



Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2026, 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led at the opening of the meeting. A moment of silence was observed in memory of former village employee Wendy Heinzman.

Mayor Bacci Calls the Roll

Present: Council Member Centa, Council President Contipelli, Council Member Schoeffler, Council Member Unger, Council Member Bloam

Absent: Council Member Volek (excused)

Motion to excuse Council Member Volek was made by Council President Contipelli and seconded by Council Member Schoeffler. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Bacci Calls the Meeting to Order

Mayor Bacci called the Council Meeting of August 12, 2026 to order at 6:20 pm.

Minutes

Motion to accept the July 2026 Caucus Meeting Minutes, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, and Council Meeting Minutes as prepared and place them on file

was made by Council Member Centa and seconded by Council President Contipelli. The motion carried 5-0.

Financial Reports

Motion to accept the Position of Cash for July 2026 and the Income Tax and Net Profit Revenue Reports for July 2026 as prepared and place them on file was made by Council President Contipelli and seconded by Council Member Schoeffler. The motion carried 5-0.

Communications

Motion Authorizing the CFO to Accept Donation of Old Fire Vehicle

Motion to authorize Chief Fiscal Officer Meriwether to accept the donation of an old fire vehicle to be used for project-based needs was made by Council Member Schoeffler and seconded by Council Member Unger. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion to Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for Police Department Mechanical Upgrades

Motion to authorize solicitation of bids for the Police Department Mechanical Upgrades was made by Council Member Unger and seconded by Council Member Bloam. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion to Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for Police Department Roof Replacement

Motion to authorize solicitation of bids for the Police Department Roof Replacement was made by Council Member Bloam and seconded by Council Member Centa. The motion carried 5-0.

Legislation

Resolution No. 2026-71 – Final Reading

A Resolution approving and directing the June payments of certain claims and transfers in the amount of \$4,567,764.71.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Centa and seconded by Council President Contipelli. The motion carried 5-0. The Resolution was adopted 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-82

A Resolution approving and directing the July payments of certain claims and transfers in the amount of \$4,587,107.83.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council President Contipelli and seconded by Council Member Schoeffler. The motion carried 5-0. The Resolution was adopted 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-83

A Resolution authorizing a change order to the Village's contract for the Klima Gardens Pavilion and Site Utility Project, Phase 1, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Schoeffler and seconded by Council Member Unger. The motion carried 5-0. The Resolution was adopted 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-84

A Resolution authorizing a change order to the 7133 Marcelline Court Improvements Project.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Unger and seconded by Council Member Bloam. The motion carried 5-0. The Resolution was adopted 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-85

A Resolution authorizing a change order to the Village's contract with Anthony Allega Cement Contractor for the Toscana Hall Site Improvements Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Bloam and seconded by Council Member Centa. The motion carried 5-0. The Resolution was adopted 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-86

A Resolution authorizing a change order to the Hillside Redevelopment East 71st Street Storm Sewer Extension Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Centa and seconded by Council President Contipelli. The motion carried 5-0. The Resolution was adopted 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-87

A Resolution authorizing increases to the purchase order for the Bacci Park Softball Field Improvements Project, waiving competitive bidding requirements, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council President Contipelli and seconded by Council Member Schoeffler. The motion carried 5-0. The Resolution was adopted 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-88

A Resolution awarding the Klima Gardens Pavilion Site and Utility Improvements Phase 2 Project to the lowest and best bidder, waiving any non-conformities or deficiencies, and authorizing a contract with Ohio Paving & Construction Co., Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Schoeffler and seconded by Council Member Unger. The motion carried

5-0. The Resolution was adopted 5-0.

Ordinance No. 2026-89

An Ordinance amending Section 1076.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights to require a permit for commercial uses of Bacci Park, and declaring an emergency. A brief clarification was raised regarding a numbering discrepancy on the council agenda, which Law Director Chojnacki resolved.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Unger and seconded by Council Member Bloam. The motion carried 5-0. The Ordinance was adopted 5-0.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bacci offered remarks in memory of former village employee Wendy Heinzman, who passed away at age 70 after having served the Village from 2012 to 2022. Mayor Bacci also acknowledged the passing of Mr. Kalish, father-in-law to Council Member Volek, at age 87.

Mayor Bacci provided the following community announcements:

- An end-of-summer pool party hosted by Parks & Recreation Director Wheaton and her staff will be held on Saturday, August 15th from 5:00–8:00 PM, open to rec pass holders and their guests.
- Saturday, August 15th is the last full day of the concession stand (9:30 AM–6:30 PM); Sunday, August 16th is the final day of pool operations for the season, closing at 7:00 PM. The playground, sport court, and splash pad will continue to be open daily from 9:00 AM until sunset, except on Friday evenings during high school football games.
- Thursday, August 20th is the first day of school; residents are urged to exercise extra caution in the school zone on East 71st Street.

- Friday, August 21st is a tailgate sneak peek at Toscana Hall from 3:00–6:00 PM; council members and senior staff were encouraged to attend.
- Monday, August 31st is the annual seniors' outing to Kelley's Island; council members wishing to attend were asked to notify Mayor Bacci.
- The annual flu shot and blood work event for senior residents will be held at the Village Hall Auditorium on Friday, September 11th, with warm breakfast offered. Registration deadline is August 28th.
- August employee birthday wishes for Kyle Scotten and Jacob Artino on August 2nd, Brian Baciak on August 4th, Ted Mackiewicz on August 11th, Keith Meriwether on August 16th, Richard Sweeney on August 18th, Matt Kontura on August 20 and Zach Bernstein on August 26th.

Council Report

Council Member Centa

Council Member Centa extended sincere condolences to the Kalish and Volek families, and to the Heinzman family. He expressed Ms. Wendy will be deeply missed.

Council President Contipelli

Council President Contipelli extended sincere condolences to the Heinzman family and to the Kalish and Volek families.

Council Member Schoeffler

Council Member Schoeffler extended condolences to both families.

Council Member Unger

Council Member Unger offered heartfelt remarks in memory of Wendy Heinzman, describing her as one of the best fits ever brought into an administrative position for the Village, noting that she helped make the work of everyone around her easier and that she made those she worked with better people.

Council Member Bloam

Council Member Bloam concurred with Council Member Unger's remarks in full, offering no additional comments.

Department Report

Police Chief Sturgill

Chief Sturgill extended condolences to both families.

Parks & Recreation Director Wheaton

Nothing to report.

Service Director Sammons

Service Director Sammons extended condolences to both families.

Law Director Chojnacki

Law Director Chojnacki extended condolences to both families.

Chief Fiscal Officer Meriwether

Chief Fiscal Officer Meriwether extended condolences to both families.

Administrative Assistant Schoeffler

Administrative Assistant Schoeffler extended condolences to both families.

Assistant Building Commissioner LaBella

Assistant Building Commissioner LaBella extended condolences to both families.

Engineer Sciano

No report given.

Comments from the Audience

No comments from the audience were recorded.

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Council President Contipelli and seconded by Council Member Centa. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Approved: September 9, 2026



Mayor



Mayor and or Council President



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council