

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

VIA ZOOM

February 15, 2021

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm. via Zoom electronic meeting software. Those in attendance were Council President, Dow T. Voelker; Council Members: Marnie Hoag, Matthew R. Jolson, Jeffrey Smith, Joanne Taylor, and Kendy A. Troiano; Mayor, Matthew P. Cincione; Yazan S. Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford, Village Engineer; Administrative Assistant, Judith Ciccone, and Fiscal Officer, Cynthia A. McKay. No representatives of the press were present. No visitors were present

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, January, 2021
- 2) Receive – Police Report, January, 2021
- 3) Receive – Fire Report, January, 2021
- 4) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of January 18, 2021
- 5) Approval - Financial Statements for January, 2021
- 6) Receive – Tax Reports

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Hoag seconded. Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported he met with Mr. Voelker, Mr. Ford, and Chris Ahlum at Tarp Woods to discuss options for improving the stream in Tarp Woods. Mr. Ford will develop a proposal and bring it to Council for consideration. Chris Ahlum will address removal of invasive species. Mayor Cincione is working with the Grandview Schools to develop interest in the use of Tarp Woods and the stream for educational purposes.

Mayor Cincione reported he participated in a Zoom meeting to gather information about the Rapid 5 program. The program is designed to connect the five waterways in central Ohio with parks, multipurpose trails and other means of access. The Quarry Trail currently under development immediately northwest of Marble Cliff is one of the starting places for the program. Mayor Cincione stated that, at some point, there might be a request from the developers for funding.

Mayor Cincione stated he spoke with Ted Foster regarding the development at 2015 W. Fifth Ave. He is working with the National Park Services to revise the plans to meet their requirements.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2654-21, An Ordinance to codify the 2021 fees for construction permits issued for work in Village rights of way.

Mr. Ford reviewed the calculations made to determine the 2021 construction permit fees as well as the annual registration maintenance fee for the Village rights of way.

Mr. Voelker moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hoag moved the adoption of O-2654-20. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2655-21, An Ordinance to codify new annual Registration Maintenance Fee for Occupancy of Village rights of way.

Mr. Voelker moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hoag moved the adoption of O-2655-20. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ford reviewed all points of the revised Five Year Capital Improvements Plan for the Village.

Council briefly discussed several items including the installation of natural gas generators to operate the street light system, Wi-Fi in Falco Park, storybook walks, and expansion of the use of solar panels at Village Hall.

The plan included purchase and installation of radar speed sign to improve and monitor traffic speed. The plan proposed the review and purchase of the sign in 2024. Council asked that the review and possible purchase be moved into the current year.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this point.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi stated he is continuing to monitor legislation in Grandview Heights regarding permitting golf carts to operate on city streets. Marble Cliff will adopt necessary legislation once Grandview has finalized the changes to their traffic code that Marble Cliff has adopted by reference.

Mr. Ashrawi reported the Supreme Court has remanded the municipal tax case to the original trial court for implementation of the Supreme Court's decisions..

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Ms. Ciccone had no report for Council.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the February 2021 bills totaling \$93,998.03. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Voelker moved approval of the amended January 2021 bills totaling \$85,002.00. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Voelker to serve as the council representative and chair of the Financial Investment Committee. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKay introduced a service from the Ohio Auditor's office to notify Village officials if the Village's checking account(s) are not reconciled on a timely basis. Ms. McKay noted that Council receives confirmation of account reconciliation each month in their Council packets. Mr. Voelker suggested that the Village sign up for the notification. Ms. McKay stated she would complete the necessary registration.

Ms. McKay reported the 2018 / 2019 audit is completed and the Auditor of State has published the audit on its web site. The only issue raised was related to the Village's public record policy. The policy requires a response to the requester within three working days. One request during the period did not meet the requirement as it took four days to respond. Council discussed modifying the Village's policy, but determined that the policy will remain unchanged.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Taylor stated the Grandview Heights Parks and Recreation Board has not met.

Mr. Smith reported he and his family are moving to Powell, Ohio and he will be resigning his Council position effective 3-31-2021. Mr. Smith thanked the other members of Council for their support during his term and commented on his firm belief that public service is an honor and provides opportunities to improve the community for residents and build consensus. Mr. Smith stated serving on Village Council has been a great honor.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Troiano agreed to serve as the Council representative to the Falco Scholarship Committee for 2021.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2653-21, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Village of Marble Cliff and Riverside 10, LLC.

Mr. Ashrawi reviewed the application and request for 50% property tax abatement on approximately 4 million dollars of renovations and improvements at 1600 Dublin Rd. He stated the schools must be notified prior to the meeting when a decision will be made. Mr. Ashrawi and Ms. McKay are preparing the necessary documents and notifications.

Ms. Ciccone left the meeting at this point.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Voelker moved that Council move into Executive Session as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3). Ms. Troiano seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Voelker, yes; Ms. Hoag, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Troiano moved Council adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in the public meeting. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 9:01 P.M.

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Dow T. Voelker
Council President Pro Tem

Cynthia A. McKay
Fiscal Officer