

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2020**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. Present were Police Chief Hines and Council Member Rob Bartlett. Present virtually due to COVID-19 were Council Members Dr. Lewis, Ms. Palazzolo, Mrs. Rankin, and Mr. Stelzer, Assistant Fire Chief Time Feichtner and Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding.

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

Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding explained that reviewing the budget is an annual process. Mr. Borgerding referred to the packets he had prepared for Council and went over the carryout budget, revenues expected and the breakdown of equipment and needs by department. The total available is \$645,000 with requests totaling \$1,259,500. It leaves a deficit of \$613,900.

The Police Department requested \$20,000 for a 2021 Ford Explorer and equipment for a total cost of \$45,000. In addition, car cameras for \$30,000. \$25,000 could be used from the Alcohol Education Enforcement Fund.

The Fire Department requested 5 sets of Tun Out Gear for \$17,500 so no firefighter is in expired gear. Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner said there are two cardiac heart monitors in the department which are aging. One monitor is 9 or 10 years old and the other is 12 years old. We use them until they are no longer functional. The oldest monitor has developed issues and he has investigated getting it repaired. It is eligible for COVID-19 funds as an approved purchase. The company that makes the monitors is currently offering a trade-in offer which reduces the cost to half price. Currently, the department is borrowing one monitor. The department definitely needs one but with this special he could replace two for the cost of one. The cost for one is \$35,000 each – with the trade-in the cost becomes approximately \$18,000. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said funds could be moved around to make the purchase with COVID-19 funds.

Mayor Brown said it was a good deal knowing that the monitors need to be replaced and it would be hard to know if the company would offer the rebate next year. Mr. Stelzer said the COVID-19 funds are spoken for. This purchase would need to be paid out of Permanent Improvement Fund or the General Fund unless we get additional COVID-19 funding. We have a long list of items, we need to talk about monetary needs for 2021. He does not agree to rush to do something before the end of the year. He suggested talking with the Assistant Fire Chief to discuss how to better budget for these needs in the future. Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner stressed that anticipating some needs are hard to plan for because of the uncertainty of when they will go bad and need replacing. Mr. Stelzer was surprised that this just popped up and asked what else can be reasonably anticipated to be replaced in the upcoming months.

Council discussed the purchase of two monitors to take advantage of the manufacture trade-in. Mr. Stelzer disagreed with buying the second monitor due to the long list of items that need addressing in the Village such as the pool and street repairs. Council agreed to the purchase of one monitor to take advantage of the trade-in offer.

Maintenance Department requested \$50,000 for trees, \$86,000 for a dump truck, \$100,000 for ariel lift truck and \$15,000 for sewers. Total Request \$251,000.

The Pool Commission requested maintenance for the water leaks at the pool \$50,000 painting lap and bath house \$22,000, replacing rusted fixtures \$40,000, slide \$90,000, concrete work and fencing \$20,000 and Bath House maintenance \$15,000. Total Request for Swim Pool \$237,000. The Tennis Board requested monies for two projects: the shelter and storage area plus the deck. They have raised \$10,000 in private funds. Total request for Tennis is \$20,000.

Infrastructure included Street work (in excess of \$160,000 in street fund) (30,000) Petoskey Avenue (net of grant) \$465,000, Albert Place \$200,000. Sidewalks and curbs \$15,000. Total request \$640,000.

Administration requested \$3,000 for storage cabinets (fireproof) and \$56,000 for department remodeling. Total Request \$59,000.

Miscellaneous requests included Auditor fees of \$5,000.

Council agreed to table the matter until further details can be provided regarding: (1) what street/sewer works needs to be done, (2) a clear inventory of maintenance vehicles (including mileage and age) and what is the schedule/cost for replacement, (3) Have Pool Commission discuss a fundraiser for the slide at the pool (4) Council needs a complete understanding of what the needs are on a 5/10 year plan for all departments. Council needs more information to address the critical needs of 2021. It was agreed to meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday January 11, 2021 before the regular scheduled Council meeting.

Mr. Stelzer asked that a deep dive into the 2021 general budget using zero base budgeting to see where we are spending money be referred to the Finance Committee. Mayor Brown referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer