

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
NOVEMBER 13, 2013
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

November 13, 2013

Mr. Contipelli called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Renato Contipelli, Marilyn Duszynski, Ralph Faragone, Cheryl Harris. Also present were Building Commissioner Norm Casini, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

ROLL CALL: Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris

MINUTES:

Mr. Contipelli asked Law Director Greenberg why we are now keeping minutes of Caucus. Mr. Greenberg explained that although we were satisfying the requirements of a public meeting, it is certainly cleaner and a better practice to go ahead and keep minutes. Although we keep tapes of the meetings, it is a better practice to keep minutes. The Mayor stated that it will make us a little more transparent and will bring a little more order to the meeting. Mr. Unger explained that a little more order to the meetings would be appreciated because it is very hard to hear what is being said on the recording when everyone is talking at once. After a brief discussion and explanation of the minutes pertaining to the SAFER Grant, it was agreed by everyone to make the meetings more orderly.

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Ms. Harris agreed to make the motion, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the Mayor:

A letter to Tony Anselmo and Anthony Rossi of Premier Produce, thanking them for their generous donation of sweet corn, and pumpkins they provided for our annual Corn Roast that

was held October 19th. Premier Produce is more than just a business in our Village; they take ownership in the community that they reside in.

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion, Mr. Contipelli agreed to second.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Position of Cash Statement
R.I.T.A Preliminary report for November 2013

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion to accept the reports. Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-91

SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1248.02 OF THE VILLAGE ZONING CODE
TO MAKE FIREARM DISCHARGE FACILITIES A PROHIBITED USE IN THE VILLAGE
AND TERMINATING THE RELATED TEMPORARY MORATORIUM

An Ordinance to make firearm discharge facilities a prohibited use, and terminating the temporary moratorium.

Motion to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption.

Mr. Contipelli agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-97

Payment of Certain Claims:
Payroll
General Bills
(#45632 - #45777)

\$1,484,949.16

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion, Mr. Contipelli agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-98

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO PREPARE AND
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS
COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

This grant is for the E. 71st Street slope stabilization.

Ms. Biro agreed to make the motion, Mr. Contipelli agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-99

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF HUMMEL CONSTRUCTION CO.
FOR RESTROOM RENOVATIONS IN THE FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-100

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF STERLING PROFESSIONAL GROUP
FOR BASEMENT RENOVATIONS IN THE FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion, Mr. Contipelli agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-101

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF CUSTOMER CHOICE THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL OPT-OUT ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

Ms. Duszynski made a short comment on why we should support this Resolution. The bottom line is that they want to get rid of NOPEC, and we don't want that. She believes in NOPEC, they are a first class operation, and supports this legislation.

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-102

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THIRD SET OF CHANGE ORDERS WITH THE SNAVELY EXCAVATING COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BACCI PARK ADA-COMPLIANT RESTROOMS PROJECT

Mr. Sciano explained that we decided to put in conduit and now we need to make a patch in the asphalt. Even with this change order we are approximately 12% under budget.

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-103

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THIRD SET OF CHANGE ORDERS WITH BURTON SCOT CONTRACTORS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE HARVARD AVENUE REPAIR, RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Sciano explained that this is for sewer and curb repair, and also an up charge for different coloring in the block used for the retaining wall by Alcoa. This project should remain under budget, but it will be very close. A discussion occurred concerning the Water Department and why we only get reimbursed a portion of the cost of fixing a street damaged by water leaks. Mr. Sciano explained that they are the only place to get water, and that's what they pay. The Mayor stated that he talked to Darnell Brown at the Water Department and he is going to try to get some resolution that will fix the situation.

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, Mr. Contipelli agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-104

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECOND CHANGE ORDER WITH
VANDRA BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EAST 71ST STREET REPAIR,
RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Mr. Faragone asked if the street in front of the Mayor's home has been fixed. After some discussion, Mr. Sciano stated that it had been, and there should be no more problems.

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, Ms. Duszynski agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-105

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR HENRY NOBILI

Ms. Harris agreed to make the motion, Mr. Faragone agreed to second.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mr. Contipelli stated that he had nothing at this time and turned it over to the Mayor.

The Mayor asked to call a Special Workshop on December 9th regarding economic development in the afternoon at 3:00pm. Council agreed.

The Mayor had to give up the trophy for losing the football game between Cuyahoga Heights and Independence. He said he didn't mind giving it up once every ten years!

Expert Crane purchase is a done deal, and they are moving in.

President Obama is coming to ArcelorMittal tomorrow at 2:00pm. The Mayor was very fortunate to be invited, and Council was not on the list.

Briefed the Council concerning the gun range, that once they did the grading at the range, it seems now the sound is projected instead of contained. They are still within the decibel level within our Ordinance, but when 4 or 5 guys are shooting it runs up the ridge and right to the school. He talked to Sheriff Bova and asked him to look into it before they decide to put more money into the site. The Mayor sent the sheriff a letter asking to look into it. Ms. Duszynski stated that from her porch she can hear the boom boom bam. The Mayor stated that it is much louder than we anticipated. Mr. Contipelli stated that when we did the test before the range it was not as loud, but now he can hear it from his house. The Mayor stated the Sherriff Bova is on it, and he doesn't want to move forward if it is not going to work out.

The Mayor asked if everyone had the information for Councilman Cichockis' funeral, and everyone stated they did.

Renato made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel and real estate matters, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. Council Elect Mr. Volek was asked by the Mayor to stay for the Executive Session. All agreed, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to leave Executive Session, Ms. Duszynski seconded. All agreed, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Contipelli called the Caucus over at 6:50pm.

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2013

Mayor Bacci had everyone stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked everyone to turn off their cell phones.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for resident Mr. Hank Nobili who passed away Friday November 8th at 91 years of age. Also take a moment for Mr. Bruce Cichocki, Councilman in Brooklyn Heights, friend of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, and father in law of Ms. Wendy Baciak.

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Renato Contipelli, Marilyn Duszynski, Ralph Faragone, Cheryl Harris. Also present were Fire Chief Neal Cash, Police Chief Doug Pallini, Head Dispatcher Barb Cash, Law Director Jon Greenberg, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, Administrative Assistant to the Town Hall Angel Meriwether, Building Commissioner Norm Casini, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

ROLL CALL: Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris

MINUTES:

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Ms. Harris made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the Mayor:

A letter to Tony Anselmo and Anthony Rossi of Premier Produce, thanking them for their generous donation of sweet corn, and pumpkins they provided for our annual Corn Roast that was held October 19th. Premier Produce is more than just a business in our Village; they take ownership in the community that they reside in.

Ms. Duszynski made the motion, seconded by Mr. Contipelli to accept the Communications. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Position of Cash Statement
R.I.T.A Preliminary report for November 2013

Ms. Duszynski made the motion to accept the reports as prepared, seconded by Mr. Bloam. Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris Ayes for the adoption. Biro No. Motion passed.

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Motion to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption.

Mr. Contipelli, made the motion to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption, seconded by Ms. Harris. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-97

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Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for the adoption, Biro No. Motion carried.

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IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

The grant money will be used for the E. 71st Street slope stabilization for the hill by Canal Road.

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for the adoption, Motion carried.

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Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for the adoption, Motion carried.

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This is for a railing upgrade, and there was no conduit price in the original contract. The project is still within budget per the Village Engineer.

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for suspension of the rules. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for the adoption. Motion carried.

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There was a catch basin that we had to repair, and there was no unit price in the contract for this. There were also some needed curb repairs, and we will try to recoup the cost from the Water Department. We also changed the scope of the retaining wall to include a second color of block, and the size of the Limestone, and that was not in the contract. The project should remain under budget per the Village Engineer.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for the adoption, Motion carried.

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This is a change in the scope of the project, there was no unit price in the contract, and therefore we need to add it. There will be no change in the cost.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris voting aye for the adoption, Motion carried.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

None at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

At the beginning of the meeting we had a moment of silence for a really good man and the Villages oldest resident Hank Nobili who passed away at the age of 91. Hank was a longtime Firefighter in the Village, also a WWII veteran that stormed the beach at Normandy and was shot and wounded. He spent 5 days in the hospital in France. He was a good man, and a great historian of our Village, and will be greatly missed. Services will be December 9th.

Bruce Cichocki is a tragic loss of a young man that physically took care of himself. He was at the school fitness center every day. It just goes to show that you never know when your number is up, and you need to live life to the fullest, and respect one another. The Mayor told a story about Mr. Pete Boyas. He told Jack when he was diagnosed with cancer that he has millions of dollars, but without his health it is meaningless. He would give it all up today and start over if he could just be here with us today.

The Mayor thanked all of the men and women that have served our country in the armed services. We have Joey Rutkowski & Hunter Krenisky in the Marine Core, and our thoughts and prayers always go out to them as they serve abroad.

Congratulations to Clerk Unger on his unopposed victory, and Council for winning reelection, except Mr. Faragone who is retiring to go out west to be with his grandchildren in Colorado. They also gave me another term of which I am very excited.

Expert Crane has moved into the old Copper & Brass building. As he said in the newsletter, that is not just a company that is moving in, they purchased the building and have a vested purpose in the community. They are very excited to be moving in, and we are helping them in any way we can to move in gracefully.

He mentioned the letter he sent to Sheriff Bova concerning the discharging of firearms at their new facility, and we are going to work with them on solving the problem or ending the problem altogether.

Tomorrow afternoon we will be visiting ArcelorMittal to share some time with President Barack Obama, who will be there celebrating the 100th anniversary of the mill.

The E. 71st Street project for the most part has come along gracefully, without too many headaches. As Todd Sciano has briefed us in caucus, it looks like we might have some weather issues, but we are going to try to get it done before the winter.

November birthday wishes to Pat Koran and Tom Nova November 1st, Barbara Ann Biro on November 3rd, Tom Kekelis on November 10th, Clerk Unger on November 27th, and Mark Hine on November 28th. Happy birthday to all, and a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. We all have a lot to be thankful for in this community.

Lastly, we will do our annual Christmas Tree Lighting on November 29th at 6:30 pm. in front of the Town Hall. Afterwards we will have refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus.

MR. FARAGONE:

Asked Mr. Sciano our Engineer if he took a ride to the E. 49th Street hill to look at the guardrail disappearing, and how the road is shifting. He has, and he has put a call into Regional Sewer District to start that conversation, it is a multiyear process, but we are on top of it. Mr. Faragone also asked if he looked at the gas valves over there. He stated that they used to have a shanty over them years ago, and was wondering if they still had to do that. He would like Mr. Sciano to take a look at that.

The Mayor and Council were discussing the lower part of E. 71st Street, and how it was sliding down. He asked that if we are already doing the road, is there something we should be doing now before the problem gets any worse? Mr. Sciano stated that Monday the County met him down there, and looked at the cracks in the right of way, so they will participate in the project. Mr. Sciano does not know how we will score this time for the grant application, but having them behind us will be helpful. Mr. Faragone just wants the problem of the road shifting to be fixed. Mr. Sciano stated that there will be an initial study to see how deep seeded the failures are, and go from there.

The Mayor asked the terminology for the slope. Mr. Sciano stated that it is a deep seeded failure rather than a shallow failure. A discussion occurred about the historical nature of the problem in that area, and the different options to fixing it.

MS. HARRIS:

Wanted to congratulate all of the elected officials that won the election, and also thanked the residents for showing their confidence in us.

MS. BIRO:

Congratulations to all the elected Council. She looks forward to working with them for the next two years. She thanked all the voters for keeping them together for the next two years, and stated that they work well together as a team.

Discussed House Bill 5, and the impact on local municipalities, and stated that this legislation is not going to go away. Explained that every municipality will still have their own authority to set tax rates that will not change.

MR. BLOAM:

Nothing at this time.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Gave his condolences to the Cichocki and Nobili family. He has known Bruce Cichocki and his family for a long time, and he is very sad at his passing. He recently sat down with Mr. Nobili while campaigning, and was surprised that he still used the letter opener from Mr. Contipelli's Mayoral campaign in 2008. It said "Elect Contipelli for Mayor"!

Congratulated all of the elected officials on the election, this is Mr. Contipelli's 10th election. Told Mr. Faragone, who is leaving after this term, that in his 20 years, he has not worked with a better Councilman, and we will miss you.

MS. DUSZYNSKI:

Ms. Duszynski stated that Mr. Bloam looked very nice today.

The Finance Committee approved an increase in the sidewalk project on Willowbrook, Grant Avenue, and E. 49th, recommended by Mr. Sciano, our Engineer. The Mayor wanted everyone to know that our sidewalk project is a gift from the Village. The sidewalks are actually a responsibility of the residents, not the Village. We understand that times are hard and many people don't have the money to maintain the sidewalks, so the Village does this for the residents. Ms. Duszynski asked the Mayor to put that in his newsletter because she thinks that everyone should be more aware of the blessings we have here.

Ms. Duszynski told the Police Chief Pallini that the street light in front of her house is out, and when she walks home from Mr. Vaneks house at night it is very dark.

Congratulations to her Council colleges, she is very glad that we will all be here again. We work well together, and have accomplished a lot.

Was very sad by the passing of Mr. Nobili, he had many stories and lots of information about the Village.

Told a funny story. She and Mr. Vanek attended a meeting for NOPEC, representing the Mayor. We passed the Resolution for them today. Told us that during the meeting they all gathered and took a group picture. They also attended last year and took a group picture, and when she looked at the two, she realized that her and Mr. Vanek had on the same clothes this year as last year! Stated that next year they need to change into different outfits.

Discussed the opt out, and opt in options for aggregate energy through NOPEC. Stated that we passed the Resolution today, to prevent the breakup of NOPEC. She feels it is a top notch organization, and it should continue. They have a lot of support from all the neighboring communities. Ms. Duszynski gave the Council more information on the choices, and asked Council to look at it.

She was very disappointed with the low voter turnout this year. The Mayor stated that there is a complacency and disenchantment with government right now, and also the people are content. Our races were not heated and for a number of reasons folks did not come out. We will get them energized for the next election in two years.

POLICE CHIEF PALLINI:

As far as Ms. Duszynski's street light being out, Patrolman Lukas has been diligent in reporting these issues, and this streetlight has already been reported.

HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:

The Mayor asked Ms. Cash if the County is still on board with the new 911 system. She said yes. He told Council that Head Dispatcher Cash is working with the County for a free 911 system and will not have to spend the \$190,000 to update the system in the spring. Ms. Biro thanked Barb for doing a great job on the new system.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WALDEMARSON:

Congratulated the Mayor, Clerk, and Council on the election.

FIRE CHIEF NEAL CASH:

Thanked Council for passing the legislation to update the Fire Station, and congratulated all the winners in the election.

LAW DIRECTOR GREENBERG:

Congratulated all of the elected officials.

CLERK UNGER:

Congratulated all of the elected officials. Stated that Mr. Nobili was one of our legacy residents. Told everyone that during the elections Mr. Nobili was one of the people that you had to go see no matter how long it took. He was a wealth of information, and had many great stories about our community. We will all miss him.

He is very saddened by the passing of Mr. Bruce Cichocki. He has been a lifelong friend and sends his condolences to his family.

ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR, MS. SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN HALL, MS. MERIWETHER:

Congratulations to all the elected officials.

VILLAGE ENGINEER, MR. SCIANO:

The Mayor asked for a quick synopsis of the Harvard Avenue project. Yesterday and today they are finishing up construction so it is open for the President. Paving will occur Saturday. If Council wishes to pay a little more, we can get E. 71st paved this weekend, at an extra cost of 10-12 thousand dollars, just let him know. The Mayor will call Council tomorrow to let them know the exact cost.

He is also working with Alcoa for the signals on Harvard Avenue for next year. He stated that the same thing will happen to E. 71st Street. The final touches will not be done until next year.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER, MR. CASINI:

Bacci Park bathrooms and the Town Hall renovation are completed except for a couple of punch list items. The Town Hall renovations are well below the project cost.

Thompson Aluminum is adding an addition to their building and Mr. Casini will be watching them very closely because it is so close to our park.

Mr. Casini had an inspection at GE on E. 49th Street, and they told him that the first of the year, they will be adding 25-30 new employees.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Casini will be going through his punch list for the Town Hall tuck pointing. There are a couple of concerns about the color of the mortar in some spots. Service Director Waldemarson will also be going through his punch list on the entrance to the Town Hall for any concerns. We do this before we send out the final check for payment.

Mr. Contipelli asked Mr. Casini if the people who have had the work done on their houses for non compliance were going to get a letter from the Building Department. Mr. Casini stated that we will be sending out three letters, one to congratulate the people that fixed their properties, one for those that have completed most of their violations and asking when they will correct the rest, and the third one is for those that ignored the letters and did nothing. He will be working with the Police Department and send them to Court. At this time, the letters have not been sent out.

The Mayor stated that with the third letter, Mr. Casini will address the folks that you did not even give me a courtesy call. Out of respect to Mr. Casini, the minimum should have been a phone call.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

MR. BILL NICHOLS:

Mr. Bill Nichols wanted to congratulate everyone on their re-election. He wanted to thank the Mayor and LeeAnn who have been in touch with him concerning the gunshots coming from the Regional Sewer area. When he first heard them, he called the Town Hall to find out who was shooting. After talking to the Mayor, he found out what it was. He expressed his displeasure with the Sheriff's Office, and never got a return call.

What is most disconcerting is that you can hear it at the school, and he does not want to send his children to school in an area where they are subjected to gunshot noises. He does not want his children sanitized to the gunshot noises. He feels it was very shortsighted to not take into account the people of our community when choosing their gun site. He is very happy that the Mayor has taken the steps to halt the shooting temporarily, but feels that this noise will never be contained.

He also wanted to thank the Police Department during Halloween. Patrolman Ted Mackewicz was out walking in the rain, and came up and talked to us. This is very special to us and our kids, and we appreciate them and the Fire Department being out there. The Mayor stated that he sent a text to all the Policeman out on Halloween telling them they did a great job.

He wanted to thank the Mayor, Council, and the Building Department for trying to keep up the housing stock in our community. He feels this is very important in our neighborhood.

Mr. Nichols also congratulated all of the elected officials that won in the election.

MR. DAVE VOLEK:

As Council Elect, he wanted to thank the voters of Cuyahoga Heights, and looks forward to working with the rest of the elected officials. He also wanted to thank all the candidates for running a friendly election.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:25 PM. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.