

**Village of Mariemont
Regular Council Meeting
August 26, 2019**

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM. Present were Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Graves, Ms. Palazzolo, Mrs. Rankin and Ms. Schwartz.

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

Mayor Policastro said Police Officer Derek Bischoff has completed his Probationary Period and it is recommended that he be made a Regular Full-Time Employee. Mayor Policastro said Officer Bischoff was a 2008 graduate of Ross High School and attended Miami University for two years. He graduated from Butler Tech Police Academy in 2011 and worked part-time as a patrol officer for the Batavia Police Department from August 2012-December 2012. He also worked as a corrections Officer with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office assigned to the jail and court services from February 2013-January 2017. He was hired part-time with the Mariemont Police Department as the School Resource Officer on January 3, 2017. He was hired full-time with the Mariemont Police Department on August 12, 2018 as a Patrol Officer and completed his one year probationary period on August 12, 2019. He is married to his wife, Deanna, and they have one son.

Chief Hines said that Officer Bischoff is doing an excellent job and recommends his employee status be changed from probationary to a Regular Full-Time employee of the Mariemont Police Department. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mrs. Graves to have Officer Bischoff become a Regular Full-Time Employee. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Mayor Policastro and members of Council congratulated Officer Bischoff.

Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to approve the Council minutes of August 12, 2019 as written. On roll call, five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes August 6, 2019

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler: July Revenue and Expense Reports

From Council Member Rob Bartlett: Request to refer to Rules and Law the recodification of Mariemont's Code of Ordinances. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Rules and Law Committee. Solicitor McTigue said he has looked at the vicious dog section of the ordinance and signage. Mr. Bartlett said funds have been allocated for 2020 budget to do the recodification.

Mr. Joe Stelzer, 6609 Pleasant Street, was granted permission to address Council. He gave Council an update on the Murray Bike Multiuse Path fundraising and distributed a flyer. There are a lot of great volunteers on the project with one rendering the logo for free. The rendering of what the path may look like was also rendered by a volunteer. It is not to scale or exact but it conveys what the project may look like. The first contribution was from Mariemont 5K in the amount of \$6700. The Facebook page is built and there is a group on Next Door Mariemont. The website is being built by the husband of one of our Council members. The first fundraising event is coming up Sunday September 8, 2019 from 1:00 to 7:30 p.m. in front of the old firehouse on Murray Avenue. We will be partnering with Columbia Township. It is the Bengals opening day tailgate and street party hosted by former Bengal quarterback Kenny Anderson. There will be a large video screen with Fifty West selling beer. With the 4:00 game start there will be plenty of time for raffles which will include Bengals tickets and sports memorabilia and donations for services from local businesses. Soft drinks and water will also be sold at the event. It will be a great way to have both communities work together to build money for this project. We formed partnership with a local organization so we now have a 501C so we can add contributions to the project. We are working on larger contributions from larger contributors. We are working on ways on how those individuals will be recognized in the process. They are looking at yard signs to advertise the event and asked what the process/restrictions would be to have those approved. Mayor Policastro said he has the authority to approve temporary signs but no signs are to be placed in the square. Mrs. Van Pelt said she would get a request form to Mr. Stelzer.

Mrs. Graves 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.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Monday September 2, 2019 in Observation of Labor Day

Mayor Policastro referred the review of the Sign Ordinances to the Rules and Law Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer