

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
APRIL 13, 2016
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

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Ms. Duszynski called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Jon Greenberg, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Marilyn Duszynski, Cheryl Harris, Lois Henley, and Matt Schoeffler. Also in attendance were Building Commissioner Norm Casini, Assistant to the Building Commissioner Kenny LaBella, and Village Engineer Todd Sciano.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from Kevin Nietert, the Police Chief of South Euclid thanking the Mayor and Council for the donation of the two patrol cars to his community. The cars will help with the issue of an aging fleet, and limited resources.

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

PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

MINUTES:

March 9, 2016	Caucus
March 9, 2016	Council Meeting
March 23, 2016	Workshop

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion to accept the minutes as amended, Mr. Schoeffler agreed to second.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Position of Cash Statement March 2016

R.I.T.A Preliminary report April 2016

Ms. Biro asked the Clerk why the RITA revenue spiked last month. Clerk Unger explained that it was because of an estimated Net Profit payment from Charter Steel, and also more tax collections from the other steel companies in the Village. Clerk Unger wanted to remind Council that although they make the estimated payment, if they don't hit their profit for the year, we will end up giving some of it back to Charter Steel.

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion to accept the reports, Ms. Harris 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, seconded by Ms. Duszynski.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-27

Payment of Certain Claims:	\$948,153.87
Payroll	
General Bills	
(#49285 - #49384)	

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-28

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR TOMO SONODA

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE APPOINTMENT LOIS HENLEY AND MARILYN DUSZYNSKI TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK'S DONATION TO THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, TWO VEHICLES OWNED BY THE VILLAGE AND DECLARED AS SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF ENVIROSCIENCE, INC. TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING PERMITTING NECESSARY TO SUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO EPA AND USAGE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE STORM SEWER AND EMBANKMENT ON THE NICKY BOULEVARD LANDFILL IN THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

Mr. Bloam asked Mr. Sciano to explain the Resolution. Mr. Sciano stated that this involves the property erosion on E. 49th Street, behind the houses on the East side. Last year we did some tests on the property to use for the submittal of Dopwick funding for the project. Now the EPA is asking us to move forward with the extra testing, and showing us a path that the project might get approved. We are now hopeful that this will be a pathway to approval by the EPA. This approval could take another 6-12 months.

The Mayor stated that getting this project approved has taken the Village 10 years, and everything we do to get this project approved has to be done in a timely fashion. And by passing this legislation, we are getting closer to approval, and this could end up being a nice piece of real estate for the Village to develop. Mr. Sciano said it would be in the high 20 acres.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

MAYORS REPORT:

The Mayor showed Council pictures of all the work that is being done at the Cotton Club Building on E. 49th Street. Mr. Casini said they are working very close with the owners on the new projects being done at the building. The Mayor said the building looks very good, they are doing a great job.

An update from the Building Department, out of 53 rental units in the Village, 48 have paid their yearly rental inspection. Mr. Labella stated that they also got three more this morning bringing it up to 51 out of 53. The Mayor said he will get all of Council a copy of the rental report.

Mayor Bacci asked to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Bloam made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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

Caucus ended at 7:05 pm.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

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Ms. Harris made the motion to accept the Communications and place them on file, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

PERMITS:

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

We would like to convey our deepest sympathies to the Sonoda family. Village resident, Tomo (Tomi) Sonoda passed away on March 28th; she was 93-years old. She is survived by her children Glenn and Jayne.

Also, condolences to the DeCapite family from Valley View. Sam passed away last month; he was 84 years old. I've known Sam all my life – he was a great guy. This was CHFD Firefighter, Steve Harris' father-in-law. Please keep both families in your thoughts and prayers.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday – and thank you to those who attended our annual Easter egg hunt. It was a beautiful day and I enjoyed watching the little ones hunt for eggs – they are too precious.

Newburgh Heights Mayor Elkins advised our office that ODOT plans to replace the Harvard Avenue Bridge over I-77 in the fall of 2018; it will re-open in August, 2019. The bridge will close completely; however, the I-77 on/off ramps will remain open.

We held our annual “BNB” (breakfast with the businesses in our Village) last Friday. Police Chief Sturgill gave a presentation on “Active Shooter Training and how this impacts employers” – and did a great job! It's always great to visit with our businesses “face-to-face.”

Congratulations to Village residents and Junior Girls Scouts of Troop 70196: Becky Lepkowski, Paige Porter, and Hailey Toth. The girls recently received approval on their projects in working towards their Girl Scout bronze award. This award is the highest a junior Girl Scout can earn – and which ultimately will lead the way to earning their Gold Award. We are very proud of these fine, young girls.

April birthday wishes to employees: Ken Schoeffler – April 1; Scott Waldemarson – April 7; Joanne Socausky – April 13; and Bryon Borowy – April 30.

Congratulations to Firefighter Randy Eliason who celebrates his 30th year with the Fire Department today!

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Micky Sajetowski, Mr. Frank Schoeffler, and Mrs. Joan Unger.

MS. BIRO:

They had their Economic Development Committee Meeting this evening, combined with the Finance Committee. The Minutes of the March Meeting are on file with the Clerk.

The majority of the meeting was about the Multi Use Trail, and the Nature Works Grant, and how it is going to line up with the grant we are going after for recreation and parks, and the NOACCA money. We were given a time line on how all of this was going to fit together. In regards to the Nature Works Grant, you will see legislation at the May meeting authorizing the Mayor to apply for the grant, as well as a public meeting or information in regards to this.

The Local Government Safety Grant has been submitted, and the other one that Chief Suhy is working on is a FEMA Fire and Protection Safety Grant. We will be applying for residential knock boxes and smoke alarms for the seniors in the Village.

MR. BLOAM:

Mr. Bloam noticed that the sidewalk in front of Heat Seal on E. 71st is painted and he mentioned that we passed an Ordinance last year that would make them clean it up. He was wondering what is being done to enforce the Ordinance. The Mayor said that the painted sidewalk was the catalyst for the new Ordinance, and the people that did this would not be responsible for the cleanup because the law did not exist at that time. The Mayor will get the Service Department to clean it up when we get some warm weather.

MS. DUSZYNSKI:

On March 10th, the Finance Committee approved a PO to Sohars Equipment for two lawn mowers in the amount of \$13, 177.00. They also approved a PO to ABCOM in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the study of the E. 71st Street ramp and crossover to Route 21.

Ms. Duszynski would like all projects to have a final total price, and not piecemeal it into small parts.

MS. HARRIS:

Ms. Harris stated that Chief Sturgill put on a great presentation at the Mayors Breakfast, and was wondering if the Chief was going to do the presentation for the school. Chief Sturgill said that he has scheduled three days in the summer to go in and train the teachers. Ms. Harris thanked the Chief and said it was very informative.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley asked the Mayor if we were going to save any of the trees at the Hillside property. The Mayor and Service Director said they were going to try and replace them in the park but there is a chance that they won't live during the transition, but they are going to try.

Ms. Henley also mentioned that the ashes from Ohio Bulk are getting all over the street, and was wondering if anyone was on this problem. Chief Sturgill said that he is in contact with them daily to get it cleaned, and he will continue to work on this problem.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Thanks to the Building Department, we have almost 100% compliance on our rental registrations.

Also commended Chief Sturgill on a great presentation during the breakfast on Active Shooters in the workplace. He was asked by several companies if the Chief could email them a copy of the presentation. Chief Sturgill replied that he will get it to them.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:

Nothing at this time.

HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:

Stated that this week is telecommunications week, and please thank all your Dispatchers for doing such a fine job.

The Mayor, Angel Meriwether and Ms. Cash got some information for the three other communities that share dispatch with us concerning costs. We gave it to them on Monday, and also provided them with a contract renewal starting this July. It has an increase of \$25,000.00 per community in the first year, and \$5,000.00 every year for the next four years in the five year contract. Mayor Elkins and Mayor Prosek have no issue with the increase, Mayor Piasechi from Valley View will submit it to his Council, and Ms. Meriwether, Ms. Cash and myself will be available to answer any of their questions, and hopefully get the contract signed in the next couple of months.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Chief Suhy received a letter from the Cleveland Clinic that they had a cardiac call that was very serious, and they said that we got him there in the fastest door to bed time the Clinic has ever seen. He got into surgery and is currently doing fine. He wanted to recognize the three Firemen that were involved in saving this man's life, Firemen Contipelli, Rini, and Goldsworth for a job well done.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:

Wanted to send their thoughts and prayers out to Columbus Patrolman Steven M. Smith of Columbus. He was a 27 year veteran and part of a tactical team who was killed in a Swat raid of a barricaded suspect. He is the 31st officer this year killed in the line of duty in the United States.

Thanked Cuyahoga County for supplying Narcane kits to the department for heroin overdoses. These will help us respond to the opiate overdose crises currently in Cuyahoga County. He explained that it is a nasal spray and passed an example out to Council.

LAW DIRECTOR JON GREENBERG:

Since this is Telecommunication Week, he thanked Head Dispatcher Cash for doing a great job.

CLERK UNGER:

Clerk Unger also thanked Ms. Cash and said she was the best! Mr. Unger also stated that he was at the Business Breakfast, and Chief Sturgill did do an excellent job in his presentation. It was very informative, yet very emotional. It was a sad statement on society that we even have to have the conversation of an active shooter in our schools or businesses and what we need to do. The information and presentation brought back memories of when these situations really happened, and what the children had to go through. It became very emotional, and I would have had a hard time putting the presentation on, but Chief Sturgill did a great job.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Ms. Schoeffler agrees with everything that Clerk Unger said. The Mayor stated that this is the reality of today's world, Stay alert stay alive!

ASSISSTANT TO THE CLERK, ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Thanked Head Dispatcher Cash for doing a great job since it is Telecommunication Week.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

We will have a report on the traffic study for Council at the next meeting.

BUILDING COMMISIONER NORM CASINI:

The Heat Seal building is coming along nicely and will be ready to move in soon, and Charter Steel has submitted plans for a new 4,000 square foot structure.

ASSISTANT TO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER KENNY LABELLA:

We have sent out letters to two residents of the Village to enter the properties for inspection. One is 4911 Grant Avenue, another is Mr. Mallos property on E. 71st Street, and also Cuyahoga Foundry on E. 71st Street.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Ms. Henley that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.