

# The Special Meeting of the Council of The Village of Marble Cliff

1600 Fernwood Ave.

February 9, 2026

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held a special meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026, 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; Bridget B. Sarna, Joanne C. Taylor, Marcia A. Thomas, Matthew E. Turner, and Laura J. Youssef; 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.

Mayor Cincione summarized the status of the project and the funding for it. Mr. Zmith shared that the Village's OPWC application and proposed funding was reviewed at the state level, and having done so, he feels more confident that the funding will come through as expected. He pointed out, however, that landscaping cannot be paid with OPWC funding. Also, if more funds do become available to fulfill the Village's total request, additional paperwork may need to be submitted.

Given this foundation, Mayor Cincione presented the following resolution and ordinances:

**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 ID Number 40-V-02) with the proceeds of tax- exempt debt of the State of Ohio; Sixth Reading

Mr. Voelker asked about the amount that is stated in the resolution; Mr. Zmith confirmed that it references the maximum amount of the loan (\$4.5M), leaving room for the additional funding should it become available.

**O-2740-26**, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for professional engineering services for the Cambridge Boulevard Improvements Project for the Village of Marble Cliff; Second Reading

Mr. Turner asked for clarification about the services included in this agreement. Mr. Zmith stated that it includes engineering needs, project management, managing resident interactions, and maintaining the relationship with REALM to oversee Strawser and EMI throughout the project.

Discussion continued with regard to resident communication and methods for managing it. Mr. Zmith intends to create a website that has up-to-date information, project status, and contact information for specific questions. This website would be linked to the Village website for quick access. Additional ideas were suggested, including a community meeting prior to the start of the project and weekly emails. Mr. Zmith and staff will continue to develop this communication plan.

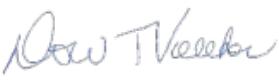
**O-2741-26**, An ordinance accepting a bid for the Cambridge Boulevard Improvements Project, waiving any bid irregularities, and Declaring it an Emergency; Second Reading

Mayor Cincione confirmed for the visitors that this project is being planned to start this calendar year should Council approve the legislation.

## ADJOURN

**Mr. Voelker moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.**

Approved by:

  
Dow T. Voelker  
Council President

Submitted by:

  
Stephanie A. Evans  
Fiscal Officer