

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
CAUCUS  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2015  
6:00 PM

**COUNCIL CAUCUS**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

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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 Building Commissioner Norm Casini, and Village Engineer Todd Sciano.

**MINUTES:**

January 14, 2015           Caucus  
January 14, 2015           Council Meeting

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

January 28, 2015           Council Workshop

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time

**PURCHASES:**

None at this time.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Position of Cash Statement January 2015  
R.I.T.A Preliminary report February 2015

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-119 THIRD 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

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

Ms. Henley will make the motion to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption, Ms. Duszynski will second.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-8** Payment of Certain Claims:  
\$802,840.68

Payroll  
General Bills  
(#47532 - #47642)

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-9**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2015 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO  
DISPOSE OF THREE VEHICLES OWNED BY THE VILLAGE  
DECLARED AS SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-11**

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND  
OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF  
OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 252.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF  
THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO CREATE THE POSTION OF ASSISTANT  
BUILDING COMMISSIONER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13**

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 254.24, FRAUD REPORTING, TO THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 256.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO CHANGE THE DATE UPON WHICH THE VILLAGE MAY DISTRIBUTE LONGEVITY COMPENSATION INCREASES TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 414.11 AND CHAPTER 418 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE PERTAINING TO THE AUTOMATED SPEED AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion to approve Tracy Murphy as the pool manager for the 2015 season.

Ms. Henley will make the motion, seconded by Ms. Duszynski.

Motion to approve Kenny Labella as the Assistant Building Commissioner.

Mr. Contipelli will make the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam.

Motion to approve Jeff Baciak to a full time position in the Service Department.

Ms. Harris will make the motion, seconded by Ms. Henley.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

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Caucus ended at 6:35 pm.

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2015  
7:00 PM

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

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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, Building Commissioner Norm Casini, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

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

**MINUTES:**

January 14, 2015           Caucus  
January 14, 2015           Council Meeting

Ms. Harris made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared and place them on file, seconded by Mr. Bloam. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

January 28, 2015           Council Workshop

Ms. Duszynski made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared and place them on file, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. Biro, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley in favor, Bloam abstain, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time

**PURCHASES:**

None at this time.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Position of Cash Statement January 2015

R.I.T.A Preliminary report February 2015

Ms. Henley made the motion to accept the report as prepared, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**LEGISLATION:**

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OF PART TWELVE, "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE," OF THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS AS AMENDED  
ON 1/14/15

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

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

Ms. Henley made the motion, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-8** Payment of Certain Claims:  
\$802,840.68

Payroll  
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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.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-9**

##### **AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2015 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE**

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli 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 voting aye for the adoption, Henley abstain, motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10**

##### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO DISPOSE OF THREE VEHICLES OWNED BY THE VILLAGE DECLARED AS SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Ms. Henley 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 abstain, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.



**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-11**

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Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski 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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Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley voting aye for suspension of the rules. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Harris, Henley voting aye for the adoption, Duszynski abstain, motion carried.

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Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Henley 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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Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski 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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Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Biro 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.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Motion to approve Tracy Murphy as the pool manager for the 2015 season.**

Ms. Henley made the motion, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Motion to approve Kenny Labella as the Assistant Building Commissioner.**

Mr. Contipelli made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Harris, Henley voting aye, Duszynski abstain, motion carried.

**Motion to approve Jeff Baciak to a full time position in the Service Department.**

Ms. Harris made the motion, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:**

Thanked Council for the appointments of Tracy Murphy, Jeff Baciak, and Kenny Labella.

Thanked everyone for the well wishes during his surgery last Monday. It brought new meaning to this job being a cut throat job! Thank you for everyone's concern.

Congratulations to George Todorovich and Amanda Williams of E.49<sup>th</sup> who recently tied the knot. I had the honor of marrying the two of them on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall. Best wishes!

February birthday wishes to Tiffany Contipelli February 4<sup>th</sup>, Mike Stack February 8<sup>th</sup>, Norm Casini February 15<sup>th</sup>, Don Pallini February 18<sup>th</sup>, Todd Sciano February 24<sup>th</sup>, and Lee Ann Schoeffler February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

The Village Hall and Service Department will be closed this Monday in observance of Presidents Day. Rubbish collection will resume on Tuesday.

**MS. BIRO:**

She would like to make the statement that she was highly disappointed because they received the budget 24 hours before the meeting, and it did not give us enough time to look at it, discuss it, or ask any questions. I thought we were going to have an hour meeting before our Work Session concerning the budget, and she did not like breaking practice. She wanted to make her intentions very clear for the record.

**MR. BLOAM:**

Mr. Bloam had a public Works Meeting before the Council Meeting. We will have a report for the Workshop on projects that were passed over in 2014, and recommendations from the committee for 2015.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:**

We had an Economic Development Committee Meeting, and we are looking forward to discussing some things with Council in the future. The committee also agreed with Mr. McAndrew of Silverload to go ahead and initiate trying to get the SAFER Grant in 2015. Silverload will spend approximately 10 hours assembling the information to submit to the State. They feel our chances are very slim, but the committee agreed that if there was even a slim chance we should go for it.

**MS. DUSZYNSKI:**

The majority of the Finance Committee approved the demolition of the Willow House to Mitchell Equipment for \$18,000.00. Service Department Director Waldemarson felt this was a good time to do this. It would not interfere with traffic or any events at Klima Gardens. We also approved a PO to Ecco Excavating in the amount of \$23,500.00 for work done at the Bacci Park concession. The Mayor stated that this work actually cost us \$8,300.00 because we received a check for \$15,200.00 from the previous company that originally did the work.

Ms. Duszynski thanked the Mayor for getting out the budget. She was a little bit surprised because past practice it came to the Finance Committee first, but the Clerk decided to send it out to all of Council. She explained that she was told by the Clerk that the reason he did this was because the Appropriation Ordinance was coming up for a vote the next day, and he thought that all of Council should see the budget before voting on the appropriations. She was wondering if the Mayor was changing past practice where the Finance Committee would get it before it went out to the whole Council.

Clerk Unger stated that the Mayor was in the hospital, and he knew that Council would get the Appropriation legislation within a day, so he made the call to pass it out to all of Council. I sent out an email explaining that I made the call, and that I understand that in the past we did it differently, but I believed it was the right thing to do, and stand by my decision.

Ms. Duszynski asked if this is the way we are going to do it all the time. Clerk Unger stated that the Mayor will make the call on how he wants to do it in the future.

Ms. Henley asked if we got any other quotes to tear down the Willow House. The Mayor explained that they did not get any other quotes. They have used Mitchell before, and they are located in our community, so we try to get them as well as all the other business work that needs to get done. She asked when it is scheduled to come down. The Mayor said that there are some EPA issues that need to be addressed before we get a firm date.

**MS. HARRIS:**

Ms. Harris asked Lee Ann if she would get another notice in the newsletter about the Water Aerobics classes at the High School swimming pool.

**MS. HENLEY:**

She wanted to commend Police Chief Sturgill for sending the four policemen up to meet the seniors during their meeting. She hopes it continues because the seniors loved it. They were especially interested in our new police cadet Mr. Kevin Stack because his sister Kelly was on the Olympic Hockey Team that received a Silver medal at the last Olympics.

**FIRE CHIEF CASH:**

Chief Cash welcomed the Mayor back after surgery.

**HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:**

Nothing at this time.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:**

Nothing at this time.

**CHIEF STURGILL:**

A group of Veterans had a bus accident on their way downtown, no one was hurt, but the bus was disabled. They all came up to the Police Department, and Head Dispatcher Cash and his assistant Debbie Reiger made them all comfortable while the Chief called Scotty to see if there was something we could do for them to get them to the VA Hospital. Scotty coordinated it to help get them to their destination. It was a job well done by all involved, and shows we are truly a community of services.

He has been working on the street light situation today. It turns out that the person we would call to report a light out is no longer working for the Illuminating Company so now he has a contact to go to in the future. Also, our zip code is 44125 which is a Cleveland zip code. Recently Cleveland bought all of their street lights, and now they do them themselves, so they were not coming out to do the work because they thought we were in Cleveland. We think we have now rectified the situation, and hopefully next week we will get the lights fixed.

**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:**

E. 71<sup>st</sup> street traffic signal project is getting ramped up and should go out for bid soon. He has been working with the Fire Department and Worthington Steel to extend a fire line to the back building. The Mayor asked about his newborn son. Mr. Sciano said he is eating and growing!

### **BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:**

Mr. Casini is working with Mr. Sciano on the fire line to Worthington Steel. Also as a point of interest, Myers Production is working out of a facility on E. 49<sup>th</sup> Street for the filming of the new movie called "Wake". They will be here until the end of May.

The Mayor wanted to let Council know that if they are getting any complaints from residents concerning the noise from a discharger on Warner Road, that Mr. Casini has been looking into it because it becoming more prominent. Mr. Contipelli said he dealt with this company before and all they had to do is rebuild the soundproofing around the machine, so it is probably time for them to do it again.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

No comments from the audience.

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