

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

**COUNCIL CAUCUS**

**MARCH 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.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time

**PURCHASES:**

None at this time.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-16**                      Payment of Certain Claims:

\$825,391.84

Payroll  
General Bills  
(#47624 - #47705)

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-17**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 420 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE PERTAINING TO THE USE OF OFFICER-OPERATED HANDHELD TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT DEVICES.**

Ordinance Creating New Chapter 420 to Village Code: Officer Operated Handheld Traffic Law Enforcement Devices.

Ms. Duszynski asked if the photo cameras they were previously using were taken down. The Mayor stated yes, they were taken down today.

This Ordinance has been changed to accommodate the new statute by the state that makes the camera used by an officer and is hand held by the officer. It is similar to a radar gun. This device confirms a speeder that the officer has seen and confirms what he has been trained to see in a moving vehicle. The new camera validates the speed of the vehicle.

This device beam hits the moving vehicle like radar and determines the speed by the officer's actions. We used the language in the state legislation and put it into our own legislation.

Mr. Greenberg, the Mayor, and Chief Sturgill believe this hand held device that needs to be activated by the patrolman falls within the guidelines of the state statute.

There was a discussion on the training needed in order to use this device. It was acknowledged by the Mayor and Law Director that our officers have that training.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-18**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAMPLING, ANALYSIS, AND SOURCE TRACKING FOR FIVE STORM SEWER OUTFALLS FOR 2015.

Resolution authorizing the Village to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. (Please note this was reviewed and approved by Special Counsel David Lambros)

Ms. Henley asked Mr. Greenberg why Mr. Lambros was used in this situation. Mr. Greenberg explained that he is on the County Board of Health, so to avoid any impropriety, he had Mr. Lambros look at it and Mr. Lambros stated that there was no interference or impropriety in this agreement.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-19**

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 018-16

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion to accept the 2015 budget as prepared

Ms. Henley asked for the guidance of the Finance Committee on how they feel about the budget. Ms. Duszynski who is the head of the Finance Committee said that it was done very well, and most of the expenses are routine expenses. As far as the projects in Capital Outlay, they have to come back to the Council to be voted on because of the costs involved. She feels that the budget is a guide, and as the year progresses we will see if we can hold to the numbers presented. Ms. Biro and Ms. Harris also agreed that they were ok with the budget as presented. Ms. Henley stated that on their recommendation, she will support the motion. Mr. Contipelli also stated he thought it was a well made budget.

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

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

. The Mayor asked Mr. Sciano if he would go over some of the street projects that needed to be addressed in the near future. He went over a number of areas that needed full or partial depth repairs. The Mayor asked him what the cause of some of these problems was, Mr. Sciano stated that a lot of them were caused by the harsh winter we had this year, and certainly the unusual cold weather. Mr. Sciano stated that our roads held up substantially better than most of the roads in the County, yet we still have some problem areas that need to be addressed. If we decide not to fix these areas, over time, they will get progressively worse, and the project will cost us more money.

The Mayor stated that we try to keep our roads the best we can, but some of them are past the amount of years that is recommended by the County. Mr. Sciano stated that the County recommends 12-15 years on an asphalt road, and on some roads we have gone past 20. The Mayor wants Council to be aware of this when we go over the projects from Public Works, and the revenue streams we will need to do this.

The Mayor wanted the Finance Committee to be aware that there may be more bills than usual from our Economic Development firm Silverload because we charged them with the responsibility to use every tool in the toolbox to utilize them for the economic possibilities that we are going through at this time.

The Mayor had a meeting with the Mayors of Brooklyn Heights, and the Mayor of Valley View concerning our dispatch agreement that is up in 2016. They are very pleased with the current personnel we have at this time, and will move forward with negotiations in the future.

He asked mayor Piasecki if they were going to build a water park in their Village, and Mayor Piasecki stated that a Councilperson was talking about moving forward with some sort of water project, but it can be very costly and he doesn't think it will go through. Mayor Bacci wanted to know so we could adjust our plans at the pool in case we lost the revenue from Valley View from the pool passes.

There was a discussion concerning the Dispatch and the costs associated with it. The Mayor believes we are running Dispatch much better than other communities and are currently running it for less than other neighboring communities.

We had a water line break adjacent to the concession stand in Bacci Park. Mr. Sciano stated that much of the pavement moved up to three inches this year because of the cold weather. The Mayor said they are going to make sure that the water line is below the freezing level. The Mayor stated that he has received many calls from residents about their driveways moving up inches. Mr. Contipelli said he had a pad done in his backyard three years ago, and it lifted at least three inches from the house this year, and now he has to have the mortar replaced where it was attached to the house.

The Mayor stated that the Willow House was taken down today by B&B Wrecking. The house came down nicely; there were no issues or concerns.

There was a discussion of the projects being looked at by Public Works and whether we would have enough money to do all of them. The Mayor said with all certainty that they would not go away, they will continue to be problems until we fix them. Ms. Duszynski was just concerned that if we fix them all, we would take our General Fund down to a level that we might not be comfortable with. Public Works will have more meetings before they make their recommendations.

Caucus ended at 6:55 pm.

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**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 Mr. Bloam. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley in favor, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time

**PURCHASES:**



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.

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Ms. Biro 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 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.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion to accept the 2015 budget as prepared

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

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

### **MAYOR BACCI:**

The Mayor welcomed the Reiger family, to the Council Meeting. Their daughter Samantha was present because she was doing a paper for one of her college courses. We are glad to have them here today to see government in action. The Mayor stated that it was great to see John, Debbie, and Samantha back together!

Congratulations to Village resident Trey Combs who qualified for the State wrestling tournament this year in Columbus on March 12-14. He is in the 126 lb. weight class in Division III. We wish Trey the best of luck this coming weekend.

Congratulations to Clerk Unger and his wife Janine. Their daughter Alyson gave birth to Lucas on February 19<sup>th</sup>, Congratulations and best wishes.

We will be holding our annual “Business Networking Breakfast” on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event for us to spend some face time with our local community businesses.

Congratulations to Mr. Dennis Vanek on March 25<sup>th</sup>, he will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Also, a very happy and blessed 90<sup>th</sup> birthday to Mrs. Bernice Suhy who celebrates her special day on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes to both of them.

March birthday wishes to employees Chief Brian Sturgill – March 8<sup>th</sup>; Joe Wallace – March 11<sup>th</sup>; Angel Meriwether – March 12<sup>th</sup>; Jeremy Grabowski – March 15<sup>th</sup>; Cathy Zmija – March 24<sup>th</sup>; and Barb Cash – March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Special thoughts and prayers to our residents Linda Atwell, Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mr. Casey Geca, Mrs. Mavis Snoddy, and Mrs. Kitty Wey.

A very special prayer to David Suhy, the son of retired dispatcher Christine Suhy and retired Firefighter Dennis Suhy. David is one of the nicest kids you will ever meet, and we wish him well in his fight against cancer.

Next Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day, when all of us become Irish for a day. Please be safe and enjoy.

**MS. BIRO:**

Nothing at this time.

**MR. BLOAM:**

Mr. Bloam announced a Public Works Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. All of Council received the email from Mr. Bloam concerning the projects they are looking at please contact the Mayor, Todd Sciano, Scott Waldemarson, or I prior to the meeting.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:**

We submitted an application for another SAFER Grant for 2015. They will start announcing awarding in the months June through September. We are still moving forward with some of the other projects and will report back to Council when we hear anything.

**MS. DUSZYNSKI:**

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Finance Committee approved a PO to B&B Wrecking in the amount of \$17,600.00 for demolition of the Willow House. The Mayor stated that it is razed, but needs to be smoothed out, graded, and seeded.

**MS. HARRIS:**

Ms. Harris asked the Mayor if the sign from the recently razed Willow House be given to the Historical Committee. The Mayor said absolutely.

**MS. HENLEY:**

Ms. Henley asked Mr. Contipelli if the SAFER Grant was already submitted, he said yes. She also asked if the grant for the Community Garden was submitted.

The Mayor and Council President Contipelli stated that Silverload was working on it, and they would look into it and get back to her with the information.

Ms. Henley asked about the missing fire plug on Bletch Court and when it is going to be replaced. Service Director Waldemarson said it is at the Service Garage, and the Mayor stated that the plug was backed into or struck by a piece of equipment, we contacted the Cleveland Water Department, and it is slated to be repaired when they get to it. She also inquired about the one on Canal Road under the 77 overpass. It still has police tape around it and was wondering when the Water Department is going to get to it. Fire Chief Cash said that they have been notified more than once about the problem. They came out and fixed three last month, but did not fix that one.

Ms. Henley said she got a call from a senior living in the Village. They said that the Village always made sure that the seniors could get out of their driveways on Sundays to get to church, and was wondering if they would start plowing driveways for seniors to get to church on Sunday mornings. The Mayor said that Mr. Waldemarson is going to follow up on that. There has been some question on the spirit of the snowplowing program lately. We come out with a program and in the following years, it grows into something that is uncontrollable. The spirit of our program was originally to make one swipe at each drive; just enough for a car to get out, and the Village was not responsible for any damage to grass or driveways per the signed slip that the homeowner signed to get it plowed by the Village. Yet, we have repaired many lawns because of the damage done by the plowing. It has grown out of control. During snowstorms, we first do our municipal parking lots, at that time, depending on the severity of the storm, Scotty has to check his guys to make sure they have not worked too many hours consecutively, after the Service Director has made the determination that his employees are fit for duty, then they make sure our seniors are taking care of first. This is at 2" or more of snow. It could be done Sunday morning, afternoon, or Sunday night. After the seniors are done, they then get to the rest of the residents.

Ms. Henley does understand the process, but said that sometimes the seniors want it to be brought to your attention. The Mayor said that he understands, but he was never aware of the church going clause. Now that he is aware of the church going clause, he will take that into consideration. But he wants to make it very clear that the service we provide is far above and beyond the spirit of the services inception. We spend a lot of time in resident's driveways trying to give them the cleanest driveway we can with the equipment that we have, and that takes time. We are never going to make everyone happy, but let those folks that now I am aware that church going is a priority, and we will take that into consideration in the future.

Ms. Henley also liked that the Mayor got together with the other Mayors in our District to make sure we are all on the same page concerning the pool. Also,

Arbor Day is coming up, and if anyone wants to plant a tree for Arbor Day, please see Lee Ann at the Town Hall.

**FIRE CHIEF CASH:**

Nothing at this time.

**HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:**

The new 911 system was installed today, and we still have a couple of quirks to work out.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:**

Nothing at this time.

**CHIEF STURGILL:**

Deputy Chief Davis will be in charge next week. I will be attending a PELC class in Columbus for the week. PELK stands for Police Executive Leadership College.

**LAW DIRECTOR JON GREENBERG:**

Nothing at this time.

**CLERK UNGER:**

Our prayers go out to David Suhy, and the Suhy family.

**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:**

There are two new transformers going in at the Metroparks by Charter Steel for transmission upgrades. They are 500,000 pounds, and it will be interesting to

see how it is done. The Mayor asked him to get some pictures to show Council. This is part of the First Energy transmission upgrade.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:**

General construction has been down the last three months, probably due to the bad weather. The Sewer District had two projects, Charter Steel has another project that will be coming up, plus, starting sometime in April, we will be reviewing all the structures in the Village, in reference to the Maintenance Code.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

No comments from the audience.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.