

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
OCTOBER 8, 2014
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

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Mr. Contipelli called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Renato Contipelli, Marilyn Duszynski, Cheryl Harris and Lois Henley. Also in attendance was Village Engineer Todd Sciano. Heather Vlasuk was standing in as Law Director due to the absence of Jon Greenberg.

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Ms. Biro submitted some grammatical changes to the minutes; Mr. Unger stated he will amend the minutes to reflect the changes

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

From Mayor Vic Collova of Garfield Heights:

A letter thanking our Village for generously giving his City the Ford Construction dump truck. This is a great addition for the City of Garfield Heights and it could not have happened at a better time. If there is ever anything I can do for you please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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

PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R.I.T.A Preliminary report for October 2014

Mr. Contipelli 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-100	Payment of Certain Claims:	\$933,831.03
	Payroll	
	General Bills	
	(#46668 - #47145)	

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second. The Finance Committee wanted it noted that they have not had the opportunity to review all of the vouchers at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-101

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

Ms. Biro stated that this is another step we are taking in the ongoing process to the residents of E. 49th Street to alleviate their problems concerning the erosion problem. The Mayor stated that yes, this is part of the whole package of things we have tried to implement and move the process forward, and help the residents on E. 49th Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-102

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) RELATIVE TO SLOPE STABILIZATION ON NICKY BOULEVARD AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

Ms. Biro again stated that this is also another step to help alleviate the erosion problems for the residents on E. 49th Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-103

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH KONSTRUCTION KING, INC. FOR FULL DEPTH RIGID PAVEMENT REPAIRS TO WILLOW PARKWAY

Council wanted it noted in the minutes that this change order will not increase the cost of the project.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion to approve the promotion of Kenneth Schoeffler and Joe Wallace to Police Lieutenants.

Mr. Contipelli agreed to make the motion, seconded by Ms. Duszynski

Motion to approve the appointments of Melissa Mackiewicz and Danielle Short to Dispatchers.

Mr. Contipelli agreed to make the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employee matters, seconded by Ms. Biro. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Nothing at this time.

Caucus ended at 7:00pm.

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COUNCIL MEETING

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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, Heather Vlasuk, sitting in for Law Director Jon Greenberg, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, 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 as amended and place them on file, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

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Ms. Henley made the motion to accept the Communications, seconded by Mr. Bloam. Biro abstain, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley Ayes. Motion carried.

PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R.I.T.A Preliminary report for October 2014

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to accept the report as prepared, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

LEGISLATION:

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Ms. Henley made the motion, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed, 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. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

Due to time constraints, the Finance Committee has not had the opportunity to see the vouchers of 9-30-14.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-102

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Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam 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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Mayor Bacci explained that this change order will not increase the cost of the contract, and will cost us nothing extra.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion to approve the promotion of Kenneth Schoeffler and Joe Wallace to Police Lieutenants.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to approve the promotions, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none against. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the appointments of Melissa Mackiewicz and Danielle Short to Dispatchers.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none against. Motion carried.

The Mayor thanked Council for their support of the promotions of Kenneth Schoeffler and Joe Wallace, and also the appointments of the two new dispatchers, Melissa Mackiewicz and Danielle Short.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

A sad note, my mother Lillian Bacci lost her younger sister Lizzy Scaffaro; she passed away last Saturday night. Aunt Lizzy was 81 years old, and mom is 86. We also lost Mr. Gene Amari, Doug Amari's uncle. He was very active in the Independence School District, and was well liked by everyone that knew him.

On September 19th, we had our annual business luncheon, attended by many of our Village businesses. Jack Schron stopped by to talk to the folks about his candidacy for County Executive. It was a great time to network with local businesses, and is a great community tradition.

We had our annual breakfast/flu shot on October 3rd with our seniors. It was well attended, and heard nothing but positive messages from our seniors. They were happy to get together with many of their neighbors that they don't see on a regular basis, and the food was great.

Our annual Corn Roast is this Saturday, October 11th at Bacci Park from 4:00 – 11:00 p.m.. The weather is supposed to be sunny and 59 degrees warm. We hope to see everyone there this Saturday.

Please keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Debbie Bloam, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mr. Howard Combs, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mr. Casey Geca, Mrs. Irene Klos, Mrs. Sandy Waldemarson, and Mrs. Marge Woodrick.

Birthday wishes to Dave Volek October 4th, Rick Baciak October 5th, Jason Grabowski October 6th, Steve Harris October 20th, Betty Yarmesch October 20th, and Sandy Stover October 23rd.

Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Tomi Sonoda who celebrated her 92nd birthday last Saturday, October 4th, we wish her happiness and health.

Upcoming events are the annual Halloween party at Klima Grove on Sunday, October 26th from 2-4 p.m.. Trick or Treat will take place on Friday October 31st from 6-7:30 p.m.. Sunday November 2nd is daylight savings time, move your clock back 1 hour, and the General Election will take place on Tuesday November 4th from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Town Hall. Although it is an off year for our local politicians, there are many other issues and elections that are very important. Let everyone know that if they need any help with the issues, they can call us here at the Town Hall or stop in and we can help them. Lastly, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We all know someone who has gone through it, or is currently going through it. It is a very serious thing that has a huge impact on women, and we want to acknowledge the fight against breast cancer and hope to one day have a cure.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

In economic development, we worked very hard in trying to obtain a company to move to Grant Avenue, but through no fault of our own, they decided to move to Independence. On a positive note, we are getting a second look from someone to move into the Gallo Building on E. 49th and we are very hopeful this will turn out.

We applied for a grant for signage in the watershed, and Cuyahoga Heights was the sponsor for the grant. He is happy to report that they received half of the grant in the amount of \$6,000.00. He would like to thank Engineer Todd Sciano for his work on this as well as on the erosion problem on E. 71st Street that helped us receive the grant.

MS. DUSZYNSKI:

On October 2nd, the Finance Committee approved a PO in the amount of \$9,875.00 for the entertainment for the Corn Roast. This included the fireworks, photo booth, and magician. On October 7th of the Finance Committee approved a PO for a new media system for the jail to hook up with the Garfield Courts in the amount of \$9390.20 to replace the 10 year old system that was experiencing trouble.

Ms. Duszynski also asked the Mayor about the ropes in Bacci Park. She said they are starting to fray, and they stick into your hand. The Mayor explained that Mr. Casini is looking into the problem, and Scott Waldemarson will also look into the problem to resolve the issue.

MS. HARRIS:

She wanted to thank Building Commissioner Norm Casini for giving her the information on the housing violations. The numbers he gave her were 160 people have completed the violations that they were supposed to, 67 have minor things that he is in contact with the homeowners to resolve, and there are 14 major violations that Mr. Casini is trying to resolve. The Mayor stated that it is great that she brought these numbers on the floor, because percentage wise, we are doing a great job, and we will continue to try to improve. Ms. Duszynski stated that she was at Norm's office with Ms. Harris, and she was very impressed with the knowledge and documentation that Mr. Casini produced. He had a handle on everything.

MS. HENLEY:

Nothing at this time. Ms. Henley had knee surgery, and she was not feeling very well.

MS. BIRO:

Wanted to thank Police Chief Brian Sturgill. A couple of months ago Ms. Biro brought up an issue that they had with the parking on E. 49th Street, and he has taken care of the problem, and it is greatly appreciated by the residents on E. 49th Street.

MR. BLOAM:

Stated that he is proudly affiliated with the High School Drum Line, and they will be performing at the Corn Festival from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.. The Mayor stated that they are very good and entertaining and that they are very lucky to have a great teacher in Mr. Bloam.

FIRE CHIEF CASH:

Nothing at this time.

HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:

Wanted to thank Council for the approval of the two new full time Dispatchers. She also stated that she saw Mr. Bloam's Drum Line at the football game last week, and they were excellent.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:

Nothing at this time.

CHIEF STURGILL:

Wanted to thank Council for their support and approval of the promotions in the Police Department. Thanked Fire Chief Cash for training all of our employees on CPR this week. And also thanked Mr. Scott Waldemarson for resetting the clock on the outside of the building.

Last week he had the opportunity to go down and observe the new cadets in training. He said that it is a very tough class, and that we will be very pleased with the way they are progressing.

LAW DIRECTOR HEATHER VLASUK:

Heather thanked everyone in attendance for making her feel so welcome.

CLERK UNGER:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

VILLAGE ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Mr. Sciano discussed the railroad and how hard it is to work with them to get anything done. He said that they will be getting a letter from Mr. Greenberg's office on how we do business in the Village.

He also stated that the hole issue on Harvard Avenue that has been holding up the Alcoa retaining wall has been solved after 11 months, and we can finally move forward with that project.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

No comments from the audience.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:50 PM. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.