

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
JUNE 10, 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, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scheeser, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Stelzer and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Seltzer asked that the minutes reflect that Dr. Tankersley will be working digging in Big Bone Lick State Park. Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Welter to accept the minutes as amended for May 28, 2013. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. (Mr. Scheeser abstained due to absence)

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Police Chief Hines: May 2013 Monthly Report

From Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner: May 2013 Monthly Report

From Superintendent Scherpenberg: May 2013 Monthly Report

From Building Commissioner Malone: May 2013 Monthly Report

From Tax Administrator Busam: May 2013 Monthly Report/Waste Collection Fee Report. Mrs. Busam said the waste collection payments are coming in good.

From Swim Pool Manager Schad: May 2013 Monthly Report

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Clerk and Finance Chairman. Mr. Andrews asked about the payment for property inspections and if that is actual work in motion. Mayor said it is visual inspections being performed by our inspector. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met on Thursday June 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss stop signs at the intersection of Belmont and Bancroft. Present were Safety Committee Chairman Dennis Wolter, Committee Vice-Chairman Cortney Scheeser, Committee Member Joe Stelzer, Mayor Dan Policastro, Police/Fire Chief Rick Hines and Lisa Wakeland from the Eastern Hills Journal. The Committee discussed the installation of a stop sign on the east side of the intersection of Belmont and Bancroft. It was decided that the Village of Mariemont would install a stop sign at this location. With the addition of a stop sign on the west side of Belmont that would be installed by the Village of Fairfax and an existing sign in the third direction on Belmont this intersection would be fully protected by becoming a three way stop. Mr. Wolter said there have been some traffic issues at this intersection and he feels this is a solution to resolve the issue. There was a signed petition from approximately 25 people which follows our traffic calming plan. Mr. Scheeser said it is a blind curve with people pulling out unable to see oncoming traffic. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro said due to the recent accident he referred the matter of installing a stop sign on Haines Avenue to the Safety Committee.

Mr. Stelzer said the Finance Committee has two additional items that have been referred to his Committee and need to be added to the agenda: (1) Adult party at the tennis courts and (2) Hiring of the Building Commissioner.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed in Observation of Independence Day Thursday July 4, 2013
4th of July Fireworks will be held Thursday July 4, 2013

Public Hearing on the 2014 Budget will be Monday July 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Resolutions:

“To Appoint Jane Stalzer as a Member of the Architectural Review Board to Fill the Unexpired Term of Mary Ann Schwartz for the Calendar Years of 2013 and 2014” had a third reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-11-13 was adopted.

“Renewal of Present 3.08 Mills Tax Levy in Excess of 10 Mill Limitation for Current Expenses for Tax Years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017” had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-12-13 was adopted.

“Renewal of Present Tax Levy of One Mill in Excess of 10 Mill Limitation for Recreational Purposes of the MariElders, Inc. for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017” had a third reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Stelzer to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-13-13 was adopted.

“Adopting the Budget for 2014” had a second reading. Clerk Borgerding said he will get information to Council prior to the meeting.

Ordinances:

“To Add the Masonic Lodge Building to the Village of Mariemont’s List of Historic Landmarks” had a second reading.

“To Repeal Ordinance No. O-11-10; To Amend the Property Maintenance Code 2009 Edition; To Adopt the International Property Maintenance Code of 2012; and To Declare Emergency” had a second reading. Solicitor McTigue said this should fit the bill for the Village but at some point in time we need to review it further. Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews to suspend the rules to allow for the third reading. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Stelzer said there was some consideration for going into Executive Session to discuss the possibility of a JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) with Columbia Township. However based on conversation with Solicitor McTigue there are some issues on whether we actually can go into Executive Session. Solicitor McTigue said with an abundance of caution he does not recommend going into Executive Session to discuss this. We will finish our research and then discuss it in an open meeting. It puts all negotiations out for public record and leaves little room for leverage. In other municipalities Council has appointed a point person who would meet with the attorney and representative and then report periodically back to Council. Mayor Policastro said he is going to write a letter to see what they are proposing first. He said Mrs. Judd has been kind enough to work with us because there will be a cost to the Village to do something like this. We would have to hire another employee, plus probably rent office larger office space and purchase new and upgrade computers.

.. She is going to estimate what the cost would be and the diminishing return would have to be taken into consideration. Solicitor McTigue said the revenue stream generated has to justify the administrative cost that will be incurred. Mr. Scheeser said he is excited about the idea and the idea of working with other communities. He knows there is a time constraint and hopefully we hear back from Columbia Township in a timely fashion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk