

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
NOVEMBER 28, 2011**

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Black, Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Wolter.

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

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the minutes as written for November 14, 2011. Mr. Andrews asked for clarification from Clerk Borgerding if the last paragraph on the first page should read "reduce deficit or increase surplus". Clerk Borgerding said it should read reduce our deficit that was budgeted. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From CR Architecture + Design: Dale Park Feasibility Study. Mayor Policastro said once we know what the school is going to do and the timeframe they are going to do something he will assign the matter to a Committee. The first Mayor's Bulletin of the year he is going to put in a survey. He has had quite a few people saying they want a Community Center, MariElders has indicated interest as well as the Village Church of Mariemont, Kiwanis and the Mariemont Civic Association. He wants to see if the residents would support such a thing. Mr. Andrews asked if we will have any kind of thoughts or perimeters so the survey is not put out with the residents thinking it would be free. Mayor Policastro said we will tell residents that the school will have to turn the building over to the Village. We will not be able to buy it. We will have to let people know that there will be some sort of millage (1/2 or 1) because it is going to take approximately \$50,000/yr just to maintain it. The money would be set in a separate fund just for that building. This may be our last chance at a Community Center because there are not any more buildings or land available. Mr. Andrews said he agrees that it would be good to give people some context. Mr. Wolter said he sees this as being a joint effort between the Finance and Economic Development and Zoning Committees. He wants to take a hard look at this because it is the last chance at a building to be owned by the Village for the Village. To replace a building like the Municipal Building would cost a fortune. This is a good opportunity and we need to take a close look at it. Mayor Policastro said we do want to try to save the historic building. We had the same dilemma with Resthaven Barn. He believes it should be discussed with all of Council in the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Miller commented that 33% of the building is not useable. Also, we might have to build a garage for commercial parking because more parking would be needed. Mayor Policastro said before anything happens we need to wait to hear from the School Board because he does not want to step on their toes; it is still their building.

From 100 Mile Run for Lima Company: e-mail dated November 19, 2011 re: Memorial Day Weekend Run. Mayor Policastro said it will be a great thing for the Village and an excellent honor to Captain Swisher who died in the line of duty.

From Treasurer Kulesza: October 2011 Monthly Report

From Treasurer Kulesza: Letter re: Centralized State Tax Collection.

From Cincinnati Enquirer: Article dated Saturday November 19, 2011 re: Tax Collection Plan Outrage

From Tax Administrator Judd: Memo regarding Part-Time Tax Administrator. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole. He has discussed the proposal with Mr. Black. Mrs. Judd is going to retire at the first of the year and proposes to come back the first of March on a part-time basis. We need her and she is very valuable to the Village. Debbie the Assistant will be there January and February which is typically their slower time. He anticipates this should save the Village approximately \$40,000/yr. She will come back three days a week. Mrs. Judd is indicating she would work two years which should give Ms. Combs time to be ready to take over. At that time if we hire an assistant it would be on a part-time basis which should be a significant savings. Mr. Miller asked if the department would be more automated within two years which could bring the office down to just one person. Mayor Policastro said we still need an assistant in case of illness, vacation etc. Mr. Black said we need to have the meeting as soon as possible and he hopes to schedule it for next week to discuss the pros and cons.

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Finance Chairman and Clerk. Mr. Andrews questioned the \$1116.00 payment to OSI International for the monitor for the house system and pagers for the dispatch system. He said we spent considerable amount of money eight months ago on a new house alert system which was required by Hamilton County. He asked if this was related to that or was it an add on. Chief Hines said he would like to do some research and get back with Mr. Andrews. He was approached by Fire Marshal Feichtner who said the equipment was needed to make the system as effective as it can be. There was an incident earlier in the year when the tones did not go off and the Communication Center

could not tell us why. Luckily one of our guys heard the run over the radio which turned out to be a fire run. By having this equipment installed it will help prevent that situation from happening again. Mr. Andrews asked what funds the payments for the Hamilton County Coroner for drug analysis come from. Chief Hines said it comes out of the Mayor's Court Fund so it is not an operating expense. He spoke with the Mayor about an idea he wants to share with Mr. Black before the next cost savings meeting to try to possibly recoup some of those fees. He needs to check with the Solicitor but he believes we might be able to tack the fees onto the fines through Mayor's Court. It is presently being done in Westerville and other communities. He believes the cost should be placed on the person arrested not the Village.

Mr. Wolter asked if the radios are monitored in case the phone system does not work or did the fireman just happen to hear the call. Chief Hines said the fireman just happened to hear it on the radio. In the middle of the night it is the tones that wake them up. In the 24 years he has been here it is the first time he heard of this happening. The new equipment should help us rest assured that it does not happen again.

Mr. Andrews questioned the \$650.00 payment to Print Management for Mayors Court Case File forms and asked if that is something that can be automated. Chief Hines said that is the actual paperwork that goes into the case jacket and is required. The supply ordered should last three years. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Andrews moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to accept the recommendations of the Safety Committee which met on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers, to discuss the Village of Mariemont Traffic Calming Plan that has been available for viewing on the Village website for the past few weeks. Present at the meeting were Safety Committee Chairman Dennis Wolter, Committee Members Andy Black and Denise McCarthy, Mayor Dan Policastro, and five village residents. After much discussion between Committee Members and attending residents on the various aspects of the plan, the Committee decided to add the following statement to the design phase of the plan: 'Prior to the administration of a street survey, every resident who may be affected by a proposed traffic calming change will be sent a postcard advising them of the upcoming survey two weeks before it is to be circulated. Surveys will be circulated by the designated street representative for the street on which the proposed traffic calming tool will be implemented.' The Committee recommends that the plan be accepted as written, with inclusion of the afore-mentioned change. Mr. Wolter said this is the beginning and a step in the right direction. He knows that there will be changes and we will confront them as they come before us. If we apply the same effort that we applied in generating the initial report we will be able to work through it. What is important is that we now have a standard plan to evenly and fairly administer traffic pattern changes in the Village. In the past that was not the case. It will help us on the streets where we are doing something that people may not like what we are doing but we are following a standard plan and not showing favoritism. It will make the Village safer and Council's job easier. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Leaf Season will end Friday December 16, 2011

Tree Lighting and Luminaria will be December 3, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Council will meet Tuesday December 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. due to the holiday.

Clerk Borgerding said he will have ready for the next meeting an Appropriation Ordinance for line items that are over budgeted. He wanted to make sure there would be a quorum.

Mr. Andrews said he and Mr. Miller attended the awards event and were presented with the plaque for the Village which had the highest recycling rate for communities with less than 10,000 residents.

Mr. Andrews said for about a year Council has been talking about improving our IT infrastructure and the first big phase is completed. The server and firewall are in place. CMI is working to install the apps. We are a few weeks away from having the network complete, secure data etc. He thanked Mrs. Van Pelt, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Judd and Ms. Combs for all the efforts they have made to get what InTrust and CMI needed in order to make this happen.

Resolutions:

"To Reappoint Dennis Malone as Building Commissioner for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013; To Set Compensation" had a second reading.

"To Reappoint Maria Borgerding as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013" had a second reading.

"To Reappoint Wes Iredale as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Year 2012" had a second reading. Ms. McCarthy asked why some terms are for one year and others are two years. Mayor Policastro said terms are staggered so there is always someone with experience.

"To Appoint Merilee Turner as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013" had a second reading.

"To Reappoint Don Slavik as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013" had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Ken Heuck as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Louise Schomburg as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Ruth Varner as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Lisa Gordon as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Eric Marsland as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013” had a second reading.

“To Appoint Jim Gerace as a Member of the Parks Advisory Board for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013” had a first reading. Mayor Policastro said General Short has been ill and is no longer able to serve.

“To Appoint Paul Allen as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013” had a second reading. Ms. McCarthy asked how many people are on the ARB. Mayor Policastro said five. Ms. McCarthy asked if the terms were staggered. Mayor Policastro said yes they are two year terms. Ms. McCarthy asked if this was a new appointment. Mayor Policastro said yes. Mr. Andrews said Mr. Raeon serves as President of ARB currently and asked if he wanted to come off the ARB. Mayor Policastro said he did not know. We now have an engineer, architect, attorney, historic home owner and a real estate expert. Mr. Andrews asked if it is typical if we do not know if someone wants to continue serving to just replace them. Mayor Policastro said yes.

“To Reappoint Michael Stegman as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Mark Bruggeman as a Member of the Architectural Review Board for the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013” had a second reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk