

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

March 20, 2023

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023 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 (via Zoom); 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 7:00 pm.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Ms. Marcia Thomas applied for a side-yard setback variance to allow for relocating a generator from its current position on her property at 1461 Cambridge Blvd. to another location in order to accommodate a patio construction project. Mr. Ashrawi reviewed the variance application process, reminded Council of the requirements, and swore in Ms. Thomas and Mr. Bill Nicholson prior to their testimony regarding the variance request. Ms. Thomas explained the need for relocating the generator and provided details about the new location. Mr. Voelker asked about plants surrounding the generator; Ms. Thomas said she will keep the existing plants and may add more. Mr. Jolson asked about additional screening; Mr. Nicholson replied that the current plan is to repurpose the existing screen so that it may be used for growing vines.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve the side-yard setback variance request for 1461 Cambridge Boulevard; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rob Joseph applied for a demolition permit for the garage located on his property at 1460 Cambridge Blvd. so that he may build a new garage in its place. Mr. Ashrawi reviewed the requirements surrounding demolition permits. Mr. Voelker added that because the building is not historical, hasn't deteriorated beyond use, and still has practical use, it is a discretionary decision for Council. Mr. Joseph added that he has spoken with his neighbors and there has been no negative feedback.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the demolition permit for the garage at 1460 Cambridge Boulevard; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cincione shared that Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Evans approached he and Mr. Ashrawi about a meeting to discuss the lot split application for their property at 2041 W. Third Ave., and that this meeting had occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have decided to pass on this evening's meeting, however, and may perhaps be back in April.

As one visitor, Mr. Bill McDevitt, was preparing to leave, Mayor Cincione asked him about the broken fence at the end of Cardigan Ave. Mr. McDevitt said it happened in January during a snow storm. Staff will look at options for replacing it, and work with Mr. Ford to ensure that the Village will be able to access the drains that are beyond the fence.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, February 21, 2023
- 2) Received – Fire Report, February 2023
- 3) Received -- Police Report, February 2023
- 4) Received – Permit Report, February 2023

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.

Before moving on in the agenda, Mr. Voelker shared comments regarding the approval of temporary signs and his concerns over the generic signs with no dates, particularly at First Community Church. Mr. Voelker stated that temporary signs should be used to promote

specific events, and not so general as to advertise the church itself. He asked that we be more particular when reviewing temporary signs, and be vigilant so that temporary signs do not become permanent.

Mr. Jolson asked about how the Village can further support Rapid 5; the Mayor shared that there are more meetings scheduled and that discussion over the railway continues to move forward. He and Village staff are part of these discussions. Ms. Troiano added that there is a news article regarding Rapid 5 and its potential developments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor thanked Council members for taking time to meet individually with him, and shared that he would like to make these meetings an annual occurrence.

Mayor Cincione also suggested a Special Meeting of Council so that members can participate in a community assessment exercise facilitated by WSA. It was agreed that the Special Meeting will take place on Monday, April 27th at 7pm at Village Hall; public notice will be given prior to the meeting.

The Mayor shared that Village staff is planning a Fountain Opening event for sometime in April. The community will be invited and encouraged to join in the celebration of Spring. More details to come.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford participated in the meeting remotely. He shared that AEP has been working on the sewer rehab at the substation site, and that the plans for Cambridge Blvd. from Third to Fifth Aves. are coming along. He also explained how the ROW fees are calculated, and said that he and Ms. Shanahan will be walking the neighborhood soon to assess the sidewalks.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

STAFF REPORT: FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Evans shared the financial reports for February 2023, including the monthly bank reconciliation, fund summary, and tax receipt report.

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

STAFF REPORT: ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Shanahan shared that she is organizing a community party to celebrate the opening of the fountain on the Cambridge island and is also considering a community gathering around Memorial Day weekend. Ms. Sarna suggested a float for the Memorial Day parade. The return of the summer picnic was also discussed, with a potential mid-September date.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Troiano announced that there are two Falco Scholarship applications being reviewed at the March 31st committee meeting. Mayor Cincione reminded everyone that Council and community members may donate to the scholarship fund. It was also suggested that we encourage gifts to the scholarship fund at the Holiday Party and on the Village website, and send an eblast in the fall to remind community members of their opportunity to make gifts to the fund.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor reminded Council that a review of the zoning code is necessary, particularly as it relates to short-term rentals in the residential area of Marble Cliff. Mr. Voelker summarized the existing code and said he would talk with Mr. Ashrawi and then meet with Ms. Sarna to come up with suggestions for Council to consider. Mr. Jolson mentioned a

letter he received from the auditor regarding rental units; no other Council members received the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor brought forth two ordinances for their first reading:

O-2696-23, 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. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Voelker moved approval of O-2696-23; Ms. Hickcox seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

O-2697-23, An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Marble Cliff, Ohio

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

Mr. Jolson moved approval of O-2697-23, removing Section 3 as it pertains to emergency legislation; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor brought forth a resolution for its first reading:

R-2662-23, A Resolution to Declare Rail Safety Improvements a Priority, to Support the National League of Cities and its Rail Safety Recommendations to the United States Congress, and to Support the Rail Safety Act of 2023

Mr. Voelker moved to adopt Resolution R-2662-23; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer