

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

December 19, 2022

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, December 19, 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; Stephanie Evans, Fiscal Officer; and Peggy Shanahan, Assistant Fiscal Officer. No representatives of the press were present. Visitors were present.

Mayor Cincione called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Mr. Jolson arrived at 7:07 pm.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mr. Chris Avondet of Lamar Advertising introduced himself and summarized the permanent sign application. This sign variance permit had previously been approved but was sidetracked due to Covid and a couple other obstacles. The current application is for the same type of sign that was previously approved. Ms. Troiano asked if the sign is similar to other electronic billboards in the area, and Mr. Avondet confirmed that it is. Mr. Voelker commented that it is far enough south of Fifth Ave. that it shouldn't create any issues at that busy intersection.

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the permanent sign installation as outlined in the application; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, November 21, 2022
- 2) Received – Fire Report, November 2022
- 3) Received -- Police Report, November 2022
- 4) Received – Permit Report, November 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.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione commented that the Holiday party was very nice, as was the Tri-Village Chamber's annual Holiday luncheon that he and the staff attended.

The Mayor also shared that there is some discussion taking place regarding possible "profit-sharing" of the tax revenue to be received by the school district for the AEP substation. The discussion is around trying to make the Village whole, given the loss of one building in perpetuity and another one for several years during the construction of the substation. The revenue stream will not start until the year after the project goes online.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ms. Evans shared the 5-year plan provided by Mr. Ford and reviewed some of the larger cost items reflected in the spreadsheet.

Ms. Evans also reported on behalf of Mr. Ford, that if a decision isn't made by the February meeting regarding the improvements/islands for the southern part of Cambridge Boulevard, that project will need to be delayed for another year. Bids need to go out to contractors by March at the latest, in order to get on their calendars and secure the best costs.

Mayor Cincione added that including the Village's architect in the conversation could help inform decisions regarding the block between First and Third Avenues, so it seems fitting to give the islands some more thought.

The Mayor also mentioned that there continues to be work done at Tarp Woods, including additional grass seed and straw at the entrance, and some replanting along the creek bed.

Ms. Sarna asked about sidewalks in need of repair. Mr. Ford will walk the neighborhood in

the spring to determine needs.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi shared a draft of an internal policy regarding the use of Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions. The goal is to achieve more consistency in our proceedings moving forward. There was some discussion about Mayoral authority and legislative responsibilities, and it was resolved that the policy seems appropriate.

STAFF REPORT: FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Ms. Troiano moved to approve the November finance reports; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans also reviewed the adjustments made to the 2023 Appropriations Ordinance, O-2692-22, since its previous reading.

STAFF REPORT: ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Shanahan shared a spreadsheet for the Holiday Party, including guest count, costs, and leftovers, and stated that she has already secured Santa and the carriage for next year. It was also decided that next year, we will wait until after the election to send out the invitations so they don't get mixed in with political campaign advertisements.

Ms. Shanahan asked for feedback regarding other possible community events, and is considering a summer party or possibly a farmer's market.

Ms. Shanahan is also working to get all of the Mayor's Court cases transferred to Franklin County Municipal Court by the end of the year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Voelker moved to go into Executive Session to consider the compensation of public employees. Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed and Council went into Executive Session at 8:03 pm.

Ms. Taylor moved to leave Executive Session; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed and Council reconvened in regular session at 8:15 pm.

Mr. Voelker moved to amend the Agenda to add an ordinance regarding staff salaries, Ordinance O-2695-22. Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor skipped to New Business on the Agenda.

Ms. Troiano moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Hickcox seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve O-2695-22, an Ordinance Authorizing the Salaries of the Fiscal Officer and Assistant Fiscal Officer for the Fiscal Year 2023. Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor returned to the original sequence of the Agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Taylor shared that the next Parks and Recreation meeting will be in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione reviewed an ordinance for its third reading:

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; Third Reading

Mr. Voelker moved approval of O-2692-22; Ms. Sarna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cincione introduced an ordinance for its second reading:

O-2694-22, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Enter into a Contract for Professional Legal Services with Frost Brown Todd, LLC for a One-Year Period from February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024; Second Reading

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the January meeting, the organization of Council, and the 2023 calendar.

Mr. Voelker moved that the January 2023 Council meeting be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7pm at Village Hall. Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Hickcox seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer