

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

Mayor Bacci had everyone stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to turn off their cell phones and pagers. David Rutherford of the Boy Scouts led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. David Rutherford stated he was attending the meeting for his citizenship merit badge.

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Todd Bloam, Renato Contipelli, Marilyn Duszynski, Ralph Faragone, Cheryl Harris, Barb Biro. Also present were Fire Chief Cash, Service Director Scott Waldemarson, Law Director Jon Greenberg, and Administrative Assistant to the Village Hall Angel Meriwether, Building Commissioner Norm Casini, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, Head Dispatcher Cash, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

Ms. Harris nominated Mr. Contipelli as President of Council for 2012, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Mr. Contipelli thanked Council for their support and noted he was grateful to work with the team.

Clerk Unger presented the December 14, 2011 Council Meeting minutes.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the minutes be accepted as read and placed on file. Bloam, Duszynski, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris voting aye, none opposed, Biro abstaining; Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**From Garfield Heights Fire Chief, Thomas J. Nemetz:**

A letter thanking the Fire Department for the quick response to Garfield Heights mutual aid call at 8210 Green Road on Friday December 9, 2011. They immediately attacked the fire, venting the roof of the house and overhaul. The guys had a great attitude and worked hard to accomplish these tasks. Their actions exemplify the professionalism and camaraderie between our departments.

**From the Mayor:**

A proclamation for John Reiger. John began working for the Cuyahoga Heights Police department in 1981, and retired as Police Lieutenant on January 3, 2012.

Mayor Bacci, along with the other Village Officials and residents do hereby honor and thank John for his outstanding dedication and endless service of 30 years as an employee of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

**From the Mayor:**

A proclamation for Gena Lovett, who was recently named Alcoa's Chief Diversity Officer. Gena will be based in New York City, but will continue to maintain an office at Alcoa's Cleveland facility.

Gena has been, and will continue to be active in various organizations throughout Cleveland, serving on the Advisory Board of the Federal Reserve Bank, Board of Director of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, the United Way of Greater Cleveland, and most recently appointed as a Trustee of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Gena was recognized by Crain's business magazine in 2011 as a "Woman of Note", and in 2009, she was named a YWCA "Woman of Achievement".

Mayor Bacci and the other elected officials and Village residents honor Gena for her outstanding dedication and accomplishments, and wish her well in her new position as Alcoa's Chief Diversity Officer.

Mr. Faragone moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam to accept the communication as read and place on file. All voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time.

**PURCHASES:**

None at this time.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- Position of Cash Statement
- R.I.T.A. Final Report for 2011
- R.I.T.A. Preliminary Report for January 2012

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli to accept the reports as prepared. Bloam, Duszynski, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris voting aye, none opposed, Biro abstaining; motion carried.

**LEGISLATION:**

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli to accept the reports as prepared. Bloam, Duszynski, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris voting aye, none opposed, Biro abstaining; motion carried.

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| <b>RESOLUTION NO.: 2012-01</b> | Payment of Certain Claims: | \$1,688,647.23 |
|                                | Payroll                    |                |
|                                | General Bills              |                |
|                                | (#42716 - #42847)          |                |

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the rules be suspended and the following resolutions be placed on third and final reading. Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris , Bloam voting aye, none opposed, Biro abstaining; motion carried  
The Resolution was passed by the same vote.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-02**

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE PROSECUTOR  
AND PRESCRIBING HIS  
COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2012 THROUGH 2013

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the rules be suspended and the following Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried  
The Ordinance was passed by the same vote.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-03**

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE LAW DIRECTOR  
AND PRESCRIBING HIS COMPENSATION AND DUTIES  
FOR THE YEARS 2012 THROUGH 2013

Mr. Faragone moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the following Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried  
The Ordinance was passed by the same vote.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-04**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ENGINEER  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, FIXING COMPENSATION THEREFORE,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the rules be suspended and the following ordinance be placed on third and final reading. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.  
Resolution passed by the same vote.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-05**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDED FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF A  
BUILDING COMMISSIONER FOR THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA  
HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2012 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the following ordinance be placed on third and final reading. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Ordinance passed by the same vote.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-06**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2012 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR  
GRADUATING SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE AND  
AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF MONIES FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the following ordinance be placed on third and final reading. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Ordinance passed by the same vote.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2012-07**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF 4582 WILLOW PARKWAY, LLC  
FOR A LOAN THROUGH THE COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT FUND;  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the following resolution be placed on third and final reading. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Resolution passed by the same vote.

Mayor Bacci noted for the record that this is basically an economic development deal to keep Tri Mark SS Kemp in the Village.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-08**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE CUYAHOGA  
HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN PERTAINING TO 4582 WILLOW PARKWAY IN THE  
VILLAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Faragone that the rules be suspended and the following ordinance be placed on third and final reading. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Ordinance passed by the same vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bloam motioned to accept the Mayor's nominations for Board and Committees, seconded by Ms. Harris. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

Mr. Casini reviewed the numbers for the Community Housing Maintenance Program noting there have been 186 grants at this point. He stated the program began with \$250,000 and now has \$76,000 with \$22,000 being spent in 2011. Mr. Greenberg stated that the program has satisfied its requirements.

Ms. Biro motioned to approve the Mayor's promotion of Mark Davis to Lieutenant, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

Ms. Biro motioned to appoint Dan Volek pool manager for the 2012 pool season, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

Mr. Contipelli motioned to authorize the village engineer to obtain phase II environmental study proposals for the Electric Welder property, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:**

Congratulations Mr. Contipelli on your re-election to Council President. I'm very happy with working with Council toward what is best for the entire village not individual agendas and hope that continues moving forward.

Welcomed Barb Biro to Council.

Please keep George Suhy in your thoughts and prayers as he is dealing with health issues.

Shireen Mitchell is home from complete shoulder replacement. If you see her or want to give her a call to wish her well, keep her in mind.

Chief Pallini is excused because he is in Florida as he deals with some health issues. Keep the Pallini family in mind as well.

Congratulations again to Lt. Reiger on his retirement.

Noted that a couple more part-time police officers have been sworn in to meet the staffing needs.

Pastor Battle of the Greater Real Truth Church, and his wife distributed 36 turkeys donated to families in need throughout the Village.

Charter Steel donated an entire meal and gifts to a family. Commended Charter Steel for their effort to be a part of the Village family. Vigorously working to maintain their presence in the Village.

Congratulated Todd Sciano on his newborn. Todd Sciano shared that he and his wife had baby Charlie on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulated Ed & Donna Pritchard for becoming grandparents again on December 21<sup>st</sup> as Ed Pritchard Jr., a part-time officer in the Village had a newborn. If you see the Pritchards, please congratulate them as well.

Happy Birthday to Village employees Ray Smosarski, Cheryl Harris, Renator Contipelli, Reno Contipelli, Jim Henley, Pete Angiocchi, Jacqueline Kaminski who will all celebrate birthdays in January.

Congratulations to Brandy Zmija for celebrating her 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of working for the Village on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Wished Vic Duber a Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration.

**MS. BIRO:**

Thanked the Mayor for his kind words and thanked the voters of Cuyahoga Heights for their support in the election. Noted she looks forward to working with her colleagues to maintain and strive to improve the excellent village services.

**MR. TODD BLOAM:**

Welcomed Barb Biro, looking forward to working with Ms. Biro, the rest of Council and the Administration.

**MR CONTIPELLI:**

EDC will meet at 5pm on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please get items for the workshop agenda to me or Bob.

Thanked colleagues for the honor of being elected to Council President.  
Welcomed Barb Biro to council.

Congratulated John Reiger on his retirement.

**MS. MARILYN DUSZYNSKI:**

Thanked the Mayor for getting the department heads together to put the budget together. Everything seems to be on schedule. Mayor Bacci stated that as long as the revenue stays static it will only get easier and with Angel's, the Clerk's, and Trevor's help we are dialed in.

The building inspector's new office is very nice. We are fortunate to have Mr. Guilfoyle and Rick Baciak for the great work.

Welcomed Barbara to Council.

The flower fund will be in the newsletter because the fund is down to about \$80. Mayor Bacci asked that the fund be explained. Ms. Duszynski stated the fund is for the families of deceased residents. They have a choice of giving the money to a charity, cash, or flowers. This year the money can be dropped off at Village Hall or delivered to Ms. Duszynski's home.

**MR. FARAGONE:**

Thanked the voters for re-election.

Welcomed Barb and stated this is a progressive team and not an I-team and that he was proud to be a part of it.

**MS. HARRIS:**

Reiterated the good things stated about Ms. Biro.

Asked David Rutherford to come back and update council on his progress.

Noted that one of the recipients of the turkeys wanted their gratitude passed along to the administration.

Stated that she wanted a note in the next newsletter about the Go Green Committee. Mayor Bacci stated an actual letter can go with the Neighborhood News at any time if the newsletter gets delayed.

**MR. SCOTT WALDEMARSON:**

Working on Mr. Casini's office with an expected completion in approximately a week or two.

Working on the Rails to Trails clearing out brush and overgrowth along the creek and trail. Asked that a meeting be scheduled to go over plantings as well as a meeting to discuss issues with Public Works.

Mayor Bacci explained the phase of the trails project that included a natural screen from the commercial district. A brief discussion of the project occurred.

**CHIEF NEAL CASH:**

Welcomed Councilperson Biro.

Thanked Scott and the Service Department for repairing the ceiling in the fire department.

Reported that Lt. Harris has started in the Assistant Chief's role.

Firefighter Dorris reported back to work on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MR. JONATHAN GREENBERG:**

Thanked Council for his reappointment.

Welcomed Councilwoman Biro.

**CLERK UNGER:**

Welcomed Barb and thinks she is a great addition with lots of knowledge and looks forward to working with her.

Reviewed the R.I.T.A. revenue report for 2011. Noted that there was a positive difference of \$376,000.

General Fund expenses in 2011 were \$9,080,000 and revenue was \$9,174,000. We spent less than we took in in our General Fund. We believe the word for the year is static and are building our budget accordingly.

Noted the historical committee website and how amazing and interesting it is. And emphasized that everyone should check it out. Mayor Bacci commended the historical society.

The Mayor noted the 2012 General Fund budget will be balanced again.

**MRS. LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:**

Welcomed Barb back.

Nice job Mr. Waldemarson on the rails to trails. It is a great addition.



**MRS. ANGEL MERIWETHER:**

Welcomed Barb Biro to Council and stated that her daughters are waiting for snow to use the new "Chalet".

**MR. NORM CASINI:**

Welcomed Barb and thanked everyone for reappointing him for the next 2 years. Noted the building department report will be provided to the council in writing.

Recapped the building department's efforts over the past year.

**MR. TODD SCIANO:**

Thanked everyone for the appointment as Engineer.

The goal will be to be proactive, working on the annual pavement evaluation. We will continue to push Electric Welder forward.

Will update the zoning with Norm to make requested changes.

The Metro Parks completed the sidewalk extension. The City of Cleveland will continue to Jennings road which will extend the trail through Steel Yard, up the hill and down W. 14<sup>th</sup> to Lincoln Park.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

None at this time.

Mayor Bacci had David Rutherford request the motion to adjourn.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the Council Meeting be adjourned. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.