

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

July 17, 2023

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, July 17, 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: 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. Visitors were present.

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

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mr. Russell Marzette introduced himself and stated his request for a temporary sign permit in order to continue displaying his Pelotonia sign in his yard until August 24, 2023.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve the temporary sign variance; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously to allow Mr. Marzette to continue displaying his sign until August 24, 2023.

Before Mr. Marzette left, he distributed a letter addressed to Council that outlines suggestions for updates to the permit ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, June 20, 2023
- 2) Received – Fire Report, June 2023
- 3) Received -- Police Report, June 2023
- 4) Received – Permit Report, June 2023
- 5) Received – Thank you note from scholarship recipient

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione shared that Council members Sarna and Jolson have been participating in discussions with the landscaping design firm surrounding the reimagining of Cambridge Boulevard. Ms. Sarna shared that they are tweaking plans for the public meeting on August 24, 2023 and Mr. Jolson added that the plans are being presented in a way that community members are able to pick their favorite parts of each plan. Both Ms. Sarna and Mr. Jolson commented that the process has been great and they were very impressed with the options. There was some discussion about potential costs and how they will play into the decision-making process. Ms. Troiano asked about the possibility of grants to address improving safety or other aspects of the street. Mr. Ford reminded Council that the Village will still apply for the OPWC grants and should do what we can to maximize our chances of receiving one. Mayor Cincione stated that he appreciates Council thinking big and considering the long-term benefits for the community.

Mayor Cincione also shared that the Village will post an RFQ for an Economic Development Consultant and that we will have the results at the next Council meeting.

The Mayor also talked about ways to share talking points regarding the AEP property taxes that will be going to the schools.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported that the Packard development plans were reviewed and that a couple minor stormwater issues were found but resolved. He also shared that he is seeking sidewalk quotes, leaving Cambridge Blvd. off the list for now, until decisions are made about possible improvements.

Mr. Voelker asked to move Ordinance O-2705-23 up on the agenda to have the discussion while Mr. Ford is still present for the meeting.

Ms. Evans presented O-2705-23, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Burgess & Niple for Professional Geospatial Information System (GIS) Development and Implementation Services for the Village of Marble Cliff; First Reading

Mr. Ford reviewed the highlights and benefits of a GIS program for the Village and demonstrated how one works. The proposed plan is a 3-year phase-in. The Village would hold the license but Burgess & Niple would be the administrator. Staff training is included.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi shared that his firm has done a lot of research regarding temporary signs and that if Council would like to pursue changes, he can help inform that discussion. Ms. Troiano asked about the temporary sign at First Community Church. The Mayor stated that he made the decision to approve the sign, even though they did not go through the proper channels to install the structure holding it, and hopes to keep them engaged in the conversations surrounding improvements to Cambridge Blvd.

Mr. Ashrawi also pointed out that our meeting schedule is in the codified ordinances and may need to be updated to acknowledge moving Council meetings to Tuesdays when Monday meetings fall on holidays.

STAFF REPORT: FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the June finance report; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans presented O-2701-23, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute an Agreement to Renew the Policy with Ohio Government Risk Management Plan for Property, Liability, Wrongful Acts, Automobile, Bond, Crime, Inland Marine and Electronic Data Processing Insurance; Third Reading

Ms. Evans shared that the Village's vacant property and the solar panels on Village Hall have been added to the policy and that the updated premium is \$53 more as a result. The total premium is \$7024.00.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve O-2701-23; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans presented O-2702-23, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance O-2692-22, The 2023 Appropriations Ordinance, to include additional Appropriations for the Special Assessment Debt Service PACE Fund in the amount of \$25,002.45; Third Reading

Mr. Voelker moved to approve O-2702-23; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans presented O-2704-23, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a 3-Year Agreement with Environmental Management, Inc. for Seasonal Leaf Collection in the Village of Marble Cliff; First Reading

Ms. Evans also reminded Council that electric bills will be higher for a couple of months until the aggregation kicks in.

STAFF REPORT: ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Shanahan reported that the band concert is on Sunday, August 13th at 7pm and that consideration is being given to hosting the community potluck picnic on the same day, prior to the concert. After some discussion, it was decided to move forward with that plan, noting that the band will need to arrive early to set up. Ms. Shanahan will mail postcards to residents with a calendar of events and information about how to sign up for the Grandview 311 system.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Voelker reported that Council interviewed three residents to fill the vacancy on Council, and that he would like to nominate Ms. Marcia Thomas to fulfill the remainder of Ms. Hickcox's term, ending December 31, 2023. He went on to say that Ms. Thomas has been very engaged in the community and with Council through various committees over the years and believes that she is ready to serve.

Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Voelker thanked the candidates for their interest, including the one present, and said he would call Ms. Thomas and the other candidate this evening. Mr. Jolson added that it is very encouraging to have three interested candidates.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Voelker shared that Mr. Ashrawi has provided information regarding short term rentals and zoning codes to help inform the discussion that he and Ms. Sarna will have before reporting back to Council with suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced O-2706-23, An Ordinance amending Section 90.01 (Animals Running At Large) of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Marble Cliff, Ohio; First Reading

There was some discussion about posting signs about leashing dogs, particularly at Tarpay Woods but nothing was moved forward. There was also some discussion about fallen trees in Tarpay Woods; Ms. Shanahan will follow up with Ahlum & Arbor for guidance.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer