

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
JANUARY 28, 2013**

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. Andrews, Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Miller and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews to excuse the absence of Mr. Scheeser and Mr. Stelzer. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Ms. McCarthy moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to approve the minutes as written for January 14, 2013. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement December 2012

From Administration Office: MTD/YTD Combined Expenses Report 4th Quarter 2012

From Clerk/Treasurer Borgerding: 2012 Annual Treasurer's Report. Mr. Andrews said it looks like everything is in line with last year. The one higher expense this year was a police line item. He asked if that was the shift in payment for the police pension expense from 2011 to 2012. Clerk/Treasurer Borgerding said there were three quarterly payments made in 2011 and four in 2012. It will continue to have four now. He said it was a good year and he hopes it keeps rolling.

Mayor Policastro announced that he hired a new police officer, Brian Hoffman, bringing the department back to ten full-time employees. He thanked John Feldmann for working part-time and filling in as we needed to keep 10 officers in rotation. We have had several break-ins and he felt the need to bring the squad back to full staff. Mr. Andrews said he thought the matter had been referred to the Finance Committee. Mayor Policastro said it is now out of Finance because there was no need, it is already in the Code that we are to have ten police officers on the department. The Mayor has the authority to appoint. Safety is everything and he thought it was time. The Clerk/Treasurer indicates that we are in pretty good shape financially so there was no need to go through Committee. Mr. Miller thanked Chief Hines for working the past several years below staffing levels and for using part-time help. Mayor Policastro said he plans on keeping Officer Feldmann on the roster in the case of sickness or vacations.

Ms. McCarthy moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Clerk. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

The Clerk certified that funds were in the treasury or in the process of collection for payment of the following bills:

The noted Safety Committee report on the agenda regarding street parking was tabled due to Committee members not being present to sign the report. It will be read at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to accept the recommendation of the Public Works & Service Committee which met on Thursday January 24, 2013 to discuss the 2013 Street Rehabilitation. The Committee recommends an investment not to exceed \$137,410 for road resurfacing in 2013. This conservative estimate would overspend our balances (Funds 201 and 202) and non-Duke energy allocated receipts (Fund 201) of the Automobile Tax Funds by \$15,449. The Streets listed are recommended for the 2013 Street Rehabilitation Project:

	<u>Engineer</u> <u>Estimated</u> <u>Cost</u>
Cambridge Avenue from Rowan Hill Drive to Grove Avenue	\$25,507.00

Mariemont Avenue (Industrial) from Trade Street to Railroad	\$52,762.00
Mariemont Avenue (Industrial) from Railroad to East Terminus	\$32,141.00
Spring Hill Drive Manhole/Trench Drain Elevation Repair	\$ 4,000.00
Mariemont Maintenance Facility Driveway Resurfacing	\$15,000.00

Sidewalk repair is being managed separately to take advantage of available grants. Clerk/Treasurer Borgerding reminded Council that any funds that may be overspent will be taken out of the Permanent Improvement Fund. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter said there was another crew that worked cleaning out the honeysuckle in the Beech Grove. A resident was concerned that they were cutting out too much stuff. It was explained to her why they were removing the invasive honeysuckle and kudzu vine. He showed her small saplings that had failed to grow because of the invasive problem. We are doing this not to make it into a park but just to allow for the trees to grow and be healthy. We have lost approximately 30% of the mature trees since he moved here 25 years ago. Mr. Miller said the area was bush hogged 20 years ago and was cleaned out except for the beautiful Beech Trees. Mayor Policastro said he counted 12 new baby Beech Trees that are 12-15' high. They now have a better chance to grow for the future. Mr. Wolter said this is one of the last known large stands of Beech Trees in the State of Ohio. Mayor Policastro said they also removed two large bags of liter out of the area plus a bundle of discarded shingles.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Monday February 18, 2013 in Observation of Presidents' Day

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to appoint Mr. Wolter as the member of Tax Board of Review. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Resolutions:

“To Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for Street Repair and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. (Due to lack of quorum for emergency)

Ordinances:

“To Amend Section 78, Schedule III of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Include No Parking on Certain Streets Within the Village” had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-3-13 was adopted.

“To Accept Bid of Grass Cor Lawn and Landscapes and to Authorize Contract” had a first reading.

“To Amend Section 78, Schedule III of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Include No Parking on certain Streets Within the Village” had a first reading. Mr. Matt Malloy, 3607 Center Street, said the flyer that went out talked about parking on one side of the street - not no parking. Mayor Policastro said the law states any street 26' or less should not have any parking. However, Fire Officials can allow parking on one side of the street which we are going to do.

“To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78, Schedule I of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances; and To Declare Emergency” was not read due to the report not being read because of lack of signatures.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk