

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL  
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO  
REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER  
AUGUST 22, 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, Mr. Scheeser and Mr. Wolter.

Chief Hines said he would like to recognize Police Officer Phillip Mitchell and Officer Richard Kaiser who were the first officers on the scene to the unfortunate homicide which occurred January 16, 2011. He thanked Fairfax Police Chief, Rick Patterson, for his help with the command at the scene. He said he called Chief Patterson right away. He has known Chief Patterson for 26 years both personally and professionally. He has always said if there was ever a tactical situation he would be lucky because Chief Patterson is just a phone call away. He believes he is as good as anyone in the State of Ohio when it comes to tactical situations. He also thanked the following individuals for their part in helping assist with the command: Lt. Steve Kelly (Fairfax Police Department), Captain Tim Messer, Captain Paul Neudigate (Cincinnati Police Department). He thanked Police Officer Paul Rennie for his help with the investigation. He also thanked the following individuals for their help: Lt. Tom Ostendarp, Police Officer Ryan Lay and Police Officer Cameron Shaw, Cincinnati Police Department Homicide Unit: Detective Kurt Ballman, Sergeant Gary Conner, Detective Jacob Wlozek, Detective Kathy Newsome, Detective Denise Burns, Police Officer Tim Vogel (Madeira Police Department), Sergeant Jim Vonce (Newtown Police Department, Police Officer Jake Goodwin (Newtown Police Department), Deputy Larry Henderson (Hamilton County Sheriff Department) and Lt. Mark Rankin (HCPA SWAT Commander and the entire team).

Mayor Policastro said we certainly value the mutual aid given to the Village by all of our surrounding communities. He read and then presented the Office of the Mayor Recognition Awards to Officer Phillip Mitchell and Police Officer Richard Kaiser.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Scheeser to accept the minutes as written for August 8, 2011. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The following communications were read by Mayor Policastro:

From Parks Advisory Board: Meeting Minutes July 12, 2011. Mr. Wolter said with the 10 year anniversary of 911 he suggested the Parks Advisory Board approve a memorial tree/plaque etc. either at the Municipal Building or the Bell Tower. Chief Hines said the Village Church of Mariemont has a service planned for 911 at 7:00 p.m. in the park. Mayor Policastro suggested the Civic Association donate a tree. Mr. Miller, President of the Civic Association, said that should not be a problem.

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement June 2011

From Frank Mummert: Letter dated August 11, 2011 re: Thank you Fire Department

From MariElders: Monthly Recap Ending July 31, 2011

From DonnaLou Davis: Letter dated July 29, 2011 re: Thank You Police Department

From Treasurer Kulesza: July 2011 Monthly Report

Ms. Amy Hollon, 3722 Homewood Road, was granted permission to address Council. She introduced herself as the new reporter for The Town Crier. She is a former reporter from the Newark area.

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

Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Monday, April 8, 2011 to review the IT / Systems Plan developed by the Finance Committee to upgrade the technology infrastructure used by Village staff. Present were Committee members Andy Black, Denise McCarthy and Jeff Andrews. Also present were Joanee Van Pelt, Dennis Wolter, Darlene Judd and Tony Borgerding. After discussion, the **Committee recommends that Council:**

- A- Approve \$14,500 for the purchase of computer equipment, including a server, applicable operating systems and licenses for the server, 2 firewall/VPN security devices, a print server device and a UPS.
- B- Approve \$12,000 for consulting, installation and testing services for the above equipment from InTrust Group
- C- Approve \$3,920 for consulting, installation and testing services from CMI for our CMI applications on the new server

- D- Approve the termination of Cincinnati Bell internet services in the tax office and the installation of Time Warner Cable internet service in the tax office. The approximate net increase in cost of this higher speed service is \$70/month.

This IT / Systems Plan has been developed and reviewed on many occasions by the Finance Committee for nearly one year. It has been reviewed and validated by the InTrust Group, a Cincinnati based IT firm which is a Microsoft Gold Certified Solutions Provider and a Cisco Systems Select Certified Partner. This plan is important for a number of reasons, a few key being: 1) it simplifies our network infrastructure from operating 3 separate networks to 1 network; 2) it puts in place critical security protections which we simply don't have currently and must have; 3) it saves us money over the next 5 years. The Committee requests these recommendations be approved by Council. Mr. Andrews distributed a handout that contained the latest numbers. He explained the differences between the current path and the recommended path. By making the changes and going with appropriate security devices over five years he estimates approximately \$7,000 savings. We do not do something like this for savings but instead to bring our systems current. It will eliminate the cost to have Don Pennington come in and manually load anti-virus updates because they will be done automatically every day. Mr. Scheeser said he knows the Principal at InTrust and said it is a solid company. He has known him for over 20 years and for that reason he is going to abstain from the vote but feels the decision is top notch. Clerk Borgerding questioned the amount of the desktops going down. Mr. Andrews said in the past Mr. Pennington bought the equipment and put them together. He believes we are paying two or three times more than we need to. We need to stay with one vendor who offers government pricing. On roll call; five ayes, no nays (Mr. Scheeser abstained).

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee which met on Monday August 8, 2011 in Council Chambers to review the Hylant Group's proposal to renew liability insurance through August 2012. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and concluded at 6:50 p.m. Present were Finance Committee Members Andy Black, Jeff Andrews and Denise McCarthy. Also present were Joanee Van Pelt, Darlene Judd, Tony Borgerding and Dennis Wolter. After reviewing the Hylant Group's proposal the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to Council that we accept the bid at a cost not to exceed \$28,864. The Hylant Group has provided exceptional service to the Village and its employees for the last 15 years and Committee members believe the increase of \$1,300 from 2010-2011 is not sufficient to warrant a change in provider. For due diligence purposes the Committee will seek additional bids in 2012. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter said the traffic calming proposal is almost complete. He would like to have a meeting with Ms. McCarthy to get her input. He will then copy it to all of Council, Chief Hines, Mayor Policastro and the Solicitor. We will incorporate changes and then post to the website for resident input to be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Miller said CDS should have the master parking plan complete soon and he hopes to have the study report for the next Council meeting. He will ask a representative to attend to answer any questions.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Monday September 5, 2011 in Observation of Labor Day

Ordinances:

"To Add Section 51.18 to Chapter 51 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances" had a second reading.

"To Renew Current Contract for the Following Kinds of Insurance: Real and Personal Property, Comprehensive General Liability, Business Automobile and Other Coverages; To Pay Premiums" had a first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Anthony J. Borgerding, Clerk