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

# 1600 Fernwood Ave.

# November 18, 2024

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024, 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; Yazan Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Josh Ford and Caleb Zmith, Village Engineers; 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 7:00 pm.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS None.

# CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, October 21, 2024
- 2) Received Fire Report, October 2024
- 3) Received -- Police Report, October 2024
- 4) Received Permit Report, October 2024
- 5) Received Scholarship Thank-you note

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; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione shared that residents are starting to move into the Packard development and their work to finish up the rest of the units is moving along. The Mayor also reported that there are no updates on the rail acquisition yet, but he is hoping to hear more soon since the passage of the COTA levy. He also participated in a meeting with AEP, and it appears that the timeline is the same as last reported, and work will pick up again in the Spring, 2025.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported that he is working on the water model, Cambridge Boulevard plans, and GIS development.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Zmith left the meeting at this time.

# SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

## STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Evans presented the financial reports for October 2024, including the bank reconciliations and income tax receipts.

# Mr. Jolson moved to approve the financial reports for October 2024; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans shared that the audit report is completed and has been submitted to the Auditor of State and was included in the Council packet.

Ms. Evans also reported that she attended a meeting in Upper Arlington to discuss sharing the cost of a new tornado emergency siren in Upper Arlington that would serve both communities. This meeting included the UA Fire Chief, a member of their finance department, and representatives from the Franklin County Emergency Management department. Ms. Evans stated that UA is proposing that they purchase and install the siren and then bill Marble Cliff for approximately 25% of that cost. The cost of a new one is approximately \$65,000. In addition, Marble Cliff would no longer have to pay the

annual maintenance fee of approximately \$2700. This new siren would belong to Upper Arlington, and is replacing the one they already have, but would be positioned so that it would serve Marble Cliff as well. Upper Arlington is looking for general feedback; if Marble Cliff Council is interested in pursuing this option, they will draft an agreement for Council to consider. Council agreed that they'd be interested in pursuing this; Ms. Evans will follow up with Upper Arlington.

Ms. Evans reviewed O-2721-24, 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, 2025, for its second reading and provided insight into specific expenditures included in the budget.

Ms. Shanahan reported that a building inspection took place at Village Hall and some issues were identified that need to be addressed in the coming year. Roof leaks and regrading around the building, as well as redirecting some of the irrigation, are items that top the list.

Ms. Shanahan also shared that plans are set for the Holiday Party and invitations have been mailed.

Ms. Shanahan reported that she now has two quotes for installing the water bottle filling station, and that they were included in the Council packet for review. Council would like to see an Ordinance at the December meeting.

Ms. Shanahan also shared that she will be leading the local effort to engage in the America 250 (Ohio) celebration. She met with a Marble Cliff resident who is part of the statewide team for the celebration, Grandview's mayor, and has also reached out to the schools and library for collaboration. She also asked for Council's feedback regarding the outdoor showing of a movie at Falco Park. Council would like more information about the movie; Ms. Shanahan will follow up.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS None.

## OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Overlay District – Mr. Voelker reported that the committee has not yet met but will soon.

The Mayor presented three ordinances for their second reading:

O-2723-24, Approval and granting consent to the Director of The Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to, Apply, Maintain and Repair Standard Longitudinal Pavement Markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways inside Village Corporate Limits, and

Giving Consent of The Village for The Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Snow and Ice and use Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways inside The Village Corporate Limits, and

Giving Consent of The Village for The Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Maintenance and/or Repair on State Highways inside The Village Corporation

O-2722-24, An Ordinance Authorizing the Salaries of the Fiscal Officer and Assistant Fiscal Officer for the Fiscal Year 2025

O-2725-24, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an Agreement for Professional Tree Maintenance with Ahlum & Arbor for a three-year period, January 2025 through December 2027, as outlined in the Ahlum & Arbor Proposals dated October 21, 2024

Mr. Voelker asked for the language in Section 1 of O-2725-24 to be revised to reflect the title of the ordinance more fully.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

O-2726-24, 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, 2025, through January 31, 2026; First Reading

Mayor Cincione shared that a resident approached him about updating Village laws regarding homelessness and camping, particularly after the recent Supreme Court ruling on a case out of Oregon. The Mayor reviewed the current laws as they pertain to the parks and park hours, which prohibit overnight camping. Mr. Ashrawi confirmed that communities in the Central Ohio area are not currently acting on this issue. Council did not feel that this is currently a concern for the Village.

### **ADJOURN**

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Approved by:

Dow Week

Dow T. Voelker **Council President** 

Submitted by:

Stephanie A. Evans

**Fiscal Officer**