

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2015
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, Jon Greenberg, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Renato Contipelli, Marilyn Duszynski, Cheryl Harris and Lois Henley. Also in attendance is Village Engineer Todd Sciano.

MINUTES:

December 9, 2014 Special Workshop
December 10, 2014 Caucus
December 10, 2014 Council Meeting

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

Motion to accept nominations for President of Council

Mr. Bloam will make the motion to appoint Mr. Contipelli as Council President for 2015, Ms. Biro will second. There were no more nominations.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Position of Cash Statement December 2014

R.I.T.A Preliminary report for January 2015

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-108 THIRD READING

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF EMOD CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE POOL BUILDING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Henley will make the motion to remove this Resolution from the Agenda, Mr. Contipelli will second.

The Mayor stated that he and Service Department Director Scotty Waldemarson have come up with an alternative solution to the problem for the pool that will result in a very large savings compared to the original project. Therefore, he would like Council to pull this Resolution as well as Resolution No. 2014-109. The pool may need a new pool liner for 2015, and this will help offset the cost.

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A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF O.P. AQUATICS FOR POOL MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

Ms. Duszynski will make the motion to remove this Resolution from the Agenda, Ms. Harris will second.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-119 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW TITLE SIX, "STORM WATER MANAGEMENT," OF PART TWELVE, "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS AS AMENDED ON 1/14/15

There was a long discussion on fines for not passing this legislation on time, and who is responsible if taken to court for any spills. Council eventually agreed to put this Ordinance on second reading.

Mr. Bloam will make the motion to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption, Mr. Contipelli will second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1	Payment of Certain Claims:	\$788,383.73
	Payroll	
	General Bills	
	(#47381 - #47531)	

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES TO
OBTAIN A FEDERAL GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Greenberg explained that it is an MOU between many communities which will allow them to obtain a grant for radios.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL
AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION
CORPORATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMOLITION BOND FUND PROGRAM

Mr. Greenberg explained that this is a standing agreement to demolish. This agreement has to be in place before they will do any razing of any structures for us.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION FOR CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7004 GRANT AVENUE IN THE VILLAGE

Mr. Greenberg explained that he Land Bank is going to give us this property with the structure on it, and then we can apply for a State grant to demolish it. Or we can take it as is and try to get a County grant to demolish it. The Mayor stated that even if we don't get the grant, we are still planning to demolish the structure, and seed it with grass.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-5

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1442.16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE TO ADJUST THE PERMIT FEES UNDER THE BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE

Ms. Duszynski asked if this will be the last time we need to amend this Ordinance. Mr. Greenberg explained that yes, until we find another inconsistency.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-6

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CHANGE ORDERS WITH BURTON SCOT CONTRACTORS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE HARVARD AVENUE REPAIR, RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Sciano explained that the change order does not add any more costs to the original contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR GEORGE GALLITZ

The Mayor wanted Council to know that the Gallitz Family is in awe of the effort the Village has gone through to honor their father at this very difficult time.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Contipelli will make the motion to elect Barb Biro as the Council Member of the Income Tax Board of Review for the 2015 term. Pursuant to Section 882.13 of the Village Income Tax Code, Mr. Bloam will second.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

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Caucus ended at 6:35 pm.

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
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COUNCIL MEETING

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Mayor Bacci had a swearing in ceremony for new Police Cadets Jamie Lucas and Kevin Stack. It was attended by many members of the new Officers family and friends. We welcome them and wish them well in their new career.

The Mayor also read proclamations for Richard Bacci and Kenny Klir.

After 23 years on the Fire Department, Richard Bacci's career came to an end due to health issues; his last day of employment was December 27, 2014. The Mayor stated that he knows firsthand how much he respected his position as a firefighter/paramedic and how he will miss the job dearly. On behalf of the Village, its residents and employees alike, we wish him health and happiness in the coming years.

He also congratulated Kenny Klir who retired from our Service Department on November 30, 2014 after 32 years. On behalf of our administration and the entire Village, we wish him well in his retirement.

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, Assistant to the Town Hall Angel Meriwether, 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 prepared and place them on file, seconded by Ms. Henley. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

President of Council nominations for 2015.

Mr. Bloam nominated Mr. Contipelli for President of Council for 2015, seconded by Ms. Biro.

All in favor, none opposed, Mr. Contipelli will be the Council President for 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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Ms. Duszynski made the motion to accept the report as prepared, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. 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 No, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion to elect Barb Biro as the Council Member of the Income Tax Board of Review for the 2015 term. Pursuant to Section 882.13 of the Village Income Tax Code.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

I would like to convey our deepest sympathy to the Gallitz family. Former resident, George “Buster” Gallitz passed away on Saturday, January 10; he was 93 years old. Buster Gallitz served in the Navy during WWII. Afterwards, he began his career as a police officer for the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department in 1946; and retired in 1981 as Police Chief. He and his family resided at 4589 East 49th Street for many years. The wake is tomorrow from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in Medina; burial will take place on Friday in Rittman. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence.

Thanked the employees at Charter Steel, members of NEORSD Local 2798, and Renato & Michelle Contipelli for donating gift cards which were distributed to individuals that needed a little help during the Christmas holiday. We cannot thank them enough for their kindness and generosity.

A big thank you to our police officers – for the 5th year in a row our Mayor’s Court dismissed traffic citations in lieu of defendants donating Giant Eagle gift cards. As part of our Mayor’s Court outreach program, we presented St. Herman’s House of Hospitality with \$1,000 in gift cards -- and The Greater Real Truth Church with \$300 in gift cards. Additional kudos to CHPD for participating in the “Shop with a Cop Program;” they were able to help out several families in our community.

Last February we informed our residents that the Village would be celebrating Arbor Day every other year instead of on a yearly basis as we have done in the past. We believe that we will get more participation from our residents by doing it this way. The event will take place on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Bacci Park. **Information and applications will be included with the Newsletter that is going out this weekend.

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mr. Casey Geca, and Mrs. Helen Kosicki.

Special birthday wishes to Councilwoman Cheryl Harris - January 8; Councilman Renato Contipelli - January 9 and Councilwoman Lois Henley - January 12!!! Additional January birthday wishes to employees: Jimmy Henley – January 16 and Jacquelyn Kaminski – January 24th.

Congratulations to Rick Henley who celebrated his 25th anniversary working for our Village on January 5 in our Service Department.

Monday, January 19th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day - it is a day in which we celebrate the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader.

On a personal note, I am starting my 8th year as your Mayor of Cuyahoga Heights, and I remain as humble as I was the first day I got this job, I will continue to have incredible enthusiasm for not only our town, but the people we have working together. My enthusiasm was shown this evening with the Police Officers. I am so excited about the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department. All departments are going in such a positive direction. Other leaders in other communities wish they had it as good as I do. So I wanted to tell everyone how much I appreciate your continued dedication to the Village.

MS. BIRO:

I am very concerned about Canal Road. It is taking another beating this winter, and was wondering where we are at in fixing the problems. Mr. Sciano explained that we have applied for County assistance, and we were not selected for 2016 for that project. We are going to set up a meeting with the County in March to remind them that we took on the total cost of the Harvard project by ourselves, and it might help us to make the second cut on the projects list. Ms. Biro asked if we could piggyback with another community to get a better cost. Mr. Greenberg stated that he didn't think we could comingle the money for projects, but we could look into getting a grant that would cover a couple of communities. Mr. Sciano said we would get a lot of pull with the County if we go with the grant using multiple communities. The Mayor will bring it up at his next local Mayors meeting with Mayor Piasecki of Valley View.

MR. BLOAM:

There will be a Public Works Meeting on February 11th at 5:30 pm. He would also like to discuss the Village Scholarship at the next Workshop. Mr. Contipelli stated that he will add it to the Agenda. The Mayor stated that we talked about this earlier last year, but a couple of us had children that were graduating, and we didn't want it to look like we were feathering our own nest, we did the right thing.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

The Mayor congratulated Mr. Contipelli on being elected to Council President, and thinks he is doing a great job. Mr. Contipelli thanked Council for their support, and said that it is humbling, and it is an honor to be in this position, and thank you very much.

The Committee for Mill Creek met today, and they are going to have their action plan finished and sent out to Columbus by the end of the week. Once that is approved, we will be established as a watershed. We are working with other agencies in the district, and we will be looking for funding. I am thrilled that this is going to happen; it has taken us ten years to get to this point. This will help us get funding for the next generation in recreation and education.

He wanted to congratulate his niece Marissa Contipelli. She was a field reporter for ESPN at the National Championship game that was won by The Ohio State. She was on TV a couple of times, and we are very proud of her accomplishments. The Mayor said that we used her picture next to the National Championship trophy for our Newsletter, and a story on what she is now doing.

Congratulations to the Mayor on entering his 8th year as Mayor, and said that he is now entering his 20th year as a Councilman, and never thought that would happen. He is honored to have served our Village for so long.

We have a Workshop on the 28th, if you have anything for the meeting, please let me or Clerk Unger know.

MS. DUSZYNSKI:

Ms. Duszynski asked if we had to have a traffic officer at the cameras. The Mayor stated that that legislation goes into effect March 16, 2015. He has a meeting with the Police department next week to try to come up with some solutions moving forward. He will have them ready by the Workshop. The Mayor stated that the only reason the legislators are changing the laws on these cameras is because they are unpopular.

Ms. Duszynski asked about her health watch equipment. Ms. Lee Ann Schoeffler stated that we did put it in the Newsletter. Ms. Duszynski didn't see it, and has not received any responses yet.

She suggested that we send some of the pictures of the new Police Officers to the Neighborhood News so they can put them in the paper. Congratulations to the two new officers, she is very impressed with them. And best wishes to Ricky Bacci.

MS. HARRIS:

Nothing at this time.

MS. HENLEY:

She addressed Police Chief Brian Sturgill, and commended him and his department for doing a wonderful job during the Gallitz funeral. It looks like a first class department. She was wondering if the new officers could address the seniors during their meetings.

There was a story in the Neighborhood News that stated that our Village residents could not have their garbage cans should be in the backyard, but the legislation states that we should not have them in the front yard; it doesn't say to put them in the backyard. The Mayor said that we will look at the article and maybe do a correction.

FIRE CHIEF CASH:

Wished Ricky Bacci all the best of luck in whatever he decides to do in the future. He was a great asset to the department for 23 years. We will miss him.

HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:

Nothing at this time.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:

Nothing at this time.

CHIEF STURGILL:

Chief Sturgill wanted to thank everyone in his department for doing a great job. The department is changing, and he is very excited. He said the department is bringing on some younger officers and they are making the department better and more professional. He is very excited for the future of the Police Department.

LAW DIRECTOR JON GREENBERG:

Nothing at this time.

CLERK UNGER:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN HALL, ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Nothing at this time.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

No comments from the audience.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.