

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

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Miller, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Stelzer and Mr. Wolter.

Mayor Policastro welcomed Ms. Schwartz to Council and said he hoped she enjoyed her time serving on Council.

Mayor Policastro thanked Police Officers Hoffman and Shaw who did a great job stripping and waxing the Council Chamber floors. It saved probably \$700-800 dollars. It cost \$190 in materials. Chief Hines said there is enough material left over to do it again. The plan is to maintain it so it does not get so out of hand.

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to excuse the absence of Mr. Scheeser. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews to accept the minutes as written for May 13, 2013. On roll call; four ayes, no nays. (Ms. Schwartz abstained due to absence)

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes May 2, 2013

From Dr. Ken Tankersley: e-mail dated May 15, 2013 re: Eastern Corridor Historic and Archeological Resources Update. Mr. Stelzer said Dr. Tankersley and his students have taken the summer off from the dig along the South 80 acres to work on the dig at Big Bend. They will be back in September. He said one problem we are having right now is the area of the South 80 acres is not considered part of the National Registry with the archeological finds. We are taking a look to see if we can get it defined in conjunction with the Village of Newtown at this point. It will entail a larger area that is defined with the National Registry because of the archeological finds that have been discovered in the area.

From Rick Greiwe: Request to Opt Out of Mariemont Annual Waste Fee for Emery Park. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the request. Mr. Stelzer asked if the same will happen with Jordan Park. Mr. Andrews said any association has to apply to opt out each year and abide by the guidelines. Solicitor McTigue said it is a good way to hold their feet to the fire. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Clerk and Finance Chairman. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mr. Stelzer moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Friday May 24, 2013 in Council Chambers to review repairs to the tennis courts and the purchase of new computers for the Administration Department. The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. and Committee Members Joe Stelzer, Jeff Andrews and Joe Miller were present. Also in attendance was Maintenance Superintendent John Scherpenberg, Dina Wilder from the Tennis Association and Sue Singleton and Joanee Van Pelt. The Committee discussed the repairs needed at the Tennis Courts and recommends to full Council the acceptance of the bid from Trample Bros. Paving of \$2,486 to repair cracks in the upper main tennis courts. The Committee also recommends to full Council the acceptance of the bid from Trample Bros. of \$9,678 to repair the large crack in the lower tennis courts. The Committee recommends that Superintendent Scherpenberg first determine if the proposed solution for the lower court is the proper remedy for the current problem. The upper main tennis courts will be repaired before the lower court is repaired. Resurfacing of the practice courts will be delayed until next year until all possible uses for this area can be discussed. Finally, the Committee recommends that Tennis Association develop a 10 year capital improvement plan for the tennis courts. The Committee then discussed the replacement of the 10 year old computers in the Administration offices. The Committee recommends to full Council acceptance of the proposal from Premier Internet, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,500. The Committee also recommends that pricing for the actual computers be checked against the governmental purchasing service. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Solicitor McTigue said in the future is best to have a separate report for each item. Mr. Andrews said he did check the Ohio contact with Dell. It looks like it is about \$500-600 dollars cheaper for the five systems and monitors. He recommends going with Premier Internet's recommendations.

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.

Mr. Wolter said the matter of the bad switches on the generator has been addressed and asked that it be deleted from the agenda.

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 second reading.

“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 second reading.

“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 second reading.

“Adopting the Budget for 2014” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

“To Purchase a 2013 Ford F450 Dump Truck Using the State of Ohio Purchasing Program; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second and third reading. Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Stelzer to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-13-13 was adopted.

“To Add the Masonic Lodge Building to the Village of Mariemont’s List of Historic Landmarks” had a first 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 first reading. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. The Ordinance had a second reading. Solicitor McTigue said the title should be amended to read that we are amending the Property Maintenance Code 2012 Edition. Mr. Andrews asked if this Ordinance would be Village wide. Mayor Policastro said it would. Solicitor McTigue said he and the Building Commissioner had a hard time connecting and he thought the additions/requirements in Section III would apply to the Historic District only. Mayor Policastro said we want to apply the requirements to all in the Village as soon as possible. Mr. Andrews questioned the first requirement which is making sure that all windows have fitted screens - are we really wanting to put into place something like that. Mayor Policastro said if the screens are not there to do what they are supposed to do it becomes a safety factor for rental units. Mr. Andrews said #14 says garage doors shall be 16 panel wood or aluminum painted with approved dark brown paint. He said that cannot be applied to the whole Village. After further discussion Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to table the Ordinance until the next Council meeting. Solicitor McTigue said he will get with Building Commissioner Malone to re-word the Ordinance so it is not so confusing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk