

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLS CAUCUS TO ORDER

Roll Call: Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek

Mayor Bacci asked Council to go into Executive Session for personnel matters and pending litigation on hillside for real estate.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam. A roll call vote was called with all Councilmembers voting in favor and none opposed. Motion approved.

Council returned at executive session at 5:50 p.m.

Motion to go out of Caucus at 5:50 p.m.

MAYOR CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek, Bloam

COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

PERMITS: None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Reg 22-SD-60-A
Snow Plow for S3 to not to exceed \$6,350.00

MINUTES:

January 12, 2021 Council Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes as prepared and place them on file.

Mr. Centa made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, Mr. Unger abstained. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position January 2022

RITA Preliminary Report February 2022

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to accept the Financial Statements as prepared and place them on file, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14

Payment of Certain Claims: \$1,074,629.55

Payroll

General Bills

Transfers

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek, and Bloam voting aye for suspension of the rules. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek, and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 2022-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER ENVIRONMENTAL AND HYDROGEOLOGIC ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Unger moved, seconded by Mr. Volek that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Bloam and Volek voting aye for suspension of the rules. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE 5047 EAST 71ST STREET
DEMOLITION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Volek moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on third and final reading.

Mr. Contipelli asked for clarification on what was the purpose of the change order. Mr. Sciano explained that the change order was necessary for increased costs related to the waste removed from the site and the dirt replaced.

Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for suspension of the rules. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Centa that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for suspension of the rules. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2022 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Ms. Contipelli that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for suspension of the rules. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19

A RESOLUTION OPTING OUT OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) GREEN COMMUNITY CHOICE PROGRAM

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Henley that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading.

Mr. Contipelli asks for a quick description of what this about. Mr Chojnacki briefly explained to the audience that in 2021, council passed a resolution opting to participate in the green community choice program. Upon learning more details about the program, it became apparent the program was designed for everyone in the community to be automatically opted in, which would have resulted in the the community receiving an their energy bills increased by approximately \$3.55 per

month to support green energy choices. That was not the intent behind the 2021 legislation, and the Village did not want to push this cost onto the residents. Therefore, so there could be no doubt as to the Village's intent, this legislation makes it clear that the Village does not want to "opt in" to that program. By repealing this legislation, there can be no doubt that the Village and NOPEC will continue to operate as they had in years past. Residents interested in green energy choice programs remain eligible to voluntarily opt-in to green programs, if they are interested.

Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE JANSSEN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM FOR THE JANSSEN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for suspension of the rules. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 248.01 AND 248.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE COMPOSITION OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Unger moved, seconded by Mr. Volek that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for suspension of the rules. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for 2022 annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for the Joint & Crack Sealing for the 2022 season. Not to exceed \$25,000.

Mr. Volek made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for the annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for the Flexible & Rigid Pavement Repairs for the 2022 Season. Not to exceed \$95,000.

Mr. Bloam made the motion, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for 2022 sewer video, jetting, and light cleaning. Not to exceed \$50,000.

Mr. Centa made the motion, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for 2022 Catch Basin & Sewer Repair. Not to exceed \$50,000.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for 2022 Sidewalk Improvements. Not to exceed \$75,000.

Ms. Henley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for 2022 Street Striping. Not to exceed \$25,000.

Mr. Unger made the motion, seconded by Mr. Volek. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion to appoint Tyler Selig to the Police Department as a full time employee

Ms. Henley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Motion to appoint Michael Cuthbertson to the Fire Department as a full time employee.

Mr. Volek made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Motion to appoint Melinda Armbrust to the Service Department as a full time employee.

Mr. Bloam made the motion, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Motion to appoint Keith Meriwether to the Service Department as a full time employee.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Mayor Bacci expressed excitement over the swearing-in of Firefighter Michael Cuthbertson as full-time firefighter.

Mayor Bacci received a letter from Superintendent Tom Evans extending his gratitude for the assistance provided by our service, fire, and police departments in helping the school district manage the snowfall on January 17. Mayor Bacci agreed with Superintendent Evans that the cooperation between the Village and the schools plays a vital role to both entity's success.

Mayor Bacci received an email from Vanessa Cowling thanking council and our administration for their support and gift during their time in need.

This Friday there is no school, as a result, the Village Recreation Director planned an outing for Village kids in town to go bowling at Seven Hills Bowling Alley. The Village will be taking 16 youngsters on the Village bus.

Just a reminder that the Village Hall & Service Department are closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day. Rubbish collection will resume on Tuesday.

Miss Wendy is retiring 2/22/22—we surely are going to miss her! She has been an asset to our administration! A friend, a part of our family, professional, a mother to us, the village greeter and she has an amazing following of Rick & Lois' seniors. She's great at Mayor's Court and able to

manage all types of individuals—and more importantly manages and keeps those two in the Building Department in line. We wish her all the best on her retirement and she already is looking forward to it and has many things planned to do with her two young grandsons. God Bless to her and her family!

February birthday wishes to employees: (5) Jason Sagan & Dave Palucki, (14) Ken LaBella, (15) Norm Casini (*turning 89*), (16) Rick Centa (*turning 70*) & Joe Cipriano (*turning 50*), (23) Ahmed Gharib (24) Todd Sciano, (46) Kayla Krukowski, (28) Lee Ann Schoeffler (*turning 60*)

Very special birthday wishes to residents:

Ed Weber who turned 70 on February 6, Jennifer Derbin-Ulery who turned 50 on February 21

MR. CENTA:

Congratulated all full-time hires. Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day! Update on Noel: she is doing well and appreciates all the well wishes.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Thanked the Service Department for doing their jobs. Compliments from the neighbors about how great we are. No workshop in February.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley will miss Wendy. Service Director Sammons did great job with snow removal. Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

MR. UNGER: Congratulated all the new hires. Service Department has always needed additional support and we know that it needs good people. Ms. Wendy will be missed, we will never be able to fill her shoes.

MR. VOLEK:

Congratulated the new hires. Service Department – great job! Food trucks are back June through September. We're looking for more people to play music down there (Bacci Park). Mayor stated that Kelly is saying food trucks want in. Mindy and the Service Department are working with Kelly for concessions. Folks truly enjoy everything we are doing.

MR. BLOAM:

Thanked everyone for doing their job.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS:

Thankful for the new hires. Happy Valentine's Day!

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Congratulated Wendy. She was great for our department.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

Nothing at this time.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Excited for Keith "Cutty" and he will retire in 2055.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:

Congratulated the new hires. Thankful for Tyler, he leaves 6:30 a.m. February 14th the day after Super Bowl. Everyone don't drink and drive.

LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Nothing at this time.

CFO MERIWETHER:

Thanked council for all the O&M approvals.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER::

Nothing at this time.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:


Excited for the Grant Ave repair.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mindy Armbrust: Thanks for the opportunity and I hope I can prove myself as a valuable asset to the Village. Todd Bloam interjected and said that she has and Mayor also said that is why we want you full time.

Keith Meriwether: Thank you Mr. Mayor & Council for the opportunity.

WHEREFORE, there was no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed. Motion carried.

Approved 

Mayor


Renato Contipelli (Mar 11, 2022 15:48 EST)

Mayor and or President of Council

On February 9, 2022



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council