

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 25, 2019**

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Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Rankin and Ms. Schwartz.

Mrs. Graves moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to excuse the absences of Ms. Palazzolo and Mr. Brown. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Due to the lack of quorum for the Regular Council meeting of June 24, 2019 Mayor Policastro asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written for June 10, 2019. Mrs. Graves said she would abstain due to her absence from that meeting. It was agreed to wait until the July 8, 2019 meeting to approve.

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

Mayor Policastro said we are meeting to discuss overnight parking regulations on Homewood and Settle Roads. It is for informational gathering only and he will refer it to the Committee of the Whole.

Police Chief Hines explained that the current ordinance went into effect in the late 1960's early 1970's with the most recent street exemption occurring in 1984. There is not much detail in the minutes as to why the exemption took place. Mrs. Graves said Murray Avenue is not on the exempted list and brings up another topic for discussion. Chief Hines said it is a street where there is nowhere else to park. The department has been enforcing the no 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. parking Village wide with Homewood Road being the hottest topic. The department wrote many warnings over a two month period and then started to issue citations because the warnings were not effective. The last thing this administration wants to do is issue citations to our residents.

Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer said trucks and cars are getting bigger, but streets are not. They are able to get down the street but it is always congested. Most of the emergency vehicles arrive and park in tandem. The department deals with the situation on Homewood 19 hours a day and does not feel the removal of 1:00-6:00 a.m. parking would present any different scenario.

Several residents were given permission to address Council. Concerns and questions raised:

1. Purpose of the Ordinance and what good it is intended to promote or what is the problem it is intended to fix
2. Who will be impacted and who will benefit
3. Grace Period and/or reduced fees
4. Marked parking spots
5. Reasons for permit parking for safety reasons (child and vehicular)
6. Obstructed view of oncoming traffic when turning from Wooster Pike
7. Aesthetically more pleasing without all the car clutter
8. Delivery truck complications
9. New Residents are unaware of the parking restrictions
10. Frustration with tickets/warnings when a car is left overnight unintentionally
11. Single placard per household or for guest use

12. Placard with 72 hour restriction
13. Strict 72 hour restriction with removal of overnight restriction (Chief Hines said that State law does not allow any vehicle to be parked more than 24 hours and the Village cannot supersede State Law)
14. Lack of signage indicating the no parking 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
15. Inconvenient to “jockey” cars in driveway
16. Some households with permits leave cars for days/weeks while some households with permits utilize up to four parking spots on the street
17. Difficulty exiting driveway with street full of cars
18. No room for utility workers to park to do house repairs/maintenance
19. The present Ordinance is antiquated – children are not playing at that time of day nor are deliveries being made
20. Some Officers are writing citations/warnings earlier than 1:00 a.m. and not checking the book for overnight guests who are getting citations/warnings
21. By having the present Ordinance it monitors that no cars are parked and left
22. The present Ordinance helps keeps the roads safe at night so the officers can patrol and know which cars should be there and which cars should not be there
23. Guests who visit are unaware of the ordinance
24. Better communication with new residents
25. Additional parking spots along Murray Avenue with a multi-use path
26. Costs to repair vehicles that have been damaged while parked in driveway while trying to back out
27. Rules and Regulations are needed. It is the narrowest street in the Village
28. The issue with parking has been addressed with Council before and it has died on the vine
29. We need to be more considerate of our neighbors and be more cooperative
30. The designated handicap parking space is being misused and should be replaced with regular parking (the handicap placard is being used for another’s truck to park on the street)
31. Concerns for lack of lighting on the street
31. Enforcement is hard for the Police Department – they are no longer able to chalk tires
32. People park on the street and often block parts of a driveway
33. Residents should be proactive and contact the police if a car has been parked long term
34. The rules and regulations for getting a parking permit should be strictly adhered to
35. It was clarified that a car cannot be parked across the sidewalk or hang out into the sidewalk
36. Enforceability is the key to making either situation successful
37. Communication yearly in the Mayor’s Bulletin on overnight parking and how best to handle guest parking
38. Setting precedent for the Village

Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer