

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

April 21, 2025

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm. in Village Hall, 1600 Fernwood Ave., in the Village of Marble Cliff. Those in attendance were Mayor, Matthew P. Cincione; Council Members: President, Dow T. Voelker; Matthew R. Jolson, Bridget B. Sarna, Joanne C. Taylor, Marcia A. Thomas, and Kendy A. Troiano; Joe Batchelor on behalf of Yazan Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Caleb Zmith, 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

1538 Arlington Ave. – Mr. Batchelor swore in Mr. Paul Giorgianni and Ms. Julia White for their testimony. Mr. Giorgianni and Ms. White presented their plans for an outdoor kitchen and privacy fence and answered questions from Council members. Ms. Shanahan confirmed that neighbors have been notified and no calls have been received about it.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve the variance for 1538 Arlington Ave. to build an outdoor kitchen with a backsplash that will serve as a privacy fence; Mr. Voelker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Plas of 1968 Village Court addressed Council to share his concerns about dogs off leash in Tarpy Woods. Mr. Plas stated that as a result of this practice, it is hard to take children into the park, and he is requesting action by Council to address it. He presented a document signed by neighbors near the park in support of this request and suggested posting signs at the entrance to the park. Ms. Taylor shared her experiences with dogs off leash, and Ms. Troiano acknowledged the problem and suggested that Council consider its options. Mr. Voelker suggested taking immediate action and it was decided to move forward with signage. Staff will do some research on possible wording and order the signs.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, March 17, 20252) Received – Fire Report, March 20253) Received -- Police Report, March 20254) Received – Permit Report, March 2025 |
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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.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported that discussions continue regarding the sale of 1600 Dublin Road, and that the owners have requested information about a lot split. He is anticipating the application for the May agenda. Mr. Voelker asked about possible variance needs, and stated that if any are needed, they should be requested at the same time. Mr. Zmith suggested that the owners talk with the Grandview Building Department to ensure the owners are aware of everything they need, including possible easements. Ms. Shanahan will review and follow up with the owners as needed.

The Mayor also shared that he and Village staff met with the Burgess & Niple and Realm teams to learn more about the status of the Cambridge Blvd. improvement plan. He stated that the concept that was previously approved has not changed; finishing options were discussed, along with possible trees. The process is moving toward 60% completion and closer to a cost estimate.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Zmith added to the discussion about Cambridge Blvd., stating that the team is aiming for a late May/early June cost estimate.

Mr. Zmith reported that the water model is complete and they will tackle the easiest and least costly items first. The new hydrants the Village has ordered will help determine if the pipes will hold with upgrades. He also shared that the GIS program is available internally, and that the Roxbury Rd. and Fernwood Ave. catch basins are being repaired in the coming week.

Mr. Zmith left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Evans presented the financial reports for March 2025, including the bank reconciliations and income tax receipts.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the financial reports for March 2025; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans shared that the tariff is back in place on the EV chargers and that the rate is lower as a result. Usage has increased over the last two years, however, so the overall cost is higher, but with the new tariff in place, the cost is much more in balance with the revenue.

Ms. Evans also reported that the Village has locked in its new rate for aggregation but the new standard service office has not yet been determined so there is no basis for comparison yet. It is expected that rates will increase across the board, though, and SOPEC feels good about the rate they were able to secure for the Village. SOPEC provided additional data to show that the Marble Cliff total aggregation program savings to date is \$100,544 and that current enrollment is 291 accounts (248 residential and 43 small business).

Ms. Evans introduced three ordinances for their first reading:

O-2729-25, An Ordinance adopting a Budget for the year 2026 for the Village of Marble Cliff

O-2730-25, 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

O-2731-25, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement With Johnson Controls for the purchase and installation of professional security system upgrades, and the maintenance and monitoring services for the Village of Marble Cliff for a period of three years, with annual renewals thereafter

Mr. Voelker moved to suspend the rules; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve O-2731-25 as an emergency; Ms. Taylor seconded. Roll Call vote: Mr. Voelker – yes; Mr. Jolson – yes; Ms. Sarna – yes; Ms. Taylor – yes; Ms. Thomas – yes; Ms. Troiano - yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Shanahan gave an update on the upcoming spring events, and shared that the Fountain Opening Party is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 8, and invited Council members to attend. For the Memorial Day Parade, Ms. Shanahan reported that she has had no luck so far in lining up a coffee truck but is still working on it.

Ms. Shanahan also shared information from the Franklin Soil and Water Backyard Conservation program and discussion took place regarding the potential for Village participation.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Jolson shared that SOPEC needs a designee for their Assembly; he offered to do it again.

Mr. Voelker shared that ESID has added a virtual attendance option.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Overlay District – no report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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