

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

December 15, 2025

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, December 15, 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, Kendy A. Troiano, and Marcia A. Thomas; Anthony Severyn on behalf of Yazan Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; 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

1423 Cambridge Blvd. Fence Variance Application – Mr. Severyn swore in Mr. Jordan Renda for his testimony regarding his variance application, and Ms. Margaret Kukura, a visitor wishing to speak regarding the variance application. Mr. Renda introduced himself and described the fence project in his application. He is asking to extend an already existing fence so that it will enclose his entire yard and contain his dog. Ms. Shanahan stated that only Ms. Kukura had called the office regarding this application, and that she had asked for more information about the fence. The application and pictures were sent to her. Ms. Kukura spoke regarding her neighboring property and asked Mr. Renda to consider an alternative style of fence so that sunlight will still reach the area of her yard that is adjacent to the fence. Ms. Troiano stated that the variance is for the height of the fence and that Council doesn't weigh in on the material of the fence.

**Ms. Troiano moved to approve the fence variance application for 1423 Cambridge Blvd.; Ms. Sarna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, November 17, 2025
- 2) Received – Fire Report, November 2025
- 3) Received -- Police Report, November 2025
- 4) Received – Permit Report, November 2025

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

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione stated that the wall at the AEP substation is moving along well. He also shared that he spoke to Mr. Bob Meyers about his property at 1600 Dublin Rd., and while Mr. Meyers has ideas he is considering, nothing is firm yet. Ms. Thomas asked about the railroad crossing lights being covered, and although Mr. Cincione has no knowledge about the lights, he did share that part of the railroad tracks have been removed north of Marble Cliff, and that maybe it is another sign that the rail is shutting down.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Zmith shared that the Village is slated to receive \$4.2M in funding from OPWC for the Cambridge Boulevard improvement project. The Village had requested \$5M but because the Village application was the last to be approved, only \$4.2M was left. The Village will receive a \$400,000 grant and a \$3.8M loan, although it is possible that the other \$800,000 will become available in June. Bidding for the project is now open until January 14, 2026.

Mr. Zmith stated that sidewalk repairs are slated for spring, and that three new hydrants have been delivered for storage until being installed in the spring. He also shared that given the experience that another village has had with its sewer agreement with the City of Columbus, Council may want to take another look at it before signing it.

Before Mr. Zmith left, he and Ms. Evans shared the thought process they used in finalizing the appropriations budget, and how the Cambridge Boulevard improvements and other projects fit into it. Mr. Zmith answered questions about it then left the meeting.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

### STAFF REPORTS

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

**Mr. Jolson moved to approve the financial reports for November, 2025; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Evans presented the meeting schedule for 2026, observing holidays that fall on Mondays and adjusting the calendar as necessary to the following Tuesdays.

**Ms. Troiano moved to approve the 2026 meeting schedule; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Evans reminded Council members that starting in January, a new representative to the SOPEC council will be needed.

Ms. Shanahan gave a wrap-up report on the holiday party and shared that the website is live for purchasing Village of Marble Cliff branded clothing and accessories.

Ms. Shanahan also stated that the leaf pick-up was canceled this week due to weather and is tentatively scheduled for next week. A notice has been sent to the community.

Ms. Shanahan also reported that there has been trouble with the lights on the large evergreen tree on the Arlington Avenue island, and that both the tree contractor and the electrical contractor have been there multiple times, but that several residents have also been tampering with the lights so it has been hard to pinpoint the problem. Residents have been cautioned about the potential risks of touching the electrical fixtures in the street light but have not stopped doing it.

### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Taylor shared that she is helping the Tri-Village Packers again this year and invited others to join. They will be packing snacks and meals for kids to have at home during their school break.

Mr. Jolson stated that he was unable to attend the last SOPEC meeting but that he submitted a proxy. Nothing on the agenda impacted the Village.

Mr. Voelker stated that there also was nothing affecting the Village at the most recent ESID meeting. Mr. Voelker and Mr. Jolson shared that both ESID and SOPEC now allow remote attendance as long as the is camera on.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Ms. Troiano moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing compensation for the Fiscal Officer and Assistant Fiscal Officer; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed by roll call: Mr. Voelker – yes; Mr. Jolson – yes; Ms. Sarna – yes; Ms. Taylor – yes; Ms. Troiano – yes; Ms. Thomas – yes. Council moved into Executive Session at 7:50pm.**

**Mr. Jolson moved to exit Executive Session; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously and Council returned to its regular meeting at 8:04pm.**

### OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione reviewed R-2674-25, A Resolution declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of the Village of Marble Cliff on behalf of the State of Ohio (the borrower) to reimburse its Cambridge Boulevard Improvements Fund for the Cambridge Boulevard Improvements Project (OPWC Project Number C\_\_) with the proceeds of tax-exempt debt of the State of Ohio, for its fourth reading.

Mayor Cincione introduced O-2735-25, 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, 2026, for its third reading.

**Ms. Troiano moved to approve O-2735-25 for the 2026 Appropriations; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Cincione introduced O-2736-25, An Ordinance authorizing the Salaries of the Fiscal Officer and Assistant Fiscal Officer for the Fiscal Year 2026, for its third reading.

**Ms. Troiano moved to approve a 3.5% increase for both the Fiscal Officer and Assistant Fiscal Officer, and in so doing, approve O-2736-25 regarding 2026 salaries for staff members; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

O-2737-25, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement with the City of Columbus, for its third reading.

Mayor Cincione presented O-2738-25, 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, 2026 through January 31, 2027, for its second reading.

Mayor Cincione presented O-2739-25, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a 3-Year Agreement with Environmental Management, Inc. for Landscape Maintenance and Seasonal Leaf Collection in the Village of Marble Cliff, for its second reading.

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

**Ms. Troiano moved to approve O-2739-25, for a Landscape Maintenance Agreement; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione took a few minutes to recognize Ms. Troiano and Mr. Jolson for their service to the Village as this is their last meeting as Council Members. The Mayor presented them with letters of recognition and cards of thanks.

#### ADJOURN

**Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.**

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker  
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans  
Fiscal Officer