

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
CAUCUS  
JULY 9, 2014  
6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CAUCUS**

**JULY 9, 2014**

Mr. Contipelli called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Renato Contipelli, Marilyn Duszynski, Cheryl Harris and Lois Henley. Also in attendance were Village Building Commissioner Norm Casini and Village Engineer Todd Sciano.

**MINUTES:**

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Mr. Contipelli made the correction in the June Minutes that Michael Suhy was going to be a junior in High School, not a senior.

Ms. Biro was concerned that even though the Village did not buy the property on E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street, and we passed legislation to fund the purchase, would we still have to make the money transfer to the CIC. The Law Director said that since we didn't buy the property, we would not have to make the transfer, even though we passed legislation to make the transfer.

Mr. Unger will amend the minutes to reflect that no transfer of money was made.

Ms. Biro agreed to make the motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

From the Mayor, and all Village Officials:

A Proclamation congratulating the Cuyahoga Heights Girls High School Softball Team, and the Head Coach Christy Zawadzki for prevailing in the Division IV State Championship game on Saturday June 7, 2014.

The team became the first ever state champion to represent the Cuyahoga Heights School District, as well as the first ever Northeast Ohio softball state champion.

The Mayor, Council, and elected officials, hereby congratulate you, and proclaim our pride in your historic achievement.

From the Mayor, and all Village Officials:

A Proclamation for Dispatcher Christine Suhy expressing our appreciation for her 30 years of faithful and dedicated services as a Village employee. We congratulate her on her retirement from the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department.

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion to accept the Communications, Ms. Henley agreed to second.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time

**PURCHASES:**

None at this time

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Position of Cash Statement  
R.I.T.A Preliminary report for July 2014

Mr. Contipelli agreed to make the motion to accept the reports, Ms. Duszynski agreed to second.

**LEGISLATION:**

Motion to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption.

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second.

<b>RESOLUTION NO. 2014-79</b>	Payment of Certain Claims: Payroll General Bills (#46572 - #46661)	\$4,987,523.24
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Ms. Biro asked why the check to Mr. Hairston on his claim was voided. Mr. Greenberg explained that Mr. Hairston failed to show up at the hearing so the case got dismissed and we don't have to pay anything.

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion, Ms. Henley agreed to second.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-80**

##### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, GENERAL AUTO LIABILITY, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE, ETC. FROM LOVE INSURANCE AGENCY**

Mr. Unger explained that the cost for this year has increased, but told Council that for the last 5 years, they have paid out 97% of what we paid for the premiums. Mr. Unger explained that they now have a five year look back period for setting claims, and our claims have been higher than normal, so our premiums will be going up. They shopped our policy out to a number of companies, and this was the best deal. Mr. Unger recommends the purchase.

Ms. Biro asked if we do checks on our drivers to make sure they are legal drivers with good records. Mr. Unger explained that whenever we hire any employee that has to drive a Village vehicle, we do a background check on their driving record. We also do a yearly check on all Village employees once a year to make sure they have good driving records. This was a suggestion from the Insurance carrier that we instituted this year.

Ms. Biro also asked about the sale of alcoholic beverages at the Corn Roast. The Mayor explained that we don't sell it, we have a charitable organization sell it and they get all the licenses from the State. Ms. Biro asked Mr. Unger to inquire if we are covered in this situation; Mr. Unger said he will look into it.

Ms. Duszynski asked if this is the same policy from last year, or have we added anything on it. Clerk Unger told Council that we add things as they are built, or purchased, so the new concession stand is on it, and any vehicles that we purchase throughout the year are put on the policy at no extra charge for the year. Then they will adjust the premium the next year.

Ms. Harris agreed to make the motion, Ms. Henley agreed to second.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-81**

##### **A RESOLUTION ENGAGING BUILDING INSPECTORS FOR THE VILLAGE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION**

Mr. Greenberg was asked to explain this Resolution. Mr. Greenberg explained that there will be no more changing of money in the Building Department. All money will go through the Clerks office. This legislation is basically the same thing. We used to have all the inspectors paid by Mr. Casini, now they will go directly to Mr. Unger. It makes a cleaner audit trail, and is more transparent. We are just changing the procedure.

Ms. Biro wants to make sure that if they are independent contractors that we send them a PERS form to opt out of the PERS system. Mr. Unger stated that he would make sure the forms are sent out to the contractors. The Mayor asked Ms. Biro who should be the notifier. Ms. Biro said it is Payroll.

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, Ms. Duszynski agreed to second.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-82**

### **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF KONSTRUCTION KING, INC. FOR FULL DEPTH RIGID PAVEMENT REPAIRS TO WILLOW PARKWAY**

Mr. Contipelli asked Mr. Sciano to explain the next 5 Resolutions to Council concerning the street projects. Mr. Bloam reminded Council that Resolutions 82, 83 and 84 were brought in front of Council through Public Works at a Workshop, and after much discussion we all agreed to move forward with these projects. Ms. Henley stated that this is over and beyond the budget. Clerk Unger also stated that it was not budgeted, but Council agreed to move forward with them anyway. All of the projects Council approved at the Workshop exceeded \$300,000.00, and these first three Resolutions were a part of that. Mr. Contipelli explained that the five year plan anticipated these costs, and if we move forward with the projects, our General Fund at the end of the year will be a little over a million dollars.

Mr. Bloam explained that on the other two street striping Resolutions, 85 and 86, they can't be done until we fix the streets.

Mr. Unger stated that yes, Council did agree to do these projects at a Workshop, know full well that they would have to come in front of them again to be voted on in Legislation form. The first 3 Resolutions, 82, 83, and 84 are part of the five projects they asked to move forward on. Mr. Unger explained that he is going to take as much of these costs that he can out of the Street Funds as long as he is comfortable with the end balance in those funds. If I look at the Street Funds, and don't feel it is in our best interest to deplete these Funds, then he will take it out of the General Fund. With Resolution 2014-85, Mr. Sciano has informed Mr. Unger that he can take these costs out of the Capital Projects Fund because he can fit it under and include it with the total cost of the E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street Project. Mr. Unger said he will look at all of the options and make a decision.

Ms. Biro Stated that the confusion for her comes when crossing Funds. If you take it out of the General Fund then you have to take it out of Capital Outlay, and you are going to distort the figures that the Mayor used in his newsletter and distort his pie charts. So either you make a transfer out of the General Fund, or move it one way or the other. Mr. Unger said he believes the Street Funds will cover all of these projects, and have enough to support purchasing salt for the winter. Ms. Biro would do a transfer and keep the pie charts accurate. Mr. Contipelli stated that that is something for Finance to discuss; he just wants to know if Council wants to move ahead with the projects. He said these are all things that we have agreed to previously and we should know what we want to do. Ms. Duszynski said she realizes this, but feels sometimes we need to refresh ourselves with the projects.

Mr. Sciano explained that these are all projects recommended by Public Works for 2014. These are a short list of items that they deemed needs and not wants. In the May meetings these were brought up to Council and the main question was where the money is coming from. At that time the Clerk informed us that it will have to come out of the General Fund. In June we talked about it again and came up with this short list of 5 items to move forward with. Mr. Contipelli reiterated that we have talked about these at many meetings, Mr. Sciano said yes. Now we are here asking for Council's approval to move forward.

The crack sealing projects are small projects, and we only had two companies submit bids. The street striping is becoming a necessity because now it is a safety issue because they are fading on the streets. Mr. Sciano explained that the crack sealing needs to be done before the striping, and we don't know if the companies can do it in the next couple of weeks. He is trying to coordinate all of these projects to get done as soon as possible. The Mayor stated that the North end of E. 49<sup>th</sup> Street has to get done ASAP. It is beyond guessing where you are at on the road. The striping is gone.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning all of the striping projects. Ms. Duszynski said that the last time they did the striping it was not a very good job, and asked for Council support on that issue. They did it in inclement weather, and they did it fast to get the job done. That should have never faded like it did. The Mayor explained that the striping was done on a temporary basis to get us through the winter. Mr. Sciano also agreed that we did minimal striping to get us through the winter. We didn't stripe the parking lane, arrows, or the no parking. We only put down as much as we needed for safety.

Mr. Sciano explained that the paint they put down was only good for one year. The paint we are going to use on E. 71<sup>st</sup> is supposed to be good for 10 years that is why it is so expensive. The Mayor stated that if we get 5 years out of it that would be great. The Mayor just wants to get the job done, and get the streets striped. Mr. Sciano said the only way we could have gotten this done sooner is if Council would have passed this legislation in March. He told Council that if there is anything you want to do in 2015, we need to get together at the end of this year to plan it out sooner. The Mayor wanted Council to know that Mr. Sciano is documenting all conversations that he has with Council and Public Works so no one can say they didn't know about any projects.

Ms. Henley agreed to make the motion, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-83**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION,  
INC. FOR THE 2014 TYPE 3 – JOINT AND CRACK SEALING PROJECT  
ON A PORTION OF EAST 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-84**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION,  
INC. FOR THE 2014 TYPE 3 – JOINT AND CRACK SEALING PROJECT  
ON EAST 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND EAST 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET

Mr. Contipelli agreed to make the motion, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-85**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AERO-MARK, INC. FOR THERMAL  
PLASTIC STRIPING OF EAST 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET IN THE VILLAGE

Ms. Henley agreed to make the motion, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-86**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AERO-MARK, INC. FOR STRIPING  
OF STREETS IN THE VILLAGE, EXCLUDING EAST 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET

Mr. Contipelli agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-87**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY LOCATED  
AT 5037 EAST 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 522-20-008  
FOR A PUBLIC PARK, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PURPOSES

This Resolution was not added until the end of Caucus.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Harris and Building Commissioner Casini brought up a notion of limiting animals or pets. I would like to have that on as a Workshop item, or have Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Casini come up with something in legislation form for Council to address. Mr. Contipelli stated that this is something we need to discuss; he is not going to tell people how many pets they can have. He feels a problem with that would have to fall under a nuisance Ordinance or inspection by the Building Department. Council decided to discuss this at a Workshop.

The Mayor asked Council if they saw the letters that will be going out to the residents concerning housing code violations. They all said they had. The Mayor explained that everyone will be getting one of the three. The first one is a feel good letter for the folks that have corrected the violations, the second one is asking them to let's work together to get it done, and the last one is you haven't complied with anything. Mr. Casini said they will be going out in the next few weeks.

Mr. Greenberg informed Council about a prosecution of a homeowner in the Village, and that the Village took them to court for Code Violations, and they were cited many times with no response. They were found guilty of five counts of first degree misdemeanors and received 30 days in jail which was suspended. We told the judge we were not interested in fining him, we just want the property fixed up. He was not fined, but put on one year active probation and two years of inactive probation. This means if there is another offense; the Judge can put them in jail immediately. Mr. Contipelli thanked Mr. Greenberg for doing a great job on behalf of all the neighbors in that area. Mr. Greenberg explained that it was a team effort; Mr. Casini as well as

Deputy Davis also did a great job. Mr. Contipelli stated that it sends a message to all homeowners that if you are a repeat, repeat, offender, we will take legal action against you.

Made a motion to go into Executive Session for real estate and personnel matters, and imminent litigation.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion, seconded by Ms. Harris. All voting Aye, none opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to come out of the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All voting Aye, none opposed. Motion passed.

Caucus ended at 6:50pm.

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Mayor Bacci had everyone stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked everyone to turn off their cell phones.

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

ROLL CALL: Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley

**MINUTES:**

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Ms. Biro made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and place them on file, seconded by Mr. Bloam. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

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Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Ms. Henley that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley voting aye for the adoption, Motion carried.

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Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Ms. Henley that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley voting aye for suspension of the rules. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

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### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

#### **MAYOR BACCI:**

The Mayor hoped everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

The State of the Village was delivered last weekend. The only negative comment was that the colored pie chart identifiers were too small for our Seniors to read. He thanked the staff, the

Clerk, and the Department Heads for giving him the information to put in the packet so our residents know what is going on from 2013 to 2014.

He wanted to thank Council for letting him move forward with the Economic Development package for ROE Dental Laboratories. This could bring a clinical company to our Village with up to 100 employees. They will also be renovation the Third Federal Building on Grant Avenue which needs some desperate updates.

The baby pool was closed for a couple of days due to a crack in the concrete, probably due to the harsh winter we had this year. Repairs were made, and the baby pool was reopened.

On a positive note, Pool Manager Marisa Contipelli and her staff held their first “Dive In” movie at the swimming pool on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>. There was a small issue with the sun not wanting to cooperate, but they pulled it off and everybody had a great time. They are currently gearing up for a Christmas in July party on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

We offered our residents 50% off if they wished to participate in the Cuyahoga Heights Football Team Golf Outing on July 13, and we only had 4 residents sign up. On the other hand, we have offered a trip to Cedar Point with discounted prices, meal packages, as well as bus transportation, and we had 53 residents sign up.

The Mayor asked if Ms. Duszynski would like to report on our First Energy representative. Ms. Duszynski explained that our representative, Karen Goodson will no longer be our representative. We have a new rep named Chad, and she will fill him in on our needs. The problem is that we are such a small community, we are not very high on their list, and at this time First Energy is understaffed, and behind on many projects.

Mr. Sciano explained that this is very similar to the electrical work in the park. We got a little bit of a late start, but we positioned ourselves well for them to come out and hook up the power, but we need a little bit of help politically to get them to move quicker and get the job done.

The Mayor told everyone that Mary Jane and Mrs. Bernice Blue are back in town after a little less than a year. If you see them, welcome them back. We are glad to have them back.

Congratulations to Chief Neal Cash, and Head Dispatcher Barb Cash, they became grandparents once again. Their first grandson was born on July 1<sup>st</sup> to Jason and Kristen Cash. We welcome Lincoln Joseph Cash.

Just a reminder that the Villages Document Shredding Day event will be held this Saturday at Gateway Recycling. Councilwoman Lois Henley can further expand on this as our Senior Liaison to the Village. Ms. Henley explained that there will be two Service Department employees there to help. It starts at 9:00am and she will keep track of everything and let Council know how it turns out.

A very special birthday wish to Mr. Boing who will be celebrating his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 17<sup>th</sup>, also birthday wishes to Councilwoman Marilyn Duszynski who celebrates her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow.

Congratulations to Fire Lieutenant Don Pallini who celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the department on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Birthday wishes to David Lucas who turns 30 on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, also my birthday is on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rick Henley July 5<sup>th</sup>, Jude Kaliszewski July 14<sup>th</sup>, Tony Dorris July 17<sup>th</sup>, Bob Guilfoyle July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Frank Domzalski July 26<sup>th</sup>, and Michael Suhy July 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MS. BIRO:**

She wanted to commend the Fire Department for receiving the 2014-2015 EMS Grant for \$2,750.00. This is money that will not have to spend for supplies. She wanted to thank Chief Cash for his efforts and continued efforts to achieve the grants for the Fire Department.

She also wanted to thank our Building Commissioner Norm Casini on his continued efforts to get the residential and commercial properties to maintain their properties, and keep their grass cut. Norm has been very successful, and Ms. Biro wanted to thank him for a job well done.

Ms. Biro told the Mayor that she had several complaints from residents concerning the train tracks on Grant Avenue, and asked the Mayor to give us an update. The Mayor stated the Newburgh South Shore Railroad has been somewhat difficult with the contractor doing the work on the road, Specialized Construction. Council and Specialized Construction have done everything in their power to get this fixed, but Newburgh Southshore is being very difficult. According to the Newburgh Southshore, "If a horse and buggy are able to cross the railroad, that is all that needs to be done". Ms. Biro asked how we took out the tracks by Bacci Park. The Mayor stated that we had to purchase the property in order to get them out. The Mayor stated that he has had numerous conversations with Newburgh, and he has gotten nowhere. Mr. Sciano said that in his conversations with them he has not had a lot of help from them. Ms. Biro stated that it is becoming a safety issue. The Mayor said that what they are going to do is force us to pay for the repairs because we have so many complaints from our residents and business owners, but the railroad is not going to help us. It is Newburgh Southshores fault, and they refuse to fix anything. We have been working on this issue for a long time.

Ms. Biro reminded the Mayor that she asked him a month ago about the markers that are budding up on E. 49<sup>th</sup> Street properties by the Metropark. You replied that they are going to be putting up a fence around the substation. She asked if they have to come to the Village for any permits. Mr. Sciano stated that he talked to First Energy; according to their PUCC guidelines they are able to remove and replace the fence at its exact location under its maintenance contract. Ms. Biro said she is concerned that the park is not putting up a fence on the back line. Mr. Sciano said he spoke with their supervisor and they will not be putting up a fence there. They are putting in some type of burglary system, but the fence has to go back where it was.

Ms. Biro brought up the Cedar Point trip last year where there was an incident with a resident not getting back to the bus on time for departure, and inconvenienced the people that wanted to go home. She wanted to know if we could somehow make sure this does not happen again, so that the bus driver is not in any type of altercation with the passengers. After a lengthy discussion concerning last year's inconvenience of the passengers, the Mayor asked Ms. Schoeffler to get a letter out to everyone taking the bus putting them on notice that the rules and times need to be adhered to.

**MR. BLOAM:**

Public Works met with Scotty concerning some issues with the pool. He wanted to let Council know that he will be coming back to Council to move the chemicals up from the basement, as they are causing problems where they are currently stored. They also had some issues with Klima Gardens, that need to be addressed, and he will be coming back to Council to get them fixed.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:**

Wanted everyone to know how pleased he is with our Building and Law Department for the successful prosecution of the Josephine Smith properties. This sends a strong message to all of our residents.

In Economic Development, Millcraft Company has contacted the Village concerning a new parking lot. They bought out another company, and will be moving 100-120 jobs into Cuyahoga Heights, and reinvesting in our community.

He told the Mayor his State of the Union was spot on, and hopes people actually read it.

One more thing, the Millcreek Partnership has applied for the Ohio EPA Scholarship that they made Cuyahoga Heights the recipient of if they receive it. This means we could get around 8 to 12 grand for identifying pictures that describes the watershed, and its boundaries. These signs will be somewhere along our trail in the park. Ms. Henley asked if they are doing anything concerning the erosion problem, Mr. Contipelli said that is something they are still working on.

**MS. DUSZYNSKI:**

The Finance Committee approved a PO to Consolidated Heating in the amount of \$9,681.78 for the pool boiler. The boiler was rusted and leaking and would not make hot water.

Ms. Duszynski wanted to go on record that she would like us to top all the trees on Willowbrook instead of tearing them down. Mr. Waldemarson explained that they don't top trees anymore, and he had Stan from Stan's tree service look at them. Stan said that is the worst thing you can

do to a tree, but they will trim them the best they can. The Mayor stated that he and Mr. Waldemarson will take care of it.

She thinks the State of the Village newsletter was excellent.

**MS. HARRIS:**

Ms. Harris wanted to make sure that we are purchasing a hot dog maker for the new concession stand; it was not on the list to be purchased. The Mayor assured her that we currently own one and we don't need to purchase another.

**MS. HENLEY:**

Ms. Henley thanked the Mayor for getting the Service Department in to fix the floor at the pool, they did a great job.

Ms. Henley stated that this Council did not make any layoffs of the SAFER Grant employees, and asked the Mayor if this was correct. The Mayor stated no, they did not make any layoffs. For the record, there were no layoffs; there was a contractual agreement with Local 702 and the Village of Cuyahoga Heights that related to a FEMA Grant that allowed us to bring back 3 full time Firemen for a period of 2 years. A 3<sup>rd</sup> year of employment was given by Cuyahoga Heights and this Council on the dollars of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights without any support from a grant from FEMA. Originally we had to pay for the third year if we took the grant, but after many communities turned the Grant down, they dropped the requirement of us paying for the third year, but we kept our word and paid for the third year anyway. This was an agreement with Local 702.

The Centa family donated more computer desks, and was wondering if she could ask the seniors if they wanted them. The Mayor said yes.

Ms. Henley would like the Clerk to make sure all the construction workers in the Village are paying taxes to the Village.

**CHIEF STURGILL:**

We received a grant/donation of \$250.00 from Buckeye Terminal this week. Also we are having training at Buckeye Terminal on the 17<sup>th</sup> for spills that enter the river.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> we gave a promotional exam, and two candidates passed and we will be going on to the oral interview stage.

Wished Ms. Duszynski a happy birthday.

**HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:**

She hoped that everyone received their Swiftreach warning recently concerning the tornado activity in our area. These will come every time there is a warning in Cuyahoga County.

They gave an entrance exam for a new Dispatcher position, 15 people passed, and they will be working on it this week.

Wished Ms. Duszynski a happy birthday.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:**

Scotty wanted to expand on the chemical problem at the pool. All of the chemicals stored in the basement are literally rotting out all the equipment in the basement of the pool. They need to be moved to the ground floor and build an outside structure to house the chemicals.

The splash pool was built in 1999, and the Board of Health has never required us to have a license until now. Also we have a leak in the baby pool that gives us a chlorine problem. Come the fall, we will empty the pool and send a camera down there to find the leak and fix it.

Klima ceiling is going to get painted next week.

Wished Ms. Duszynski a happy birthday.

**FIRE CHIEF CASH:**

Wished Ms. Duszynski a happy birthday.

**LAW DIRECTOR JON GREENBERG:**

Wished Ms. Duszynski a happy birthday.

**CLERK UNGER:**

Wished Ms. Duszynski a happy birthday.

Wanted to let everyone know that we have taken in approximately \$25,000.00 so far from the fines from the speed cameras, and it goes into the 412 Capital Fund.

The State Audit for the years 2012-2013 is complete and certified. They did not identify any deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal controls, and the financial statements were free of all material misstatements. The result of their testing disclosed no instances of non compliance, it was a very clean audit, and I am very proud of the work done by the employees in the Finance Department, Angel Meriwether and Trevor Elkins. The results of the audit have been posted on the Auditor of States website for your review.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:**

Wished the Mayor and Ms. Duszynski a happy birthday.

**ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN HALL, ANGEL MERIWETHER:**

Wished Ms. Duszynski a happy birthday.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:**

Wished Ms. Duszynski a happy birthday.

**VILLAGE BUILDING COMMISIONER NORM CASINI:**

Wished Ms. Duszynski a happy birthday.

Also, the Sewer district will be doing quite a bit of remodeling in the near future; also Charter Steel will be putting in a new substation.

The Firefighters Credit Union has completely moved in, as well as Expert Crane.

He is working on Millcrafts parking lot and will make sure they do a good job on the landscaping.

We issued 9 home grants for the month of June.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

WHERFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:55 PM. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.