

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

February 22, 2022

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm. in Village Hall at 1600 Fernwood Ave., in the Village of Marble Cliff. Those in attendance were Mayor, Matthew Cincione; Council President, Dow T. Voelker; Council Members: Charlotte Hickcox, Matthew R. Jolson, Bridget Sarna; Joanne Taylor arrived at 7:35 pm and Kendy A. Troiano arrived at 7:06 pm; Yaz Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford, Village Engineer; Fiscal Officer, Stephanie A. Evans; and Peggy Shanahan, Assistant Fiscal Officer. No representatives of the press were present. Visitors were present.

Mayor Cincione called the meeting to order.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mr. Ted Foster gave a brief update regarding the development project at 2015 W. 5TH Ave. Mr. Ashrawi explained that there is a two-year time frame that needs to be met between the time the preliminary plan is submitted and when the final plan is submitted, and that this project is past the deadline. Mr. Foster requested an extension for the final development plan, suggesting that he should have it complete by August 1, 2022.

Mr. Voelker moved to extend the final development plan deadline for 2015 W. 5th Ave. to August 1, 2022. Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed by the 4 Council members present.

Ms. Troiano arrived at this time.

Mr. Matt Jordan introduced himself and gave a presentation regarding the value of renewable, 100% clean energy, and electric aggregation opportunities for the Village. He emphasized the positive impact that aggregation programs have on the environment and the feeling of “doing the right thing” that community members feel when enrolled in these programs. Following his presentation, he encouraged Council to consider aggregation as a ballot item this year. There was discussion amongst Council members and questions raised about how widespread aggregation is in Ohio, the possibility and practicality of it in a community the size of Marble Cliff, the potential burden on staff, resources available, and possible ballot language. Mr. Jordan suggested the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) as a resource and said working with them would be the most practical way for Marble Cliff to implement an electric aggregation plan. Mr. Jolson commented that this seems like a natural step for the Village following the installation of solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations at Village Hall.

Ms. Taylor arrived at this time.

Council would like to seek more information and continue this discussion regarding a possible ballot issue. The deadline to make it on the November ballot is August 10, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive – Police Report, January, 2021
- 2) Receive – Fire Department Report, January, 2021
- 3) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of January 18, 2021

Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need to be pulled out for discussion. No individual items were pulled out.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione introduced Peggy Shanahan, new Assistant Fiscal Officer for the Village.

The Mayor also revisited the discussion regarding the planned archery range at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and confirmed Council's interest in moving forward with it. There was some discussion about it, including logistics and safety, and ultimately all agreed that the planning process should continue.

The quote for blinking stop signs was presented at a cost of \$1625 each. Council members expressed concerns over stop signs being run and shared examples of witnessing it happen. There was discussion about whether blinking stop signs would help and whether or not the community would like them. Mayor Cincione shared that the portable electronic speed sign is already ordered; Mr. Voelker suggested using it before buying electronic stop signs. It was agreed to wait and see if the speed sign makes a difference, and to request more police presence on Cambridge Blvd. and Arlington Ave., particularly before and after school hours.

Mayor Cincione reported that 5G activity is coming from Verizon and that they will be using existing utility poles at Third and Arlington Avenues, and Fifth and Arlington Avenues, but the benefit to the community will be limited. The Mayor walked with Verizon technicians to confirm this, and Mr. Ashrawi reviewed the Village small cell ordinance to be sure they are compliant.

Mayor Cincione reminded Council that AEP will be hosting an Open House on March 7, 2022 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall and encouraged everyone to attend.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford shared that he is working on the OPWC application for the Cambridge Boulevard improvements, that he has ordered the electronic speed sign, and that potholes on W. Fifth Ave. will be addressed as soon as possible. The pothole on Dublin Rd. has already been filled. He also shared that the drone footage of Cambridge Blvd. is almost ready for review.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report at this time.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Evans shared the financial reports for December 2021 and January 2022, including the monthly bank reconciliations, fund summaries, and tax receipt reports. Year-end reports for 2021 were also shared. It was also noted that the November 2021 financial statements had been reported at the January meeting but not approved.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the November and December 2021, and the January 2022, financial statements. Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed.

Ms. Evans introduced O-2682-22, An Ordinance to Amend O-2676-21, the 2022 Appropriations Ordinance, to include Appropriations for the Special Assessment Debt Service Pace Fund in the amount of \$200,307.74 and Declaring it an Emergency.

Mr. Voelker moved to suspend the rules; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed and rules suspended.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve O-2682-22, An Ordinance to Amend O-2676-21, the 2022 Appropriations Ordinance, to include Appropriations for the Special Assessment Debt Service Pace Fund in the amount of \$200,307.74 and Declaring it an Emergency. Ms. Hickcox seconded.

Roll Call vote: Mr. Voelker, yes; Ms. Hickcox, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Ms. Sarna, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Evans shared that Village email addresses have been created for Council members and login information will be shared in the upcoming week, and that corrected W2s are also on the way.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

O-2683-22, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to Enter into a Contract for Professional Tree Maintenance with Ahlum & Arbor for a three-year period, January 2022 through December 2024; First Reading.

Mr. Voelker asked about the items listed in the contract, including a tree inventory and schedule for removing trees, as well as the cost of the proposal. Ms. Shanahan detailed the work that Ahlum & Arbor will do, including the work in Tarp Woods at no cost to the Village. Ahlum & Arbor took responsibility for the delay in getting the Tarp Woods work done which resulted in the loss of a grant that had been awarded to the Village. Ms. Evans shared the cost of the new 3-year proposal and Ms. Shanahan provided the comparative cost of our previous contract with Ahlum & Arbor. Mr. Jolson asked about the need to replace the flowering pear trees. Ms. Shanahan shared that flowering pear trees are invasive and will need to be replaced with alternatives over time. It was recognized that the community is very fond of the flowering pears and it will be hard for residents to see them replaced. Mr. Jolson suggested finding a way to educate the community more about the invasive species and the need to find better alternatives.

Mr. Voelker moved to suspend the rules; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed and rules suspended.

Mr. Voelker moved to amend Ordinance O-2683-22 to reference the Ahlum & Arbor proposal dated 1/20/22 and include cost of \$51,435; Ms. Troiano seconded.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve O-2683-22, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to Enter into a Contract for Professional Tree Maintenance with Ahlum & Arbor for a three-year period, January 2022 through December 2024 as amended; Ms. Hickcox seconded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Troiano moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending or Imminent Court Action, per ORC Section 121.22(G)(3); Ms. Taylor seconded.

Roll Call vote: Mr. Voelker, yes; Ms. Hickcox, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Ms. Sarna, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes. Motion passed and Council moved into Executive Session at 8:50 pm.

Mr. Voelker moved to leave Executive Session; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed and Council left Executive Session at 9:03 pm.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Cincione adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Approved by:

Submitted by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President



Stephanie Evans
Fiscal Officer