

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

COUNCIL MEETING

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLED CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:02 p.m.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED ROLL CALL: Centa, Contipelli, Schoeffler, Unger, Volek, Bloam

President Contipelli informed council that there were two pieces of legislations that were added to the agenda.

CFO Meriwether advised council that the position for the Parks & Recreation Director was posted online on LinkedIn and Indeed last week and there were over 130 applications submitted. The post has since been taken off the sites, and we are currently interviewing.

The mayor reviewed pictures and pricing from a catalog for exercise equipment for Bacci Park and also updated everyone on the swimming pool. He also advised that Mrs. Kelly Hartman will return as the Concession Stand Manager for this season, and thanked council for supporting her reappointment. Mrs. Hartman and the mayor spoke before the meeting and confirmed that food trucks will be returning once a week for the months of June and July. June trucks will be at Bacci Park and July trucks will be at the pool.

The mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss employment matters. Mr. Schoeffler made the motion to go into executive session seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Executive session started at 5:33 p.m.

Executive session ended at 6:04 p.m.

Caucus ended at 6:04 p.m.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED THE COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER at 6:06 p.m.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED ROLL CALL: Centa, Contipelli, Schoeffler, Unger, Volek, Bloam

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PERMITS: None.

MINUTES:

January 8, 2025	Council Meeting
January 22, 2025	Finance Committee 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, none opposed, motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

RITA Final Report January 2025
Position of Cash Report January 2025

Motion to accept the financial reports as prepared and place them on file. Mr. Contipelli made the motion to accept the financial reports as prepared, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

January Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$ 1,281,292.38

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 280.01 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
TO MEET EVERY TEN (10) YEARS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE
2025 STRONGSVILLE JAIL BED LEASE RATES AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE
2025 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT FROM THE
NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S CURRENT APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE SO AS TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES
FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO
INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12

AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION SCHEDULE RANGES FOR
VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 256 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO
CLARIFY WHICH VILLAGE EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO OVERTIME
COMPENSATION AND COMPENSATORY TIME

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 254 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
TO CLARIFY THE EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TIMEKEEPING
REQUIREMENTS, TO CLARIFY OTHER BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN
EMPLOYEES, AND TO ALLOW THE INDIVIDUAL ELECTED TO SERVE AS
MAYOR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
VILLAGE'S RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN AND THE VILLAGE'S
FRINGE BENEFIT PICK UP PLAN

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 25-07** A Motion authorizing the CFO to approve a Purchase Order for the 2025 Cuyahoga County Preventative Maintenance Grant Program for the Village of Cuyahoga Heights not to exceed \$80,000.
- 25-08** A Motion authorizing the CFO to approve a Purchase Order for the Exterior Electrical Upgrades at the Village Campus Phase 2 with Milano Electric not to exceed \$85,000.
- 25-09** A Motion authorizing the CFO to approve a Purchase Order for the Nicky Boulevard Landfill Brownfield Grant Environmental Engineering Activities for the 2025 season not to exceed \$100,000.

Mr. Volek made the motion to bundle all three motions into one approval, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: A moment of silence for Aunt Mary Casavecchia who passed away on February 3 at the age of 88. She was a fabulous lady and long-time resident. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers. Children – Carl & Carla and dear aunt to Barb Biro. There will be a Celebration of Life for her next Saturday, February 22 at Vito Nero Funeral Home from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

As there is no school this Friday, Miss Vera has coordinated a Recreation Youth Trip for our kids to the Main Event in Avon.

As a reminder, the village hall office and service department will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents' Day. Rubbish collection and special pickup will each be pushed back a day.

Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day this Friday.

February birthday wishes to employees. (2) Lance Hatcher; (5) Dave Palucki & Jason Sagan; (7) Nicholas Dalton; (14) Assistant Building Commissioner Ken Labella; (15) Building Commissioner Norm Casini will be 92; (16) Councilman Rick Centa & Joseph Cipriano; and (28) Lee Ann Schoeffler.

MR. CENTA: Happy Valentine's Day and happy birthday to all.

MR. CONTIPELLI: I would just like to express my condolences to the Casavecchia family.

MR. SCHOEFFLER: I always enjoyed growing up and living by the Casavecchia's; she will be missed.

MR. UNGER: My sincere condolences to the Casavecchia family.

MR. VOLEK: Happy Valentines Day.

MR. BLOAM: Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Nothing at this time.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Nothing at this time.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: Nothing at this time.

CFO MERIWETHER: Nothing at this time.

ADMIN. ASSIST. TO MAYOR BACCI SCHOEFFLER: Nothing at this time.

ASSIST. BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: Nothing at this time.

VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO: Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this council, Mr. Unger moved, seconded by Mr. Volek that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.

Approved 

Mayor


Renato Contipelli (Mar 13, 2025 09:08 EDT)

Mayor and or President of Council

On February 12, 2025



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council

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