

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

October 17, 2022

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm. in Village Hall, 1600 Fernwood Ave., in the Village of Marble Cliff. Those in attendance were Mayor, Matthew Cincione; Council President, Dow T. Voelker; Council Members: Charlotte B. Hickcox, Matthew R. Jolson, Bridget B. Sarna, Kendy A. Troiano, and Joanne C. Taylor; Yaz Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford, Village Engineer; Stephanie Evans, Fiscal Officer; and Peggy Shanahan, Assistant Fiscal Officer. No representatives of the press were present. No visitors were present.

Mayor Cincione called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

## VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

A solar panel application was on the Agenda but this item was moved to the November meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Received – Fire Report, September 2022
- 2) Received – Police Report, September 2022
- 3) Received – Permit Report, September 2022

Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need to be pulled out for discussion. No items were pulled out for discussion however it was acknowledged that the Minutes of the September 19, 2022 meeting were added to Council packets earlier in the day.

**Mr. Voelker moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Minutes that were added to the packet today; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported that he attended Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Tour of Homes and that there were two Marble Cliff homes on the tour this year. Ms. Shanahan volunteered at one of the homes.

The Mayor also reported that he participated in the Tri-Village Chamber's Economic Development Download. Mr. Steve Stivers of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce was a guest speaker and shared a new format for economic development that Upper Arlington is using for mixed-use developments. He believes something similar could work for the Village.

Ahlum & Arbor worked in Tarpy Woods last week and Mayor Cincione gave an update on the work that has been done. There is still work to be completed over the course of the fall and winter.

The Mayor also reported that the radar speed sign is glitchy and sometimes does not register passing vehicles. Mr. Ford said that he will check the data to see if he can trace when it is not working and will follow up with the company's representative if needed.

This conversation transitioned into the ENGINEER'S REPORT, and Mayor Cincione introduced **O-2693-22, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an Agreement with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the 2023 Cambridge Boulevard Improvements Project for the Village of Marble Cliff**, for its first reading. Mr. Ford explained the work to be done in two phases. Both phases would be designed at the same time with the hopes of completing the southern part next year, and requesting OPWC grants for the more expensive northern part for completion in 2024-25. There was discussion amongst Council members regarding the need for feedback from the community before the final design for the islands is completed, and how best to engage the community in this conversation. Mr. Ford said that as long as the conversation doesn't steer away from doing islands, the design fee for Burgess & Niple wouldn't change, and that adjustments to the islands and street striping can be made. Ms. Troiano suggested approving the ordinance now so that Mr. Ford can get started. Council would not be approving the design here, only the process to get the project started.

**Ms. Troiano moved to suspend the rules; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Ms. Troiano moved to approve Ordinance O-2693-22; Ms. Hickcox seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Ford finished his report by sharing that he worked with the City of Upper Arlington to get pedestrian crossing signs installed at the intersection of West Fifth and Arlington Avenues, and that Decker should be onsite on Dublin Rd. next week to repair the curb in front of 1600 Dublin Rd.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this time.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi had no updates but shared that there will be a substitute law director at the November Council meeting.

#### STAFF REPORT: FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Evans shared the financial reports for September 2022, including the monthly bank reconciliation, fund summary, and tax receipt report.

**Mr. Voelker moved to approve the September finance reports; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Evans shared that the audit is completed and has been turned into the Auditor of State's office.

Ms. Evans also reported that the Treasury Board had a meeting that included Mayor Cincione, Mr. Jolson, Mr. Ashrawi and herself. The Board gave authorization to transfer \$1,500,000 from the StarOhio savings account into the 5/3 Securities investment account in order to better balance the Village's assets, and to capitalize on the higher interest rates.

Ms. Evans presented **R-2661-22, A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor**, for its second reading.

**Mr. Voelker moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Voelker moved approval of R-2661-22; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Evans introduced Ordinance O-2692-22:

**O-2692-22, An Ordinance to make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of The Village of Marble Cliff, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2023; First Reading**

#### STAFF REPORT: ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Shanahan introduced the proposal from Ahlum & Arbor regarding trimming the pear trees south of First Avenue on Cambridge Blvd. Discussion revolved around whether to trim them in hopes of saving them for another 5-10 years, or removing them and replacing them as a "test" for the rest of Cambridge Blvd. Mr. Jolson suggested that it is time to start testing replacements but that we shouldn't remove trees unnecessarily. Mr. Voelker agreed, and stated that there are areas that need to be filled in where trees have already fallen or been removed, so suggested that those gaps are the place to plant the test trees. Everyone agreed with this idea, and also agreed that trimming the trees south of First Ave. is a separate but necessary project.

Ms. Shanahan reported that OLV has been reserved for the Holiday Party on December 5<sup>th</sup>

from 6-8pm. Santa and a horse-drawn carriage has also been scheduled. Ms. Shanahan will source options for chicken and cookies and will get postcard invitations out at the beginning of November.

Ms. Shanahan reminded Council members that they need to set up their Village email accounts. She will re-send instructions, and also encouraged everyone to sign up for the GH311 app if they haven't already done so.

Housekeeping notes: Tarpy Woods was dragged for ticks and although not harmful to humans, five rabbit ticks were found. Ms. Shanahan will attend the Wildlife Conference on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Pumpkin Run in Grandview is on Saturday.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Taylor reported that there was no Parks and Rec meeting in October and that the next one will be in mid-November.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced an ordinance for its third reading:

**O-2691-22, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with WSA Studio for Professional Design Services for the Village of Marble Cliff; third reading**

**Mr. Jolson moved approval of O-2691-22; Mr. Voelker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

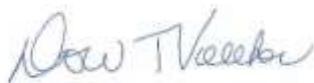
None.

ADJOURN

**Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Hickcox seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.**

Approved by:

Submitted by:



Dow T. Voelker  
Council President



Stephanie A. Evans  
Fiscal Officer