

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

September 21, 2026

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, September 21, 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 Youssef; Anthony Severyn on behalf 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. 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 of August 17, 2026
 - 2) Received – Fire Report, August 2026
 - 3) Received -- Police Report, August 2026
 - 4) Received – Permit Report, August 2026
 - 5) Received – Thank you note

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione thanked Ms. Shanahan and Council members for organizing and attending the Marble Cliff Homecoming Celebration. He also thanked everyone once again for their patience as the Cambridge Boulevard project moves along.

The Mayor also shared that AEP expects to have the monument sign installed and landscaping completed by the end of the year, noting that some plantings may have to wait until Spring. They are still working on the easement in collaboration with Mr. Ashrawi and Mr. Zmith.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Zmith reported that work on Cambridge Blvd. is progressing, with curbs, electrical, storm sewer work, and water transfers all still ongoing. Ms. Thomas asked why the sidewalks have not been completed; Mr. Zmith stated that the water connections have to be completed before the sidewalks can be fully finished. There was some discussion about next steps and how long it will take for the roads to cure. Mr. Zmith stated that Cambridge Blvd. could be closed to traffic for up to two weeks because of the multiple surface layers that need to be installed. CCTV imaging was completed on the sanitary laterals on Cambridge Blvd. A few small defects were discovered and will be repaired.

Mr. Zmith also reported that the electrical upgrade on the booster station is completed. The Columbus Water Department found a deteriorating gasket during their inspection and replaced it at that time. These two things combined should help with the water pressure in the Village, and once the water line is complete and all transfers have been made, it should improve further.

Mr. Zmith left at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Evans presented the financial reports for August, 2026, including the bank reconciliations and income tax receipts.

Ms. Youssef moved to approve the financial reports for August, 2026; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans shared information regarding insurance for cybercrimes, and the additional cost to increase the Village's coverage. After some discussion on this topic, Ms. Evans will do some further research and report back to Council.

Ms. Evans also reported that plans for the purchase of the railroad for the extension of the Heritage Trail are moving forward. In a meeting with representatives from the Franklin County Engineer's office and MORPC, details of the purchase cost and process were presented. The Village is being asked to include its share of the purchase price in its 2027 appropriations, with the expectation that the closing on the purchase of the railroad will take place in the first or second quarter of the year. Through an inter-governmental agreement, the Engineer's office will make the purchase on behalf of all the participating jurisdictions, and as a result of the levy that was passed to support COTA and LinkUS, the jurisdictions will be repaid over the course of five years. Columbus Metro Parks will construct, maintain, and police the trail.

Ms. Shanahan thanked everyone who attended and helped with the Marble Cliff Homecoming on September 20th in Falco Park. She shared that attendance was lower than hoped but that those in attendance enjoyed it. There was discussion about how best to communicate with residents for something like this, but also in general. Ms. Taylor suggested a door-to-door campaign to ask residents how best to reach them, suggesting that Council members be assigned routes to secure this information, and that obtaining email addresses would help save paper and reduce postage costs. Phone calls or mailing letters could be other options for reaching all residents. Ms. Shanahan will work on this, and will have an email sign-up at the holiday party.

Ms. Shanahan also brought to Council a question regarding the 100 Year House signs that are provided by the Grandview/Marble Cliff Historical Society. Village code prohibits temporary signs to be placed in yards without a permit, and approved permits allow signs for up to 60 days. If Council would like to allow these special 100 Year signs to be placed for longer than 60 days, an action is needed. After some discussion, it was agreed that these commemorative signs should be allowed to be displayed longer than 60 days.

Mr. Voelker moved to allow the official Historical Society 100 Year Home signs to be displayed for the duration of their 100th year; Ms. Sarna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shanahan brought to Council's attention that the park signs in Falco Park are not clear as to whether dogs are allowed in the park. One says "No dogs allowed on the playground" while the other one does not reference dogs. There was discussion about if and/or where dogs are permitted in the park, and ultimately it was decided to leave the signs as they are – no dogs on the playground, but allowed on leash in the rest of the park, as in Tarpy Woods.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

O-2745-26, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Marble Cliff, Ohio, by Removing Chapter 156 (Certification of Local Government); Second Reading

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

Mr. Voelker moved to approve O-2745-26, to Amend the Code of Ordinances by removing Chapter 156, the Certification of Local Government; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

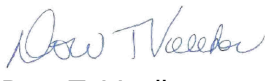
NEW BUSINESS

O-2746-26, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a 3-year Agreement with Environmental Management, Inc. for Annual Maintenance and Seasonal Leaf Collection in the Village of Marble Cliff; First Reading

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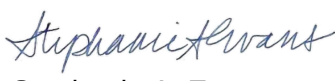
Ms. Sarna moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer