

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 22, 2014
6:00 PM**

ROLL CALL: BIRO, BLOAM, CONTIPELLI, DUSZYNSKI, HARRIS, HENLEY

COUNCIL REPORTS

TODD BLOAM – Discussion of tax incentive program for new home buyers:

Mr. Bloam deferred any discussion until the Mayors report because the Mayor wants to have the same discussion.

MARILYN DUSZYNSKI – Medical equipment supply room.

Ms. Duszynski is very much in favor of this idea, and would like to get the support of Council. She would like to use a room at the Town Hall to store crutches, wheelchairs, and other equipment for residents to use. Mr. Greenberg's opinion is that it is a great idea for people who are in need, but legally he has to protect the Village, and feels it could be detrimental to the Village. If we give the residents the equipment, we could be held responsible if they get hurt while using our equipment.

They compromised, Ms. Duszynski will put an article in the Village Newsletter asking them to contact her when someone is in need of the medical equipment, and Ms. Duszynski will get them in touch with the people that have the equipment.

CLERKS REPORT

Nothing at this time.

MAYORS REPORT

Update on the signals on Harvard Avenue, and the retaining wall. The project started in 2012, and our Law Director has been working for a long time with Alcoa to move this project forward. We had private utilities in the public access, and they were Alcoa's utilities. We had to get Alcoa to swap positions. Alcoa has given us an easement to fix the issue, but it took a long time to

resolve. Because of the delay in the project, Mr. Sciano went back to the contractor and asked if they still wanted the work. They said yes, but at this point, wages are higher than they were in 2012, so we have to add another cost to the project in the amount of approximately \$20,000.00. Mr. Sciano told the Mayor that this would not affect the total cost of the project, but we will have to have legislation at the next Council Meeting for a change order to the contract.

Mr. Sciano is not at the meeting to answer any questions because he and his wife just had their second child, and there were some complications. Keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

The Mayor told Council that Mr. Greenberg finalized a letter to the residents of E. 71st Street concerning the study for the erosion problem. He will forward it to Council to see if they want to make any changes or if it is ok to go out to the residents.

There was a discussion of tax incentives, rebates, and abatements of blighted properties.

The Mayor stated that he brought this idea to Council 6-8 months ago looking at similar ideas in Cuyahoga Falls and Brunswick.

There was a lengthy discussion about many different ideas. The Mayor and Council agreed that we need to have a Workshop for this issue. The Mayor said he will get everyone together at a future date to call a Workshop on this issue.

LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:

Nothing at this time.

Ms. Harris made a motion to go into Executive Session for real estate and pending litigation, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Biro. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

WHEREFORE, there being no further business before this Council, Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Biro that the Work Session be adjourned. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.