

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
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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 was Law Director Jon Greenberg.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

“Motion to authorize the Mayor to deliver notice to the Board of Education for the Cuyahoga Heights School District of the Village’s intent to enter into an Amendment to the Ohio Enterprise Agreement with Charter Manufacturing Company dated October 12, 2004 to include within the PROJECT description the proposed addition to the melt shop facilities at Charter located at 4300 East 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio and accordingly increasing the payments to the Village and the School District under the Tax Incentive Donation Agreement in an amount to be mutually determined by the Village, the School District and Charter.”

Mr. Greenberg explained that it is basically amending an agreement that Charter has with the School and the Village since 2004. The amendment is a tax exempt status for Charter property for 15 years. They are called PILOT payments, payments in lieu of taxes. The first amendment was in 2006 for Charters eligible property to start in 2007. Under the agreement they were going to give the Village and the Schools PILOT payments in lieu of property taxes. Right now those payments are \$15,785.00 to the Village and \$91,138.00 to the School.

Charter now wants to build and expand their Melt Shop, and they want to stand within the Enterprise Zone. They have filed their application to expand it, and it will be a 5 million dollar expansion within this Enterprise Zone. They are looking for ways to help pay for the expansion. They are going to increase the PILOT payment to the Schools by \$9,375.00 and to the Village by \$1,625.00.

So what happens now is we tell them that we intend to do this. We have a meeting with their lawyers tomorrow, we then send this to the School to vote, and then we can pass a motion at the October Council Meeting.

Mr. Contipelli asked if this extends the current abatement. Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Unger stated that an abatement can only go for a total of 15 years, and it will not extend the current abatement.

The Mayor stated that, for the record, this meeting had to take place for Charter to move forward. As Mr. Greenberg said, Charter still needs to do some things as it relates to the County, they have to get the support of the School Board, but this meeting had to be done now so we can get everything in place before the October Council Meeting. This meeting had to be called, because Charter cannot start work on the addition until all formal approvals have been made, and this meeting is at the request of Charter.

Mr. Contipelli asked the members of the Tax Incentive Review Board if Charter Steel was up to date on everything under the 2006 agreement. Ms. Henley stated that they are up to date, and there were absolutely no issues.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed.
Motion passed.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the Special Council Meeting be adjourned at 5:25 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.