

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
MARCH 12, 2014
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

MARCH 12, 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, Lois Henley. Also in attendance were Village Building Commissioner Norm Casini and Village Engineer Todd Sciano.

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

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to go into Executive Session at 6:00pm. for eminent litigation, advice of Counsel, and personnel matters, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to come out of executive Session at 7:00pm. Seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Bacci introduced Dorian Grubaugh from Optotrafic LLC, to answer questions concerning the speed cameras that we are looking into putting in service for our Village.

Mr. Contipelli asked about the data they acquire, and whether they can give out the information as a public record. His concern is that the data is sold to data brokers. The only public record would be the notices that get sent out from the Police Department, anything kept in house by them is not a public record, and by law we are not allowed to sell any of the information, and anything that we have, we shred.

A question was raised concerning the reasons people would dispute the ticket. It was stated by Mr. Grubaugh that most of the time it is because of the reading of the plate. People would say it is a 6, and not an 8 and claim it is wrong because of the dirt on the plate. We use really high resolution cameras, after review the officer might still agree that they are not 100% sure, and reject the ticket.

Mr. Contipelli asked if they take a picture of all of the cars that pass. Mr. Grubaugh stated no, only the ones above the threshold of 12 miles above the stated speed limit.

Ms. Harris asked what the picture takes, is it the plate and also the occupant or driver. Mr. Grubaugh stated it is just the rear vehicle license plate. The Mayor asked why they don't take a picture of the driver also, so there is no question as to who was at fault. Mr. Brubaugh explained that they only take a picture of the plate because when they first started, there was a huge to do over things that were picked up such as people cheating on their spouses. The State of Ohio holds the registered vehicles owner responsible for the violation, and they have the option to transfer liability to the operator of the vehicle at that time, and it is written on the citation if they chose. And then we will reissue the citation to that person.

Ms. Duszynski asked how long they have been in business. Mr. Grubaugh said they have been in business for four years, and only one year in Ohio. There are only three other companies in the local area doing these tickets, and the other companies use radar, we use laser, and that sets us apart from the others.

Mr. Contipelli again stated his concern over the information being secure. Mr. Grubaugh explained that an officer from the police department must log in to get the information on a daily basis, and the information is on a secure site. The Mayor stated that this is a job that he would like to give to the Assistant Chief to do Monday through Friday.

Ms. Duszynski asked if 60% for the Village and 40% to Optotrafic is the going rate in Ohio to charge for this program. Mr. Grubaugh stated that sometimes you will see a 35%-65% rate, but it is very seldom, 60-40 seems to be the going rate, 60% for the community, and 40% to Optotrafic. You are in charge of the program, but we do all the work that goes along with the program, other companies will not do that. We believe we are the best company to work with. Whatever we need to do to make the program more seamless, we will do. Also, whenever you want to opt out of the program, you can do it with no penalties.

Mr. Grubaugh left his card and reading material for all of Council if they have any other questions or concerns.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time

PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-35	Payment of Certain Claims:	\$697,923.48
	Payroll	
	General Bills	
	(#46073 - #46133)	

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN CAMPBELL & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE POLICE DISPATCH AUDIO RECORDER

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-38

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SWIFTREACH NETWORKS, INC. FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES

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

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FROM STATEWIDE FORD LINCOLN THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO PURCHASING
PROGRAM (CONTRACT No. RS901214) AND FOR INSTALLATION OF DECALS;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Duszynski questioned the purchase of these vehicles and that it was not in the budget for 2014. The Mayor explained that it was in the budget under Capital Outlay, where it always is. Mr. Contipelli asked the Clerk to explain how this purchase will affect the budgets bottom line. The Clerk explained that any purchases from Capital Outlay will impact the budget by the amount of the purchase. It will be an expense added to the budgets bottom line in the General Fund.

Ms. Duszynski asked about the necessity of the purchase at this time. The Mayor stated that we bought no cars last year, and they put on an average of 40,000 miles a year. We try to rotate them out at 80-120 thousand miles. The idle time is what wrecks the engines. This is because our folks want them to patrol the Village. The Mayor has set standards and goals for our officers, and they are driving around and putting miles on the cars.

Chief Sturgill has a three year rotation that he would like to implement, and it is buy three cars in year one, three in year two and none in year three. He cannot keep a quality car in service after three years.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-40

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 254.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF
THE VILLAGE WITH RESPECT TO SICK LEAVE FOR SERVICE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Biro stated that this is just cleaning up the language in the Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-41

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 418 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE CREATING AN AUTOMATED SPEED AND
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS

At the beginning of the Caucus, a representative from Optotrafic came and put on a small presentation concerning the traffic cameras. Mr. Contipelli asked Council if they wanted to pass

it at this time, or put it on first reading. Mr. Contipelli asked if someone does not want to put speed cameras in the Village. Ms. Harris said that Ms. Duszynski and her want to do this, but they question who is going to do it. Mr. Bloam explained that that Ordinance on who is going to do it is coming up later in the Agenda.

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

REOLUTION NO. 2014-42

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE
DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT FROM CENTURY EQUIPMENT UNDER
THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM
(Contract No. 800261-ST515)

Ms. Biro explained that this is a huge purchase, and asked the Mayor to make sure the Service Department takes care of it. She wants the equipment maintained, and the Mayor assured her that would happen.

Mr. Contipelli asked the Clerk what fund the expense would come from. The Clerk explained that it is a stretch, but he will take it out of the 200 Fund which is Streets and Sidewalks, and if the auditors don't feel this is proper, they will have us reclassify it during the audit.

Ms. Duszynski said that she agrees with Ms. Biro in that we need to take better care of our equipment. The Mayor stated that she does not inspect the equipment, he does, and we take good care of our equipment. Ms. Duszynski explained that she heard from a reliable source that we do not respect our equipment as well as we should. The Mayor stated that he will look into it.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-43

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE FOR
PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

The Law Director, Jon Greenberg explained that we always had mutual aid with Independence; the only thing this does is delineate any of the issues we have had such as who is in charge, who is in charge of personnel, and also issues affecting the equipment. The Mayor stated that Mayor Kurtz asked for this agreement. This will clear up some of the issues we have had in loaning equipment out to other communities.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-44

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSALS OF UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ECCO EXCAVATING, AND JSS ELECTRIC FOR UPGRADES TO LOUIS J. BACCI PARK

Mr. Contipelli explained that this involves the electrical upgrades to Bacci Park. Mr. Sciano the Village Engineer explained that these four items will cost 175-200 thousand to install. He gave a brief description of the process to get electrical to the park. He explained that this will bring 1000 amp service to the park, which will be enough to power anything we need in the future.

Ms. Henley asked if the transformer they are installing is going to be three phase, and will we be able to run a 220 line to the new building. Mr. Sciano explained that with a three phase, we will not be able to run a 220 line to the building unless we add another transformer inside the building.

Mr. Sciano explained that if there was ever a need for more amps, you could switch out the transformer without adding more wiring.

Ms. Biro would like to see a transfer of money from the General Fund to the Capital Projects to cover the costs of this project. The Clerk explained that he will take the money for this project out of Capital Projects, and if we have to we will reappropriate. Ms. Biro would also like to put a motion on the floor to open a PO for the \$47,300 in expenses the Village will have to cover for the supplies. It was agreed to make the motion in Other Business.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-45

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

Mr. Contipelli wanted to thank Angel Meriwether for all of the work she did on this Ordinance. Ms. Harris does not think they have the complete policy regarding this Ordinance. Mr. Contipelli explained that it is much more detailed than they talked about. She would like to see when the evaluations are done, and if they get an increase, when does it go into effect. Mr. Contipelli stated that it would take effect on the next pay period.

She stated again that it does not say when we are going to do evaluations. The Mayor said we do them every year, and it depends on the head of the department if they do them in the first part of the year or the second part of the year. He stated that they have done evaluations every year since he became Mayor. Ms. Harris feels that we should do all evaluations at the same time, and if there is an increase it would be at that time for everyone, and feels it should be written in the policy. The Mayor explained that this is policy, not legislation. He stated that he makes policy,

and Council makes legislation. Ms. Harris then said that she feels that Council should also make policy. The Mayor explained that Council does not make policy, it makes laws. She feels that Council should make the procedures law, and Mr. Contipelli stated that by doing that you are trying to manage, and that is not what Council does. Ms. Duszynski also feels that if we are giving the Mayor all of this power, we should mandate certain criteria as far as evaluations and timing of raises. Mr. Contipelli explained that we are only talking about ten employees here. Ms. Harris and Ms. Duszynski still think it should be done by making law.

After more lively conversation, Ms. Harris and Ms. Duszynski said the Mayor is going to do what he wants, and agreed to move forward with the legislation as is.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH
LAWLER CONSTRUCTION, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE STATION
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-47

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER
INTO A CONTRACT WITH OPTOTRAFFIC, LLC FOR AUTOMATED SPEED
MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion to accept the 2014 budget as prepared

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

Motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Brian Sturgill for Police Chief

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

Motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mark Davis for Police Chief

Ms. Henley agreed to make the motion. Mr. Contipelli agreed to second.

Motion to approve a PO not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the materials for the utilities upgrade at Bacci Park.

Ms. Biro agreed to make the motion. Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

Ms. Henley explained to the Council that Hudson Council groups the Ordinance instead of voting on each and every Ordinance, and would like Council to look into doing it the same way. Mr. Contipelli asked that we put it on the Agenda for the next Workshop.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

The Mayor stated that he is going to send a letter to the Clerk and the Chair of the Finance Committee asking them to outline and go forward with a five year financial plan for the Village. He would like to see the longevity of our current revenue streams are going to be in the next five years. He understands it is just a forecast, but he would like to have that moving forward. We need to have a real understanding of when and if we need to go to our folks in the business community for any type of tax increase.

An update on Klima Grove. They worked well into the night to get us the results that they found nothing in the hole they dug concerning the sinkhole, and turned it over to Mr. Sciano the Engineer.

Mr. Sciano stated that they found some slag, concrete and sand, but no ground water or pipes, it is dry as a bone. Long term plan is still to build the Firefighters Credit Union building on the front part, and parking in the back, and that is good news.

The Mayor is searching for a pool manager, and Ms. Henley said she has a candidate, and she will tell her to turn in her application as soon as possible. Ms. Henley explained that it is Marissa Contipelli, and everyone was in agreement that she was the most responsible of the Contipellis and they would all support her for Pool Manager.

The Mayor explained that the pool prices will be the same as in 2013.

Mr. Contipelli adjourned Caucus at 8:20pm.

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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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

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Motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Brian Sturgill for Police Chief

Mr. Bloam made the motion to approve Brian Sturgill for Police Chief, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mark Davis for Assistant Police Chief

Ms. Henley made the motion to approve Mark Davis as the Assistant Police Chief, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a PO not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the materials for the utilities upgrade at Bacci Park.

Ms. Biro made the motion to approve a PO not to exceed \$50,000.00 for materials for the utilities upgrade at Bacci Park, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Council excused Clerk Unger from the rest of the meeting to pick up his wife from the airport.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

The Mayor stated that when you see Bryan Rini, welcome him back to the Fire Department as a full time employee. You also have Brian Baciak will be back working the remainder of the SAFER Grant. The Mayor asked the Assistant Fire Chief Mike Suhy if he had heard anything regarding the status of the grant, and no one has heard anything. He has nothing specific as it relates to the SAFER Grant, but Mr. Contipelli said that he did, and he would give the information he has during his time to address Council.

Congratulations to our Dispatcher Brandi (Zmija) Murphy and her husband Mike on the birth of their first child, Bryce Patrick Murphy who weighed in at 8 Lbs. 11 Oz. and 21 inches long. Mother and father and grandparents are all doing well. Congratulations also to Trevor Elkins and Laura on the new addition to their family. They had a baby girl, Emma, who weighed in at 8 Lbs. and 19.25 inches long.

We had another victory for the Administration. Mrs. Angie Balog came into the office to convey her appreciation and gratitude to the Administration and the Service Director for keeping our roads and driveways well maintained during this rough winter.

March birthday wishes to Brian Sturgill March 8th, Joe Wallace March 11, Angel Meriwether March 12, Jeremy Grabowski March 15, Cathy Zmija March 24, and Barb Cash March 25.

Special birthday wishes to Danny Lipiec who turned 60 on March 1st.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone. The only day of the year when everyone is Irish.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

He gave an update on Economic Development. The committee is putting something together on hard copy of what the Village has to offer new businesses. He explained TIF financing to build new buildings. It is a way to finance the money needed by using the future property taxes you would get to borrow the money for the loan to build the building and for infrastructure. It is collateral against the loan. He explained that the School gets 54% of all real estate taxes, and if they decided not to participate, you would only get 40% for the loan. After talking to the school, they are willing to work with us on an individual project basis. Silverload is now looking to get something done on the north end of the Village.

Ms. Henley asked if the company we are working with goes bankrupt, are we still liable for the TIF money we borrow. Mr. Contipelli said that it is a loan and we would be liable for any loan we take out against future taxes. Ms. Harris asked if we can still get this loan even though we borrowed as much as we can already. Mr. Contipelli stated that yes; we can still get this loan because it is based on the project, and what value is going to come to that property. Ms. Duszynski stated again that if we don't get the money from the project, we will still be liable for the loan. Mr. Contipelli said yes, if we take TIF money.

Because the school cannot attend, Mr. Contipelli is cancelling the Economic Development meeting for April.

Mr. Contipelli as the Council Liaison to the school met with them yesterday and discussed TIF, future economic development, Mill Creek Watershed, speed cameras, improvements to Bacci Park, and also some of their concerns. One of the things that they stated is the State funding of 3 million dollars that the school gets is going to be wiped out in the next year or so. So they are looking for a levy in 2016. They are now looking at cuts that they can make; they are looking at the pool and workout facility, and shutting them down permanently. This will save them over 2 hundred thousand dollars a year. We might be able to get some of the workout equipment back, but the pool will be an empty facility. Ms. Duszynski stated that they don't maintain the workout facility at all. The machines don't work correctly, and they are not clean.

What the school will do is reach out to Valley View and see if they will let non residents use their recreation facility. The Mayor stated it is not going to happen. They are also going to try to get all 3 Village Councils together to see what we can work out for the levy. Mr. Contipelli believes that this new school administration is very transparent, and he is encouraged by it.

The Mayor has talked to the school and asked them to see if there was something they could do to lease it to the Villages before closing it permanently. Mr. Contipelli said he also talked to them about that, and they said it would need to be separated from both schools and that would take building a new entrance to the pool. The Mayor stated that all you would have to do is cut off both entrances to the schools, but then the faculty would also have to park somewhere else, which raised some logistic issues for them. The Mayor stated that this is something they will look into.

He wanted to congratulate Brian Sturgill and Mark Davis on their new appointments, and Trevor Elkins on the birth of his new daughter.

Mr. Contipelli discussed the SAFER Grant, and that Cuyahoga Heights did not get awarded another grant. But they were told that some communities may not take the awards, and the money gets put back into a pool and then there is a possibility of more money coming in, but maybe by June we will see if there is enough money coming in for a second round of grants, but we did not get it for the first round.

MS. DUSZYNSKI:

In February the Finance approved a PO for the ammo in the amount of \$9,800.00 to replace the ammunition at the Police Department.

Ms. Duszynski asked if the lines in the street are going to be restriped. The Mayor stated that we plowed it to death, and the lines have come off. It will be our responsibility to do it in the spring.

She also asked about the Firefighters Credit Union Building. She stated it doesn't look anything like the picture she saw. The Mayor stated that the original picture was taken off the internet to show the style of the building, but has since shown them all the renderings which is the building itself. She said it still doesn't look like what she thought it was going to be. The Mayor stated that it is not yet done.

She also welcomed the new Police Chief and Assistant Chief to the team, and she is happy with the Mayor's choice.

MS. HARRIS:

Ms. Harris gave a report on the Concession Stand Committee concerning future plans and staffing.

MS. HENLEY:

Happy birthday to Angel Meriwether, and stated that she is so glad that Brian Sturgill is the new Police Chief, and Mark Davis is the new Assistant Police Chief.

As liaison to the seniors, she has talked to the Mayor and is going to send a letter out to all seniors letting them know that she has been appointed to this position, and that she is privileged to have your ears and eyes as a Councilwoman. Her charge is to give you insight into what is happening in the Village and any and all of your concerns can be channeled through her.

In addition the Mayor has asked her to seek out any and programs in the Village, city, county, state, and federal that will be beneficial to the seniors. She is not the liaison to just the seniors in the club, but extends to all residents 60 and older. She wants to make sure that all seniors are in touch with the Village and its programs.

MS. BIRO:

Nothing at this time.

MR. BLOAM:

There will be a Public Works Meeting Tuesday March 18th at 11:00 am. in Council Chambers. Happy birthday to Angel, and congratulations to Brian Sturgill and Mark Davis on their promotions.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:

Wanted to thank you for appointing him to Chief, and Mark Davis Assistant Chief. He stated that he has an open door policy for anyone having any questions or concerns.

Ms. Duszynski asked when the new cars were going to be delivered. Chief Sturgill said sometime in August or September.

HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:

Thanked Council for approving the service agreements, and congratulated the new Police Chief and Assistant Police Chief. She said it will be a pleasure to work with them, and happy birthday Angel.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:

Congratulations to Brian and Mark, happy birthday to Angel, and thank you for the new lawn mower.

FIRE CHIEF CASH:

Wants to congratulate Brian and Mark, and also thank you for agreeing to the change order for the Fire Station renovation. The project is moving along, and Mr. Casini is keeping us in the loop. Happy birthday to Angel.

LAW DIRECTOR JON GREENBERG:

Congratulations to Brian and Mike. He has worked with them before and thinks they will do a great job. Happy birthday to Angel Meriwether.

CLERK UNGER:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Congratulations to Brian and Mark, and happy birthday to Angel.

ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN HALL, ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Congratulations to Brian and Mark, and thank you for the birthday wishes.

VILLAGE ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Mr. Sciano needs a motion not to exceed \$3,500.00 for CTL Engineering. Mr. Contipelli made the motion, second by Mr. Bloam. All approved, motion carried.

VILLAGE BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Congratulated Brian and Mark on their promotions, and happy birthday to Angel. He is going to have a meeting to adjust the landscaping of the building. Also, the utility companies will be getting letters in reference to the overhead lines sagging.

Mr. Contipelli asked where we were with the second letter on housing violations. Mr. Casini explained that he sent out a second letter, and he will be visiting them in the Spring.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:45 PM. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.