

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

November 20, 2023

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, November 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 Members: President, Dow T. Voelker; Matthew R. Jolson, Bridget B. Sarna, Joanne C. Taylor, Kendy A. Troiano, and Marcia A. Thomas; 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.

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

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, October 16, 2023
- 2) Received – Fire Report, October 2023
- 3) Received -- Police Report, October 2023
- 4) Received – Permit Report, October 2023
- 5) Received – Community Architectural Guidelines, Final

Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need pulled out for discussion. There were a couple of suggestions made for the Architectural Guidelines; Ms. Evans will follow up on those. No other items were pulled out for discussion.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported that he and staff had a meeting with representatives from Ahlum & Arbor to discuss the FDA grant and garner some ideas for using it. Feedback included comments regarding the conceptual plans for Cambridge Blvd., and that moving the sidewalks could be beneficial for the trees as it would give their roots more room to grow and make them healthier. They also suggested that the Village may not need as many trees as are proposed in the plan but that can be figured out later.

Mayor Cincione also congratulated council members on their re-election, and shared that he and staff will be hosting the police and fire chiefs for lunch later in the week.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported that he has been working with the developers at the Packard and that water lines are being installed and all is going well with the construction.

Mr. Ford also reported that he has been reviewing the conceptual plans for the Cambridge Blvd. improvements and has a few items to consider changing; specifically, altering the new island near W. Fifth Ave. so that it is shorter or becomes two islands to allow residents in that area to enter and exit their driveways safely, and eliminating the bump-outs around the existing island because of the potential drainage issue they would cause. Mr. Ford added that the most effective way to impact speed is vertical components, and that bump-outs serve that well. They should be impactful on the more southern part of Cambridge Blvd. He has forwarded his suggestions to Realm so they can revise the plans to accommodate these changes. The goal is to have a plan to submit for funding by May.

Mr. Ford left at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi shared that there will be a new ordinance coming in December to make minor changes to the municipal tax code as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

STAFF REPORT: FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the October finance report; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans introduced O-2708-23, 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance, 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, 2024; Second Reading

Ms. Evans reviewed the proposed amendments to the existing contract that the Village has with Franklin County Board of Commissioners regarding Prisoner Housing. The Board of Commissioners has proposed an amendment to specifically address the cost of transportation.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the proposed amendment; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans discussed the possibility of using digital files for financial recordkeeping, specifically those that are currently printed via the UAN accounting software, starting in the fiscal year 2024 and asked for feedback from Council. The auditor has indicated that he would prefer digital format, but that Council should be included in the discussion.

Mr. Voelker moved that the Fiscal Officer be permitted to digitally store the UAN files for routine financial recordkeeping; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans reported that she and Ms. Shanahan had recently attended a records retention training hosted by the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association and that it was very beneficial.

Ms. Evans asked about the possibility of updating the Village logo and seeking brand standards for more consistency. Council asked for a proposal and costs.

Ms. Evans reminded the Mayor and Council members of the importance of using their Village email accounts and asked everyone to set up their accounts by the first of the year. Ms. Shanahan will send a reminder with instructions.

STAFF REPORT: ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Shanahan reported that plans for the Holiday Party are well underway. The postcards are ordered, carriages rides are secured, poinsettias are ordered, and Santa will be there. Council members volunteered to help in various roles.

Ms. Shanahan also reported that she had recently attended the Ohio Wildlife conference hosted by ODNR and the Ohio Extension Office. Ideas were shared regarding wildlife management, sustainable gardens, potted plants, trees, etc.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Taylor shared that she recently attended a meeting of the Tri-Village Packers, which is a collaboration project designed to pack lunches for kids in Grandview, Marble Cliff and Upper Arlington who receive free or reduced-fee lunches, accounting for 6% of the school-aged kids. The group packed 5 days of breakfasts and lunches for these kids to provide meals over break. Ms. Taylor volunteered to represent Marble Cliff and work with the group moving forward.

Mr. Jolson shared that he recently attended a Grandview Council meeting where they talked about Section 8 housing. He stated that it is a contentious topic and that their ordinance was in its second reading. He'd like to track what Grandview is doing but do more research

and revisit it through a Marble Cliff lens. Ms. Shanahan added that she reached out to the management of Roxbury Arms to get their feedback: they currently accept vouchers, but are not in favor of making it law. Ms. Sarna spoke about the panic and fear that people feel and would like to better understand it.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Voelker reported that he and Ms. Sarna plan to meet soon to discuss zoning, and will report back to Council following their meeting.

Flavored Tobacco – Ms. Shanahan shared an update from the conversation she had with the manager of the Certified station on Dublin Rd. They stated that they are not in favor of banning flavored tobacco because these types of sales are a big part of their business, and that Sheetz has already hurt their business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced two new ordinances for their First Reading:

O-2709-23, 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, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

O-2710-23, An Ordinance amending Section 134.12 (Permitting Noxious Weeds Grass in Excess of Eight Inches in Height to Grow) of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Marble Cliff, Ohio.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor 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