# VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING

August 10, 2022 5:10 p.m.

### COUNCIL MEETING

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#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLS CAUCUS TO ORDER

Mayor called the Roll: Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek

Mr. Contipelli asked CFO Meriwether for an explanation of our new medical rates.

CFO Meriwether explained the rates to the council.

Mr. Contipelli turned the meeting over to the mayor.

The mayor requested a motion to go into executive session for employment matters and pending litigation.

Mr. Bloam made a motion to go into executive session seconded by Mr. Centa. Roll call vote. All voted in favor none opposed. Motion approved.

Executive session began at 5:13 p.m.

Mr. Bloam made the motion to go out of executive session seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Back on record at 5:42 p.m.

The Mayor requested to add Resolution No. 2022-58 to the agenda for the purchase of the high roof transit van from Liberty Ford in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Ms. Henley asked how many seats it will have.

CFO Meriwether replied it has 14 seats, 12 with wheelchair.

The Mayor requested to add Resolution No. 2022-59 to the agenda for the demo grant for the Benjamin Moore Site Demolition Project.

Motion to end Caucus made by Mr. Bloam, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Caucus ended at 5:43 p.m.

# MAYOR BACCI CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m.

The Mayor asked to have a moment of silence for Helen Krusinski who passed away on July 31 at the age of 87. Please keep her family in your thoughts.

CFO MERIWETHER CALLED ROLL CALL: Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek, Bloam

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None at this time.

**PERMITS:** None at this time.

**PURCHASES:** None at this time.

**MINUTES:** 

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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. Motion approved.

#### LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-55

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ACCEPT MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO'S "INSURED RENEWAL RATE" FOR THE PERIOD EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Henley 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. Motion carried. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-56

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ACCEPT DELTA DENTAL'S "RENEWAL RATES" FOR THE PERIOD EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam 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. Motion carried. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2022-57

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ACCEPT PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE "RENEWAL RATES" FOR THE 2022-2023 PLAN YEAR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-58

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 T705-U4X 350 HIGH ROOF TRANSIT VAN FROM LIBERTY FORD

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Mr. 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. Motion carried. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-59

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AS PART OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT'S BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Henley 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. Motion carried. Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion to appoint Melinda Armbrust to the Finance Department as a full-time employee.

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

A motion to appoint Vera Nall to the Service Department as a full-time employee.

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

A motion to approve the promotion of Thaddeus Mackiewicz to Police Lieutenant.

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

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Congratulations to Mindy and Vera.

This Saturday, August 13 our Rec Director is having an end of summer pool party from 12-2 which is open for all pool pass holders. Sunday, August 14 is the last day the pool will be open for the season. I hope everyone had a great time this summer enjoying our pool.

School will begin next week for all CHS students: Middle & High School students return to school on Thursday, August 18 and students grade 1-5 on Friday, August 19.

Just a reminder for our senior residents that our annual flu shot and blood work event will be held at Klima Gardens on Friday, September 16. As in past practice, we will be offering a warm breakfast.

August birthdays wishes to employees: (4) Brian Baciak, (11) Ted Mackiewicz, (16) Keith Meriwether, (18) Richard Sweeney, (20) Matt Kontura, (21) Daniel Baucco

And lastly, wishing everyone a very safe and happy Labor Day holiday.

MR. CENTA: Congratulations to Tyler Selig. Nothing at this time.

MR. CONTIPELLI: Congratulations to all. It was well deserved.

**MS. HENLEY:** Mrs. Krusinski will be missed dearly as she was quite the lady. Her services are on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. Received a note from Cheri Piasecki that she wanted it read for the minutes. She "feels that E. 71<sup>st</sup> St is sinking and the side of the road is sinking, opposite of the houses were taken down and is concerned someone will get hurt there." Happy for everyone and all the promotions.

**MR. UNGER:** Congratulations to all new hires and promotions. Believes it will be a great fit for the Village family.

**MR. VOLEK:** Congratulations to everyone and thank you to all village employees for doing their job.

MR BLOAM: Congratulations to everyone and thanked them for doing their jobs. Congratulations his daughter Micheala who was a village employee during the summers at the service garage and worked during the summer in inner city Lorain as a schoolteacher and is now a full-time teacher for the Independence school district.

**POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:** Thank you for the appointments and promotions. Helen was a tough one for sure. Good luck with the school year coming up. If anyone notices anything out of the ordinary around the school grounds, please notify the police immediately. Nothing is unimportant when it comes to the safety of the children.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER CASINI:** The village currently has 4 active major construction projects including Charter Steel on E.49<sup>th</sup> St, Sewer District on Canal Rd, Brooklyn Machine Company on Grant Ave and Lutz Express on E 71<sup>st</sup> St.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Congratulations to all.

LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI: Congratulations to all.

CFO MERIWETHER: Congratulations to everybody.

ADMIN. ASST. TO THE MAYOR SCHOEFFLER: Congratulations to all.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Congratulations to all.

VILLAGE ENGINEER TODD SCIANO: Congratulations to all. Wrapped up Bletch Court demos paid 100% by Cuyahoga County Landbank. Good job working with CFO, finance department, Bohning and Silverlode. Good project for the Village. The service department parking lot phase 1 pre-construction meeting will be this Friday. Will be talking about starting with the east half of the building. With it being 15 years overdue, Service Director Sammons has been working with Bohning on what exactly needs to be done. Should be wrapped up by Thanksgiving.

**ASST. BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA:** Congratulations to Mindy and Vera, just in time for corn roast. Today the cemetery fence, school side was completed and looks awesome.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Deputy Chief Schoeffler: Congratulations to everyone who was appointed and promoted today.

Mindy Armbrust: Thanks to everyone and especially Service Director Sammons and Assistant Service Director Baciak. Enjoyed the time working there along with everyone at the garage. Hard to leave but looking forward to being at the Village hall and has confidence that Vera will do a great job at the garage in her place.

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Vera Nall: So excited to have the opportunity to be a part of the team here at the Village.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Volek that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:31 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed. Motion carried.

Approved Renato Contipelli
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Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council

On September 14, 2022