studies have shown the multi-purpose paths increase home values in close proximity to the path.
7. The proposed changes to the parking pads will provide safer alternatives than the current configuration.

Finally, 15 years ago there was a lot of negativity regarding the bike trail being extended through Terrace Park. After the trail was built, the residents of terrace Park completely changed their view and now the trail is highlighted to potential homebuyers. There were several people who could not attend the meeting tonight and asked the he pass along their notes of support to Council. He distributed those and thanked Council for their time.

Mr. Dennis Wolter, 3804 East Street, was granted permission to address Council. He took it upon himself to do a survey which he distributed to members of Council. He spent 35-40 minutes on the phone and garnered 14 people who very much support the bike path of various ages. If we were to survey the entire community we would be surprised how many people really support the path. Many of the names on the list are not bicycle riders but want to walk on the path or see it reforested in a pleasant way and make it an inviting segway into our Village instead of just grass and steel poles. Mr. Brown asked if he just called people at random. Mr. Wolter said most of the people he knew or had talked to. He did have one person who said he was in favor of it but could not speak for others and did not want his name on the list. One other person wanted to talk with the Mayor before agreeing to put their name on the list because they did not want to hurt anyone's feelings.

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

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Health and Recreation Committee which met at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2019 in Council Chambers to discuss Choice One preliminary plans for the Murray Avenue Pathway. Present at the meeting were Health & Recreation Committee Chairperson Bill Brown, Vice Chair Rob Bartlett, member Mary Ann Schwartz. . Also present were Council member

Kelly Rankin, Village Engineer Chris Ertel, Choice One engineer Nick Selhorst, residents Jerry Vianello, Dennis Wolter, Joe Stelzer, Lisa Wharton, Linda Bartlett, Judy Dooley, Tony Schmidt, Michael Kane, Aileen Beatty, and others. Mr. Brown opened the meeting with a brief review of the project, a ten-foot wide asphalt pathway meandering through the Murray median between Settle and Plainville Roads. It will be a shared-use pathway, accommodating pedestrians, bicycles, and school children. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$358,461.00. The Village is to receive a grant of \$268,864.00 from O.D.N.R. An additional \$100,000.00 is to be raised via private donations. Choice One Engineering has finished the preliminary design and specifications. Because of the informational purpose of the meeting, Brown invited those present to view the drawing and renderings of the proposed project. An informal and lively discussion ensued. All committee members engaged in answering questions. The plans were well received. Mr. Brown then asked Joe Stelzer, who is leading the private fundraising effort, to briefly explain his plans. Mr. Stelzer outlined a four-point plan that included donations from corporations, foundations, individuals, and fund-raising events such as the 5K race and other activities. The committee recommends accepting the preliminary plans presented by Choice One as the design we will proceed with. The committee also acknowledges that the plans will be presented to the Planning Commission for final review and acceptance before proceeding.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed on Thursday July 4, 2019 and Friday July 5, 2019 in Observation of Independence Day. Council Packet Materials must be in the office by noon on Wednesday July 3, 2019.

Village Fireworks will be held on Thursday July 4, 2019 at dusk.

The Public Hearing on the 2020 Budget will be July 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Brown said he has the preliminary plans design by Choice One for the multi-purpose path and is happy to stay after the meeting to show anyone who may be interested in viewing them.

Mr. Bartlett said one thing we as responsible for as elected officials is to get stuff done through our committees as efficiently as possible. He was looking at the agenda and all of the matters in our committees. He thought it would be good to have some measure in place on how Council is getting things done and through the committees in an efficient manner. He distributed the following committee completion table for Council's review. It breaks down what was assigned to a committee, moved to a committee, what remains in committee, what was completed and the percentage of completion. He is not making any judgement about this at all but this is something we ought to think about. This covers one year and four months. It would be good to recognize in a positive way those like Ms. Palazzolo and Mrs. Graves who are getting things in committee and getting them finished and getting them completed. He would like this to be a way to think about what we can do to help people to get things done in a timely manner.

The below table summarizes the results. Row A is the number of issues assigned to each committee from January 8, 2018 to April 22, 2019. Row B is the number of issues that were moved to another committee during that same period of time. Row C is the number of issues remaining as of April 22, 2019. Row D is the number of issues that were completed by the committee. Row E is the % of items that the committee completed. This number was derived by dividing the number of issues completed by the number of issues submitted minus the number of issues moved, or said another way  $E = [D/(A-B)]$ , since moving a topic to another committee isn't completing it, and as such it shouldn't be included in the denominator as well.

	# of issues:	Safety	Rules & Law	Finance	Public Works	Health & Rec	Planning & Zoning
A	Assigned	14	13	24	13	16	11
B	Moved	1	1	1	1	1	0
C	Remaining	1	1	3	1	6	7
D	Completed	12	11	20	11	9	4
E	% Completed	92%	92%	87%	85%	60%	36%

Ms. Schwartz said Mr. Bartlett shows her Committee at 36% and the meeting for the warranty extension for the elevator has been completed. The demolition delay ordinance has been going on for years and asked to be changed out to a year from now. She said she only has four things remaining in her committee. Mr. Bartlett said this was through the end of April 2019. Mayor Policastro said this is not to put anyone down but more for informational purposes only. Mr. Bartlett said if we need to move them from one committee to another that is fine – we just need to get them to the right place.

Ms. Palazzolo said she totally forgot Mr. Bartlett was going to discuss this. After looking at the dates in almost everyone's committee many are way past the due date. She suggested everyone send updated target dates to Mrs. Van Pelt. Mrs. Van Pelt said she has only gotten target dates from Ms. Schwartz and Mrs. Graves. Mr. Bartlett said the target date for the website will be October 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Mayor Dan Policastro

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Fiscal Officer Anthony Borgerding