

**Village of Mariemont
Regular Council Meeting
January 11, 2021**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Present was Mr. Bartlett. Virtually present due to the COVID-19 pandemic were Mrs. Graves, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Stelzer, Fiscal Officer Borgerding, Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner, Service Superintendent Scherpenberg, Village Engineer Chris Ertel and Solicitor McTigue.

Mr. Bartlett asked that the minutes in the last section be changed from “financing incentives” to “financial incentives” and to also reflect the change on the agenda. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the amended minutes for the Council meeting December 21, 2020 and Permanent Improvement meeting December 21, 2021. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. (Mrs. Graves abstained due to her absence)

Communications:

*From Police Chief Hines: December 2020 Monthly Report

*From Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner: December 2020 Monthly Report

*From Service Superintendent Scherpenberg: December 2020 Monthly Report and 2020 Annual Report

*From Superintendent Scherpenberg: Memo Regarding Outsourcing Mowing Contract. Mayor Brown referred the matter to the Public Works & Service Committee

*From Assistant Fiscal Officer Wendler: Fiscal Officer’s Report December 2020

Dr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to nominate Mrs. Rankin as President Pro Tem. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Appropriation Ordinance:

“An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Mariemont, Ohio, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021” had a first reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second reading. Mr. Stelzer indicated he is not comfortable signing off on these numbers. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said we can supplement the Ordinance as much as Council wants, in addition to Supplemental Ordinances. These numbers were based on the numbers Council agreed to at the 2021 Budget hearing held in July 2020. Before any money is spent Council needs to appropriate funds. Once the year is closed, he can prepare his annual report. Mr. Stelzer wants to lock in the 2020 figures and put a 2% inflation spend on the 2021 budget. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said he will resubmit once the year is closed. He and Mr. Stelzer agreed to discuss the matter further outside of the meeting. The Ordinance had a third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-1-21 was adopted.

Motion To Pay Bills:

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

Committee Reports:

None

Miscellaneous:

Dr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to nominate Mrs. Rankin as the Council Representative for the Planning Commission. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to nominate Dr. Lewis as the Council Representative for the Architectural Review Board. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The Outstanding Citizen Award nominations are due to Mrs. Van Pelt by March 11, 2021

Mayor Brown referred to the Finance Committee the salary ordinances for full-time, part-time employees and appointed officials.

Mr. Stelzer said Council needs to review the organizational structure of the Village including the discussion of hiring a Village Administrator. He would like to see if the Administrator can help us with economic development activities, organize, coordinate pursuit of grants and help the Village with analysis of issues and opportunities the Village may be facing. Mayor Brown referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Brown referred the matter of Police Department and Fire Department Permanent Improvement Requests to the Finance Department.

Ms. Palazzolo said the target date for reviewing the MCO will be March 2021. Council agreed to remove overnight parking from the Rules and Law Committee. Ms. Palazzolo said she will pick up on the work for the solar panels after addressing other items in her committee.

Resolutions:

“To Appoint Tom Gilmore as a Member of the Pool Commission for the Calendar Year of 2021 To Fill the Unexpired Term of Anita Hunt” had a second reading.

“To Reappoint Don Keyes to the Position of Building Department Administrator for Calendar Years 2021 and 2022; to Set Compensation” had a first reading.

“Resolution to Update Swimming Pool Fees” had a first reading.

“Resolution to Update Tennis Court Fees for the Season” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

“To Amend Section 51.025(A)(1)(a) of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances relative to the Architectural Review Board” had a second reading.

“Creating a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area for Downtown Mariemont and Enacting Regulations” had a second reading. Solicitor McTigue said he is working on other code sections that refer to “open containers”.

“Ordinance To Remove Chapter 79, Schedule II(B)(1) and (2) and (C) Restricting Overnight Parking” had a first reading.

“To Amend Mariemont Code of Ordinances Chapter 79, Schedule I(B)(1), No Parking; Chapter 79, Schedule II(A) Limited Parking; Parallel Parking” had a second reading.

“To Amend Mariemont Code of Ordinance Chapter 75.09, Riding on Sidewalks” had a second reading.

“Ordinance to Remove Section 37.20 through Section 37.22 regarding Civil Defense Organization” had a first reading.

“To Amend Mariemont Code of Ordinances Chapter 95 Parks and Recreation: Municipal Swimming Pool” had a first reading.

“To Amend Mariemont Code of Ordinances Chapter 31 Executive Authority, Village Fiscal Officer” had a first reading.

“Ordinance Amending Section 32.13 Rules of Council (Y), Rule 24, of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a second reading.

“Ordinance Establishing a Tree Advisory Board in the Village of Mariemont and Creating New Section 37.06 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” had a first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer