

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

**COUNCIL CAUCUS**

**APRIL 9, 2014**

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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**

**MINUTES:**

Ms. Biro had a question on the pool prices and some minor changes on the other minutes. Mr. Unger said he will make the changes. She also had questions on some of the loans for the street projects and Mr. Sciano explained that the loan for the Harvard Road project will begin after everything is done.

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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 April 2014

Ms. Biro asked about the Issue 2 money that is in the Issue 2 Fund. Mr. Unger explained that he just gave all of the information to Heather Vlasuk at Walter & Haverfield our, and she will look into it.

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

**LEGISLATION:**

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

<b>RESOLUTION NO. 2014-48</b>	Payment of Certain Claims: Payroll General Bills (#46134 - #46322)	\$2,576,484.11
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Ms. Biro asked the Clerk what account the new lawn mower was paid out of. Mr. Unger stated that it was taken out of the General Fund.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-49**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 234.04 AND 882.15 OF THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE PERTAINING TO  
FUNDING OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-50**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEVERAL SECTIONS THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE TO RETITLE THE ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF POSITION AS THE DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF POSITION

Ms. Biro asked if the Mayor spoke to the Assistant Chief in the Police Department to make sure he was ok with this. The Mayor stated yes.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-51**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 858 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE REGULATING CHARITABLE DONATION CONTAINERS PLACED ON OPEN SPACES AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

Mr. Greenberg explained that this Ordinance requires a permit, the cost is \$50.00, they must be a nonprofit, tax exempt, and registered with the IRS. We are trying to make sure they are legitimate boxes. You can only have two boxes per parcel, and they have to be kept in good condition.

Ms. Biro asked why it falls under the Mayor and not the Building Department. Mr. Greenberg said it is because it is a safety issue, and should fall under the Safety Director. Ms. Biro stated that the Mayor's office shouldn't collect money. Mr. Greenberg explained that any money will go through the Clerk's office.

Ms. Henley stated that we had Planet Earth boxes at one time, and they didn't work out. Mayor Bacci stated that if they ask for a permit, he will let them know what happened previously.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-52**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT)  
CONTRACT 018-15

The Mayor stated that this is what we do every year through ODOT in purchasing salt for the winter.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-53**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 254.071 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE TO CREATE AN EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-54**

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

Mr. Casini explained that the tile they were taking off was supposed to be shaved off and come off the wall easily, but once they started, they realized that it had a cement backing on it, and if you try to take off the tiles, the whole wall comes with it. Everything had to be shaved and chiseled, and a new wall constructed. He included photos with the information for the change order.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-55**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 858 OF THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND  
PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDFILL OPERATIONS IN THE VILLAGE

Mr. Greenberg explained that we have had talked about this at many of the Workshops, and had a moratorium on landfills until we could get the correct legislation in place. Right now the only legislation we have for landfills is a change in topography permit, which isn't really a landfill permit, but it's as close to one as we have. What we are trying to do is have a landfill section in the code, a new chapter 858 which is going to specifically regulate landfills. Anyone that is now regulated by the topography legislation will have 60 days to comply with the new chapter covering landfills. Clean fill landfills are subject to local regulations; all other landfills are regulated by the State. Mr. Sciano stated that in the end, we want to make sure if they have a landfill, they do it the right way. Mr. Contipelli asked if it was a two year operation and they had to be done in two years. Mr. Greenberg stated yes, this is a pretty aggressive Ordinance, and if we need to change it at some point, we will come back to Council.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-56**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER  
1060 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE RELATED TO GARBAGE  
AND RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Mr. Greenberg stated that this goes hand in hand with the landfill Ordinance. It is mostly housecleaning by repealing parts from Chapter 1060 and putting them where they should be.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-57**

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE APPOINTMENT LOIS HENLEY AND BARB  
BIRO TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-58**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 418 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE PERTAINING TO THE AUTOMATED SPEED AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 418.09 FOR THE DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

This is another housekeeping Ordinance, and more clearly directs where the revenue is going to go.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-59**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1442.15, 1442.16, 1442.17, and 1442.18 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE TO ADJUST THE PERMIT FEES UNDER THE BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE

This is in regards to how the money is collected, and the restructuring of the Building Department. We are making fees easier to calculate and understand. All money will go through the Clerk's office. Ms. Biro asked where in the ordinance it says the money goes through the Clerk's office. Mr. Greenberg explained that it is not very clear in this Ordinance, but next month we will have a policy & procedure making the process very clear.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

The only thing the Mayor had for caucus is that Christine Suhy announced her retirement. She has submitted to me a letter of retirement, and her ending date is July 2<sup>nd</sup>. She said that was her birthday present to the Mayor!

The Mayor stated that as far as the SAFER grant employees, as of the last pay period in May, if there are no retirements announced, they will move into the part time status at \$24.00 an hour.

The speed cameras were set up Monday evening, and as of right now, there is no data available, but we will have it within the week. The Mayor will send that information to Council. Ms. Henley asked if we get a share of the extra \$50.00 from the tickets that are assessed if they pay the ticket late. The Mayor stated that the ticket is really \$150.00, but if you pay it in a timely manner, it is only \$100.00. He said that we do not get any more money if it is late, because they are doing all of the work to get the money.

There was a discussion on where the cameras were being placed, and the Mayor stated that he and the Police Department were in agreement on placing the cameras where they would have the most impact. We set the speed for the cameras at 8 mph in the School, and 12 mph on the other streets. We feel this is very liberal, and we will assess the data as it comes in. Ms. Harris asked if we were advertising the cameras to all the residents and businesses. The Mayor stated yes, we have sent letters to all businesses and residents. We have been very open with notifications and signs alerting the people to the cameras, we could not be any more open.

Mr. Casini told the Mayor that he had a couple of calls in regard to chickens and other animals and Mr. Greenberg is looking into it. The Mayor stated that we polled other communities, so we want to put some legislation in place, or have a policy so we can better control the situation. Mr. Greenberg stated that he will have information for the Workshop regarding this situation.

Mr. Contipelli adjourned Caucus at 6:55pm.

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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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Ms. Harris made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

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None at this time.

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None at this time.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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Ms. Duszynski made the motion to accept the reports as prepared, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**LEGISLATION:**

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

Mr. Bloam made the motion, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All agreed, motion carried.

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Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Ms. Harris 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. Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley voting aye for the adoption, Biro no, motion carried.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:**

The Mayor welcomed Cub Scout Troop 178 to learn about our local government, and had a conversation with them regarding how we operate. He explained how we pass laws and the procedures of Council Meetings.

Some of our employees and friends had some deaths in their families recently, Dave Sammons lost his father to a battle with cancer on March 15, Angel Motz lost her sister at 46 years of age on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and Todd Sciano lost his former mother in law on March 18<sup>th</sup>, she is a relative to the Bohning family who we use for our engineering services to cancer as well. Our hearts and prayers go out to those folks for their loss.

Our thoughts are also with Mrs. Deliberato who is battling leukemia, she is at home with her husband and family and we wish her the best.

Christine Suhy our dispatcher will be retiring on July 2<sup>nd</sup> after 30 years of service to the Village. She is going to take a break for a little while and drive her husband crazy, and hopefully be back in a part time capacity in dispatch.

The Mayor announced that Council recommended and hired Marissa Contipelli for our pool manager. The pool will be open Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Marissa has been a pool employee in the past and took a two year sabbatical to Ohio State, and she is very excited and enthusiastic in making the pool a great place to visit.

The Mayor wished Mr. Unger's wife Janine a happy birthday, she celebrated her milestone 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Also birthday wishes to Kenny Schoeffler April 1<sup>st</sup>, Scotty Waldemarson April 7<sup>th</sup>, Joan Sacouski April 13<sup>th</sup>, and Bryon Borowy April 30<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Fire Captain Howard Selig who celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the department on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Brian Sturgill who celebrated his 15<sup>th</sup> year on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see all of our residents at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**MS. DUSZYNSKI:**

In April the Finance approved a PO to Taser Corporation \$9,222.90 for police tasers. She asked Chief Sturgill if they were more involved than the tasers you can buy at the store. He said they are and they are safer than the over the counter tasers. They also approved a PO to Sutphen Corporation in the amount of \$11,675.00 for a new hydraulic tool for the Fire Department, but they received a grant from Arcelor Mittal in the amount of \$7,500.00 so we only needed to add \$4,175.00.

**MS. HARRIS:**

Ms. Harris asked Chief Sturgill if E. 71<sup>st</sup> street was a two lane street. Chief Sturgill stated that it is actually one lane each way. Ms. Harris was asked by a resident if it was one or two lanes each way because they use all the room from the center line to turn into their drive, and Chief Sturgill replied yes, they should move from the center of the lane into the drive.

**MS. HENLEY:**

Ms. Henley mentioned a resident on the courts walks her very small dog everyday and is nervous about people backing out of their drives and not seeing them, and asked if there was something we could put in the flier about safety of walkers. Also on the courts there is no tree lawn, and less room to the street. Head Dispatcher Cash said she would send something to the effect now that it is getting warm and more people are walking and kids are playing, we need to be aware when backing out of our drives and driving down the street.

Ms. Henley talked to Deputy Chief Davis about water coming up from work areas. It is very hard to get it off. She talked to the workers and they said to take a picture of it and the company will get them a free car wash.

**MS. BIRO:**

Nothing at this time.

**MR. BLOAM:**

Nothing at this time.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:**

Mr. Contipelli explained to the Cub Scout Troop what his position does, and the duties of the President of Council.

We had a second meeting of the Millcreek Watershed Partnership. We are trying to coordinate with the County Planning commission to organize all of the communities and public organizations including the schools. We are currently writing a watershed action plan which is needed by the Federal Government and EPA to be designated as a watershed. We started this 6 years ago, and hope to have the plan done by this summer, and official designation by the end of the year. The benefit to our Village would be more grant money for possible erosion, recreation, and education. He would like to thank the Mayor's staff, specifically Lee Ann Schoeffler and Silverload for the work they have done for this. In the last several years, Silverload has gotten us around three million dollars in grants.

A reminder for everyone that there is a school board meeting next Wednesday and it involves the law department working on the case to recover the funds that were stolen from the school by a previous employee. They will have a question and answer period, and I encourage everyone to get involved.

He wanted to thank Kenny Klir, a service department employee for going above and beyond their job. I threw out a desk and Kenny and Ron Vanloozen came to pick it up. They returned to his house, and gave him a \$100.00 savings bond that was still in the drawer. That to me was very honorable, and I want people to know what they did.

**POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:**

Wanted to thank for approving the purchase of the tasers. Hopefully it is a tool we never have to use, but ultimately it could be used to save the life of an officer or resident. The Mayor and Chief Sturgill went on to explain the importance of the tasers to the Cub Scouts. Mr. Contipelli asked who is going to be the first test subject for the tasers. Chief Sturgil said that Patrolman Joe Wallace has asked to be the first test case.

**HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:**

Wanted everyone to know that next week, April 13<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> is national dispatcher week, so if you see one, thank them for doing their jobs.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:**

Not in attendance, but he will be back next week.

**FIRE CHIEF CASH:**

Wanted to thank Council for adding money to the Arcelor Mittal Grant in order to buy the hydraulic equipment for the department.

**LAW DIRECTOR JON GREENBERG:**

Mr. Greenberg explained his job to the Cub Scouts.

**CLERK UNGER:**

Mr. Unger explained his job to the Cub Scouts.

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

Nothing at this time.

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

Nothing at this time.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:**

Mr. Sciano explained his job to the Cub Scouts.

**VILLAGE BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:**

Mr. Casini explained his job to the Cub Scouts.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

**MR. JOHN SKLODOWSKI:**

Mr. Sklodowski asked why everything had to be passed on an emergency basis.

He also asked why the stripping on the streets is fading so badly. Mr. Sciano explained that we used minimal stripping last fall before the winter, and we used a water based paint which you have to use with new asphalt as a temporary fix, until the asphalt emulsifies. Mr. Sklodowski



stated that the painted lines on the freeway hold up pretty well. Mr. Sciano said that we can use the same paint for our streets that ODOT uses for the freeways, but it costs 4 times more. This is something that we will look at before we put on the final application in the spring.

Mr. Sklodowski also asked Mr. Sciano if the street sensors will be put back on E. 71<sup>st</sup> and Grant. Mr. Sciano said yes they will.

Mr. Sklodowski asked if we are planting grass, bushes or trees in the new street islands. Mr. Sciano said the north island will have some stamped concrete in it; the south island will have bushes and trees. The Mayor also stated that on the north island by Mr. Sklodowski's house, it will be more of a hard island, and the south island will be more of a yearly planting because of the salt in the winter.

Mr. Sklodowski asked why the street at the bottom of E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street is crumbling. He thought we had fixed that portion of the street not long ago. Mr. Sciano said that the trucks turning onto E. 71<sup>st</sup> from Canal are causing this problem, and it is something we will address in the near future. Also, that piece of the street was not done in 2010 when we did the rest of E.71<sup>st</sup> in that area. Mr. Sciano said that piece has not been replaced since the 1990s; it is at least 13 years old.

Mr. Sklodowski asked about the new Firefighters Credit Union. He said he has gotten all kinds of stories from different people and wanted to know what was true. He said one article he read said their payroll would be around a million dollars, and that would mean revenue for the Village of \$20,000.00 per year, but the article he read said we were going to collect \$300,000.00. The Mayor stated that the Village acquired the property for \$450,000.00. The Firefighters Credit Union was looking for a building, and I advised them that we had a piece of property that we had just acquired, and weighed the tax abatement route versus the free piece of property route. They basically balanced out, and he doesn't have specific numbers, but within 7-10 years, the Village is made whole on our investment from income tax and property tax. Mr. Sklodowski said our property taxes don't all go to the Village. The Mayor stated that is correct, most goes to the school, the county, libraries, and other levies. The Mayor said that all of the residential property taxes that the Village collects does not add up to a yearly salary of one employee in our Village, so our portion is very low. Our millage is the lowest or tied for the lowest in the County. With the Credit Union building, after 7-10 years once the Village is made whole, and we will have taken a blighted building and built a new building worth 4 million dollars. The Mayor believes it is a win all the way around. It is not something that will impact us tomorrow, but it is something that will impact us after the 7-10 year payback. It also diversifies our total portfolio. We are very lopsided on the manufacturing scale versus any type of white collar employment. This credit union building is their finance center; they manage all of the credit unions in the county. There will be no ATM located there, and there will be no banking there. They have already have a planned expansion of another 13,000 ft. in the future. This is something that will pay dividends in the future. The Mayor also explained that 97-98% of our Village is built out; we don't have a lot of room for development. So to get someone to invest in our community, an inner ring suburb is huge, there is no negative to it. It also took away a blighted building.

Mr. Sklodowski stated that his taxes are now at 2%, and he asked the Mayor to keep them at the same rate, do not go any higher. He explained that at 2 cents out of every dollar, it adds up. The

Mayor stated that he was glad he mentioned the tax increase. The Mayor stated that we are doing everything we can at every level to keep the taxes the same, but historically, in 1987 they passed a ¼% increase from 1-1 ¼%. In 1990 it went up another ¼ % to be a total of 1 ¾%. Twelve years later it was raised another ¼% to 2%. So if you could appreciate a 14 year span, our forefathers from previous administrations raised the income tax 1 full percent. And that is why this community had the coffers that they did. From 2002 to present, a total of 12 years, just like any school or community, we are going to need an increase. That tax is purely our sole source of revenue, and either now or in the future, we will need a tax increase. All of our property taxes for our homes don't pay a \$40,000 a year salary. Alcoa paid 1.4 million in taxes to our community last year. Our next closest is Charter Steel at \$400,000.00. After the top ten largest tax payers in our community, it falls off the chart. The Mayor stated that the increase over 14 years in our tax rate is why we had so much money in our coffers, and we were lighting the boiler with 100 dollar bills. In the 12 year span that he is talking about, Mayor Bacci's administration went through the worst downturn in the economy in recent history. We are holding on and we are being creative, some people don't like our creativity, but we are trying to make it work, it's a challenge every day. Mr. Contipelli stated that we lost 30% of our income since 2008.

#### MRS. GRABOWSKI

Mrs. Grabowski stated that she was disappointed that nothing was brought up at this meeting about the SAFER Grant for the Firemen. The information has come out and made public, and nothing was said about it here. It's like it didn't matter. The Mayor explained that in Caucus this evening, he brought it up to the Council and asked them if they had any questions or concerns. She stated that at the last meeting, Mr. Contipelli said he was quite sure we were going to get the SAFER Grant, and she went home thinking that. Mr. Contipelli said that he told the audience that the SAFER people inquired about more information which gave us all some hope. The Mayor stated that we scored well, but today's fire departments around the nation are being decimated, and big cities are applying for this grant and our application was generally good and above average, however after awarding the departments with higher scores, they don't have enough funding to offer us anything at this time. Mrs. Grabowski asked if there was some kind of discrepancy with the information that was provided to them this time. The Mayor explained that the first time we applied; we were able to say that we took our department down to 9 employees; we were not able to say that this time. We were showing 12 bargaining members with 2 administrators, and we did during that time add the one position. And through attrition I think we will have a couple more positions in the foreseeable future. So between me, Silverload, Chief Cash, we were doing everything as lawfully as we could, without saying we just got rid of half the Fire Department. Through this whole process, we were sticking a square peg into a round hole. He knows that he mentioned it to you as well as other families that no longer have children working for us in a full time capacity. But we for sure pounded that thing through the hole. The whole time the correspondence was positive from the Grantor.

Mrs. Grabowski asked if the three guys being taken off the SAFER Grant were then going to be laid off again. The Mayor stated yes, May 24<sup>th</sup>, they will go back to a part time capacity. The Mayor stated that from the day the union and I signed the agreement on the SAFER Grant, it was made perfectly clear that if there is no continuation of this grant this is the day you will go back

into a part time capacity, and hopefully through attrition they will come back into the bargaining unit. Also, this isn't the last SAFER Grant, we will apply for this and similar grant in the future. We have extended the dollars for part time firemen, and we are trying to help out any way we can. Mrs. Grabowski stated that she doesn't know how we as Christian people can let them all go. I don't know how you can bring them all back for a short period, and then let them all go again. She doesn't know how we don't have the money to support these guys, she sees so many things going on and it's not just about money, it's about lives. She thought we are a community of people that care about people. The Mayor said that is why we did the third year of the SAFER Grant when we didn't have to. She asked how much money we paid to buy the land for the Credit Union. The Mayor said \$450,000.00 and then she asked what we sold it to them for, and the Mayor said \$1.00. The Mayor stated that there is free dirt, or tax incentives to bring in economic development everything is risk reward. We are doing everything we can for that group to bring them all back into a full time capacity. Mrs. Grabowski feels that we should have kept the ones we had, and not bring any more in, we had guys employed for 10-13 years and they are just being let go, and that is very sad. The Mayor said that they are not let go, they are still tethered. The Mayor explained that we are always talking about this, and they were all informed with an email that we did not get the grant.

STANLEY SCHAB:

Mr. Schab is a Village Firefighter, and President of Local 702. He wanted to make a statement that with the layoffs of the SAFER Grant employees to part time capacity, that he wanted the public to know that with the SAFER Grant employees in place, you had 5-6 guys at the station all day, without the SAFER Grant employees we will only have 4 guys at the station on each shift so we will rely more on mutual aid, and he wants the residents to be aware that if we are busy someone else will show up if we have multiple calls. The Mayor stated that so if you're busy with a crash on the interstate, and all hands are on deck, who comes to the aid of a resident? With the current number of firefighters, or the new number of firefighters, if you are on a crash or serious event at Alcoa, as a resident, I'm going to see someone else no matter what. Mr. Schab said yes that is correct, he just wanted the residents to be aware of the situation. The Mayor asked what value does that have. How does that help Chief Cash? Mr. Schab said he only wanted the residents to know what's going on. The Mayor stated it is not for lack of trying. Mr. Contipelli stated that the Council has agreed that if anyone states in writing that they are going to retire this year, they will carry any of the SAFER Grant guys until that time. Mr. Schab was hoping that the SAFER Grant employees could end the year and not be let go May 24<sup>th</sup>.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:05 PM. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.