

The Regular, Scheduled Meeting of the Council of The Village of Marble Cliff

At 1600 Fernwood Ave.

July 20, 2020

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm. at Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall located at 1559 Roxbury Rd. in the Village of Marble Cliff. Those in attendance were Council Members: Marnie Hoag, Matthew R. Jolson, Jeffery Smith, Joanne Taylor, Kendy A. Troiano, and Dow T. Voelker; Mayor, Matthew P. Cincione; Yazan S. Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford, Village Engineer; and Fiscal Officer, Cynthia A. McKay. No visitors or press were present.

Administrative Assistant, Judith Ciccone, was excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, June, 2020
- 2) Receive – Police Report, June, 2020
- 3) Receive – Fire Report, June, 2020
- 4) Receive – Building Permits Issued, June 2020
- 5) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of June 15, 2020
- 6) Approval - Financial Statements for June, 2020

Mr. Voelker moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Taylor seconded. Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione had no report for Council

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford stated next Tuesday will mark the 60th day since the notice was installed regarding the study of the traffic light at Cambridge Blvd. and Third Ave. The next step will be to bag the lights for 60-90 days. After that time, the lights can be removed.

Ms. McKay confirmed the trees have been trimmed to fully expose the stop signs. Ms. McKay reported she has asked the Grandview Service Department to paint "stop" in all four directions at the stop bars. Mr. Ford reported he reviewed traffic counts done in 2007 and 2014. He stated the 2014 study showed a reduction in daily traffic over the 2007 study.

Mayor Cincione discussed options for future traffic calming options along Cambridge Blvd. Council received illustrations of various options provided by Mr. Ford. Mr. Ford reviewed the various options for pavement painting as well as hardscape. He also suggested the Village could install traffic speed monitors that show a vehicle's speed and encourages adherence to the speed limit.

Council discussed the options. Council determined that they would continue to consider option's after the changes at Cambridge Blvd. and Third Ave. are complete. Ms. Troiano suggested the solar or battery lighted stop signs might be considered for the intersection. Mr. Voelker suggested painting the cross walk in a different color.

Mr. Ford stated the open cut portion of the Storm and Sanitary Sewer Project will be the first portion of the project to be started and completed. He noted that after receiving inspection information the estimated open cuts have been reduced which will result in a reduction in the overall cost of the project.

Mr. Ford reported he has worked with Chris Ahlum to address the drainage issues in Tarp Woods. Ms. McKay reported Mr. Ahlum's proposal was placed at Council's place for the meeting. Mr. Ford stated the design is for an "eyebrow" shape that will allow cars to turn around without encouraging parking at the turnaround. The design will also permit the installation of a storm water collection structure to move water from the entrance of the park to the natural stream bed in the park.

Mayor Cincione reported he walked the park and the trail restoration is complete and looks good. He also reported Rine Landscaping is continuing with honeysuckle eradication. Mayor Cincione said the wild flowers are in bloom and he saw some young people enjoying the park. Ms. McKay reported the bill for the trail restoration was approximately \$7,500 which was less than the original estimate of \$12,000+/-.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this point.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi had no report for Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

No Administrative Assistant report was presented to Council.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the July 2020 bills totaling \$364,956.87. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Voelker moved approval of the amended June 2020 bills totaling \$90,778.42. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. McKay reported she has submitted an update to the Village's Code of Ordinance to American Legal Publishing.

Ms. McKay presented Council a summary total of delinquent income taxes due to the Village from residents and businesses. Ms. McKay reviewed the collection process and the enforcement options.

Council discussed the issues of employees working from home and the impact on income tax revenue to municipalities.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2636-20, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance O-2614-19 (2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE) to increase the Appropriation of the General Fund by \$50,000 from \$1,767,153 to \$1,817,153.

Ms. McKay reported the additional appropriation is to cover anticipated legal expenses through the balance of 2020.

Ms. Troiano moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hoag moved the adoption of O-2636-20. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKay presented information from Grandview Heights regarding offering a Residential Pace program to support energy efficiency and "green initiatives." Council asked staff to do research on the program and bring additional information to Council.

Ms. McKay presented various reports on the solar panels at Village Hall and the electric vehicle charging stations. Council discussed options for billing users of the EV chargers. Mr. Smith requested additional information about current utilization.

Ms. McKay reported she discussed the possible installation of additional solar panels at Village Hall to power the EV chargers. The estimated cost is \$32,000. Ms. McKay said she would like to have a full year of experience on the cost of the EV chargers before making a decision regarding additional panels and charging users.

Ms. McKay presented a proposal from Sustainable Ohio Public Energy to enter the Village into their power purchasing co-operative. Council instructed the Fiscal Officer to decline the offer.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

No Council Members offered reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced the third reading of O-2635-20, An Ordinance accepting a Proposal from Ahlum and Arbor for design and installation of the Studebaker Grove at the Tarry Woods Park.

Mr. Voelker moved to amend O-2635-20 as reflected in the document specified as "Third Reading: July 20, 2020." Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Troiano moved the adoption of O-2635-20 as amended. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cincione introduced the third reading of O-2633-20, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance O-2614-19 (2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE) to increase the Appropriation of the Park Fund by \$20,000 from \$15,000 to \$35,000.

Mr. Voelker moved to amend O-2633-20 to remove references to Studebaker Grove. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Troiano moved the adoption of O-2633-20 as amended. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cincione introduced the third reading of O-2631-20, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute an agreement to renew the policy with Ohio Government Risk Management Plan for property, liability, wrongful acts, automobile, bond, crime, inland marine and electronic data processing insurance.

Mr. Jolson moved the adoption of O-2631-20. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of R-2638-20, A Resolution to support and uphold the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations regarding face coverings and to adopt all recommendations and requirements regarding face coverings issued through the office of Governor Mike DeWine and/or the Health Department of the State of Ohio for the residents of The Village of Marble Cliff.

Ms. McKay explained that she collected information from many sources to craft the resolution supporting the wearing of face coverings and stated an expectation that Village residents will comply with all State of Ohio or Franklin County requirements.

Mr. Voelker stated he asked Ms. McKay to draft language for Council discussion. Ms. Taylor expressed her support for any action by Council that provides a consistent message to residents. Ms. Troiano stated her support for the Village Council stating their support for the state and county requirements rather than causing confusion or descent by issuing separate requirements.

Ms. Hoag noted that other communities have put penalties in place. Marble Cliff is not equipped to put penalties in place or actively enforce penalties. She stated her support for the resolution.

Mr. Voelker suggested the language in Section 2 be changed from “encouraged” to “expected”. Mayor Cincione and several Council members stated they have been approached by residents asking if Council will take action regarding face coverings.

Ms. Troiano moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Voelker moved to amend Section 2 of Resolution R-2638-20 to removed the word “required” and replace it with “expected.” Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Voelker moved the adoption of R-2638-20 as amended. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Troiano asked if Marble Cliff plans to participate in the Compost Exchange pilot program. Ms. McKay reported she has spoken with Ray Leard about the program. The program invites residents to enroll directly and does not require any action from the Village.

Mr. Smith stated he has been approached by residents considering options for holding a “Haunted Forest” in Tarp Woods at Halloween. Mayor Cincione stated that, other than open flames and concerns about accidents in the dark, he would be open to such an event. Council stated general support, but expressed concern over COVID 19 restrictions. Ms. Taylor said Upper Arlington holds a similar event, but does not have details about who runs the event. She said it is held on property owned by Upper Arlington. Ms. Troiano stated CDC concerns that COVID may come back in the fall along with the flu season. Ms. McKay stated she would want to discuss the event with the insurance company. Mr. Smith stated he would do additional research and bring a proposal to Council.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Dow T. Voelker
Council President Pro Tem

Cynthia A. McKay
Fiscal Officer