

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 14, 2014**

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Marsland, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Schwartz, and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to excuse the absence of Mr. Miller and Mr. Tinkham. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to approve the minutes as written for June 9, 2014. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following communications:

From Police Chief Hines: June 2014 Monthly Report. Chief Hines reminded Council of Safety Services Night on Tuesday June 15, 2014 at the Bell Tower 6-9 p.m. and encouraged Council to attend the event.

From Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer: June 2014 Monthly Report

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: June 2014 Monthly Report

From Building Commissioner Hodulik: June 2014 Monthly Report. Building Commissioner Hodulik said the buildings have come down on Madisonville Road and Murray Avenue. It is the first phase of the final project and the full set of plans have been submitted. Mayor Policastro asked about the apartment building on Beech and asked if it is known when it is coming down. Building Commissioner Hodulik said there is still one tenant in the building and he does not know for sure what the time table is.

From Tax Administrator Busam: June 2014 Monthly Report. Mrs. Busam indicated that collections are up 4.3% YTD.

From Swim Pool Manager Schad: June 2014 Monthly Report

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes June 2014

From Hamilton County Municipal League: Muni Tax Uniformity Bill

From Russ Grimmert, Letter Dated June 16, 2014 re: Opt Out Annual Waste Fee for Emery Park. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to approve the request. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

No Solicitation Signage: Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Rules and Law Committee. He suggests conferring with the Solicitor but we should have "No Soliciting" signs posted at the east and west entrance in addition to the entrance on Plainville Road. Solicitor McTigue said he would like to meet with the Committee to discuss recodification of the Code of Ordinances. It has been several years since it was last done and there has been quite a bit of criminal changes made during the last couple of years to the Ohio Revised Code. We want to make sure that we incorporate those changes into our Code of Ordinances. Mayor Policastro said he would like to have the recodification done by the end of the year so we can have it ready to go the beginning of 2015.

From Ohio Department of Safety: Notification of Grant Application for Fire Department. Mayor Policastro said the Fire Department got an EMS grant for \$2500.

From South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board: June 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

From Hamilton County Municipal League: Policy Changes Shift Tax Burden to Homeowners and Farmers. Mayor Policastro said it is scary. They are talking in Columbus about shifting all the income tax to residents only. No longer would businesses be taxed. Attorneys state that businesses would become parasites of the municipalities.

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Eldridge: May Monthly Report/Trend Reports

From Dr. Tankersley: e-mail Dated June 20, 2014 re: Eastern Corridor Enquirer Editorial

From Brian Vianello and Carolyn Daly: e-mail Dated June 26, 2014 re: Stop Signs East/West Center Street. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Safety Committee.

From Ohio Municipal League: June Bulletin re: House Bill 5

From Cincinnati Magazine: Land of the Lost & Found (Article on Dr. Ken Tankersley)

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Monday June 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss wage rate increases for full-time employees. Present were Finance Committee Members Eric Marsland, Mary Ann Schwartz and Joe Miller. Also in attendance was Mayor Policastro, Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt, Village Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding, Maintenance Superintendent John Scherpenberg, Police Chief Rick Hines and Building Commissioner Kirk Hodulik. Committee members unanimously voted in favor to a 2% wage increase effective with the pay period ending July 12, 2014. It is further recommended that the Ordinance be passed on an emergency basis. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Wednesday July 2, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers to discuss wage rate increases for appointed officials. Present were Finance Committee Members Eric Marsland and Joe Miller. Also in attendance was Mayor Policastro, Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt, Building Commissioner Kirk Hodulik and Lisa Wakeland of the Eastern Hills Journal. Committee members unanimously voted in favor to a 2% wage increase effective July 1, 2014 for Building Commissioner Hodulik and \$1,000 annual increase for the Village Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding. It is also recommended that the legislation be passed on an emergency basis. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Monday June 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the health care renewal. Present were Finance Committee Members Eric Marsland, Mary Ann Schwartz and Joe Miller. Also in attendance was Mayor Policastro, Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt, Village Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding, Maintenance Superintendent John Scherpenberg, Police Chief Rick Hines, Building Commissioner Kirk Hodulik and Judi Meyer of Horan. Ms. Horan said the renewal for the current healthcare plan for August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015 reflected a 3.9% increase. She also briefed the Committee Members on the upcoming wellness program plan that employees (and covered spouses) would be required to participate in order to receive the full funds provided to their HSA account by the Village. Committee members unanimously voted in favor to renew the current healthcare for the 2014-2015 plan year. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Monday June 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the purchase of a John Deere compact tractor. Present were Finance Committee Members Eric Marsland, Mary Ann Schwartz and Joe Miller. Also in attendance was Mayor Policastro, Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt, Village Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding, Maintenance Superintendent John Scherpenberg, Police Chief Rick Hines and Building Commissioner Kirk Hodulik. Committee members unanimously voted in favor to purchase the John Deere compact tractor and implements as requested by the Service Department. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Ms. Palazzolo moved seconded by Mr. Marsland to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 30th to consider a request for a stop sign at the intersection of Miami Bluff and Mariemont Avenue. Present were committee members Jim Tinkham and Maggie Palazzolo, Chief Hines, Mayor Policastro, Dennis Wolter and Michael Kinter of 6504 Miami Bluff. Committee member Joe Miller was excused. Mr. Kinter gave his request and reasoning for stop signs at the intersection of Miami Bluff and Harvard. (Harvard is the unmarked street that makes up the third leg of the triangle.) After deliberation the committee recommends to the council that stop signs be installed at the intersection of Miami Bluff and Harvard Acres, one to face east on Miami Bluff and one to face south on Harvard Acres. The committee asks that legislation for the stop signs be prepared and the recommendation is for three readings in Council.

Confusion stemmed from the title of the report which stated that the report was about a meeting to discuss stop signs at Hammerstone and Cachepit. It was unclear if the meeting was posted to state the discussion was about the four-way stop at Miami Bluff and Mariemont Avenue. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to amend the report to take out the verbiage regarding Miami Bluff and Mariemont Avenue. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to pass the amended report. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

****After the meeting it was discovered that the title of the report was incorrect. However the report as written was correct and had been properly posted. Solicitor McTigue said to re-submit the corrected report at the August 11, 2014 meeting for proper passage*.***

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to accept the recommendation of the Public Works & Service Committee which met on Monday June 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss drainage pipe repair at 6500 and 6610 Mariemont Avenue as well as manhole replacement on the westbound side of Wooster Pike adjacent to Beech Grove Park. Present at the meeting were Public Works Committee Chairman Dennis Wolter, Vice-Chair Mary Ann Schwartz, Committee Member Eric Marsland, Mayor Dan Policastro, Village Engineer Chris Ertel and Service Superintendent John Scherpenberg. After much discussion, the Committee recommends repair of the damaged drain pipe at 6500 Mariemont Avenue at a cost of \$11,650 and replacement of the manhole on the westbound side of Wooster Pike at a cost of \$24,550. The Committee also recommends application to HCDC for a grant to repair the pipe at 6610 Mariemont Avenue. Mayor Policastro said all this money is a grant. Village Engineer Ertel said he is going to apply for another grant in August for the work on Mariemont Avnue. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Mayor Policastro referred to Rules and Law the need for a Swim Pool Manual per our liability insurance carrier.

Resolutions:

“Adopting the Budget for 2015” had a third reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-9-14 was adopted.

“To Appoint Kirk Hodulik as Building Commissioner for the Calendar Years 2014 and 2015: To Set Compensation; And To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. (Due to only four Council Members present the Emergency Clause could not be invoked)

Ordinances:

“To Amend Section 78, Schedule I, of the Mariemont Code of Ordinance to Include No Parking on a Certain Street within the Village” had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-18-14 was adopted

“Ordinance Amending Chapter 151 of the Mariemont Zoning Code” (PODS) had a second reading.

“Ordinance Authorizing the Renaming of Lane L to Millard Rogers Lane and Lane K to Hank Kleinfeldt Lane” had a first reading.

“To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78 Schedule III of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” (stop sign Hammerstone & Cachepit) had a first reading.

“To Appoint Anthony Borgerding as Village Fiscal Officer for the Calendar Years 2014 and 2015 and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. (Due to only four Council Members present the Emergency Clause was not invoked)

“To Amend Ordinance O-8-13 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment for Employees” had a first reading. (Due to only four Council Members present the Emergency Clause was not invoked)

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer