

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
Work Session Meeting
March 25, 2009

Clerk Biro called the roll. Those present were Duszynski, Faragone, Henley, Schab, Schoeffler and Suhy. Also attending was Law Director Jonathan Greenberg and Treasurer John Traffis.

Council as a whole went over to the pool to discuss repairs to the splash pool.

Council President Frank Schoeffler asked Council if they had any questions for Service Director Scott Waldemarson or Assistant Service Director Dan Lipiec regarding the splash pool. Mrs. Henley asked when they were going to meet with the representative regarding the coating on the splash pool. Mr. Schoeffler replied soon and will get the information together for Council.

Council discussed Klima Gardens and the Village Hall ordinances and future pricing for renting these facilities. Mr. Faragone stated that he feels a village governmental employee or a company in the Village be charged the same as a resident. They should be charged something to help maintain the facility. Council discussed the charges for residents and non-residents and after a lengthy discussion, they would like to get comparisons of other community's' rental procedures before they change anything.

Clerk Biro said that she would like Council to review the 2009 Scholarship application. Mayor Bacci explained that this scholarship is from the Village to a graduating senior who lives in Cuyahoga Heights as long as they meet the criteria. Clerk Biro stated that the 2008 scholarship fund is closed and in the budget for 2009, Council appropriated a \$1,000.00 plus the extra hundred and some odd dollars that was raised at the recreation board tailgate party. After some discussion, Council as a whole agreed to keep the balance at \$1,000.00.

Mr. Greenberg asked Mayor Bacci to hold this issue regarding the St. Ives Abatement until the next Workshop Meeting.

Clerk Biro presented the finance committee with several options regarding the mats maintenance lease. The cancellation of the lease will cost \$7,000.00 or go with a 25% reduction but Harrington wants another 60 month agreement with the Village. Mrs. Schab stated as head of the Finance Committee she will call a meeting the Finance Committee and will get back to the Clerk. Mr. Schoeffler asked Clerk Biro what the cost is presently Clerk Biro replied that the yearly cost is \$7,093.00 with a built in cost increase every year. The contract expires in 2011.

Clerk Biro stated the coffee company has been notified of the service cancellation. The last order of coffee will be placed next week. Clerk Biro also said that the water company will be notified also. Clerk Biro said that she looked into our copy machine contract and she is trying to re-negotiate the cost of copy overages.

Mrs. Duszynski asked about Silverlode. Mayor Bacci replied that he and the Clerk will be sending a letter to Silverlode to see if we can use them on an as needed basis. Mayor Bacci said

that currently Mr. McAndrew is working with him and Mr. Lojeck on the property project that was discussed at the Zoning Board Meeting.

Mrs. Schab asked if they could go over the historical committee budget again. Clerk Biro said that currently their budget request was for \$2,000.00. It was to include the hiring of an individual to do genealogy research in Italy of the area that some of the immigrants of Cuyahoga Heights came from. At the last budget meeting, a straw vote was taken and this project was tabled until the year 2010. Mrs. Schab asked if they could take another straw vote. Ayes: Duszynski and Schab. No: Faragone, Henley, Schoeffler and Suhy. The project will be held off until the 2010 budget.

Clerk Biro said that at the last budget meeting, Council asked for a cost summary of all projects by R.C.U. Architects. Clerk Biro also said that she received a request from Mrs. Henley regarding the breakdown of legal fees from Walter Haverfield for 2009. This information will be forwarded to Council within the next few days.

Clerk Biro said that she has sent a memo to all the Department Heads regarding the new purchasing protocol. Purchase requisitions will be submitted every Wednesday by the departments. All requests will be reviewed, matched against their line item budgets and a purchase order number given. Any emergency purchases that would affect the safety of an employee or the public or any emergency repairs to the Village equipment they have the authority to do that but they will be required to submit the paper as soon as possible after it is done. Credit card purchases will be submitted promptly. This should help with the managing of cash flow.

Mayor Bacci said that the Village Hall custodian's position will be eliminated as of May 2, 2009. Mayor Bacci said that he needs Council to change the ordinance at the next Council meeting for that position to be eliminated. Mr. Suhy moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski to have the Solicitor draw up legislation to change the ordinance for the custodian. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

Clerk Biro stated that we also need a motion to have the Solicitor to draw up legislation to allow a portion of the income tax that we receive every month be put into the capital project fund and to establish a limit on the funding. Mr. Suhy moved, seconded by Mrs. Schab to have the Solicitor draw up legislation to create that ordinance. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mrs. Schab to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Faragone to move out of executive session and return to the work session meeting. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

WHEREFORE, there being no further business before this Council, Mrs. Schab moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler that the Work Session be adjourned. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

Passed: April 8, 2009

ATTEST:

Mayor

Clerk of Council