

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
CAUCUS  
MARCH 8, 2017  
6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CAUCUS**

**MARCH 8, 2017**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time

**PURCHASES:**

None at this time.

**MINUTES:**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

R.I.T.A Preliminary Report March 2017  
Cash Position Statement February 2017

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-25**

Payment of Certain Claims:	\$1,028,770.54
Payroll	
General Bills	
(#51133 - #51245)	

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-26**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO RENEW THE VILLAGE'S SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOFTWARE COMPONENT OF THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS

Mr. Schoeffler asked if we go out for bids for this maintenance agreement with Johnson Controls. The Mayor stated that we continue to use Johnson Controls because they were the ones that installed the system with their proprietary software when the building was built, and to change it would require they change the software in the system. This company has been recommended every year by the Administration and the Chief.

Ms. Duszynski asked if this is the way we always accept quotes, or do we look for other contractors. The Mayor stated that this has always been the case in every administration in our Village. If we have a vendor that has done good work for us in the past, and we know the costs

are in line with the job, we will go with the vendor we have used and trusted. Obviously if we have a job over \$50,000.00 we will always go out for bid.

Mr. Schoeffler stated that he thinks this is a reasonable quote for this agreement, he just didn't know if it needed to go out for bid. Ms. Duszynski said that it never hurts to get another quote, and this is how the Finance Committee feels.

The Mayor explained that sometimes the lowest quote does not always get us the best work, and when we have a good vendor, we like to utilize them. Also know that when we get quotes for work, the Building Commissioner, Engineer, and Service Director are all in the loop making the decision on who we will use for projects. They are the experts, and their input is always used in the decision process.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-27**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SECURITY HUT, INC FOR SECURITY SERVICES

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-28**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MILL CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP'S ALLIANCE WITH THE WEST CREEK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-29**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE REAR PORTION OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 522-23-025 IN THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, OHIO

Mr. Chojnacki stated that this is the rear portion of the Perozini property on the corner of Bletch and E.72<sup>nd</sup>. It is a tiny sliver of property to be used for the Bacci trail Project.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-30**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO DEPOSIT THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 4937 EAST 72<sup>ND</sup> PLACE, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 522-23-043, WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROBATE COURT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Chojnacki explained that this is the Majors property. After the court accepts our appraised value, we will have clear title to the property.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-31**

**FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE SIX, "STORM WATER MANAGEMENT," OF PART TWELVE, "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-32**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO OFFER A PICK-UP FOR THE VOLUNTARY PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT FOR PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEEES OF THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Biro asked that the Minutes reflect that this Resolution, and Resolution 2017-33 are replacing previous Resolution 2017-14 per legal counsel.

Ms. Duszynski asked if this was costing the Village anything. The Mayor said that it will not cost the Village anything. This will let all employees that were temporarily let go buy back their time for retirement purposes, and it will be completely paid for by the employee. The spirit of

this program is to do something for the employees that were laid off to give them the opportunity to buy back their service time.

Ms. Duszynski asked Mr. Chojnacki if this is only for Police & Fire employees to be able to buy back their service time pretax from when they were laid off, and why doesn't it cover the Service Department workers. Mr. Chojnacki stated that the Service Department workers are under the OPERS pension, and they have an IRS ruling for member credits that make them ineligible for the pretax buyback program. The Police & Fire pension plans do not have that ruling, so they are eligible for a pretax buyback.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-33**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO OFFER A PICK-UP FOR THE VOLUNTARY PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT FOR PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-34**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH B&C COMMUNICATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES RELATED TO THE DISPATCH EQUIPMENT OF THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion to authorize the Mayor to proscribe a procedure for waiving appraisals in cases involving the acquisition of property with a low fair market value.

Mr. Chojnacki explained that this is a consequence of us receiving the appraisals on Nicky Boulevard. There is an Ohio law that allows the Mayor to create a policy to wave appraisals for property that is being taken by the Village that is under \$10,000.00. It cost us roughly \$1,800.00 to get an appraisal, but if you're only paying less than \$10,000.00, it doesn't make sense.

This motion allows us to give the Mayor the ability to wave the appraisals as well as the need to enter onto the properties to make an appraisal of any property under \$10,000.00.

Ms. Biro asked if there will be a written procedure to follow. Mr. Chojnacki said that there will be a written procedure for the Mayor to follow.

Ms. Henley asked if it will be in the Codified Ordinances. Mr. Chojnacki said no, it will be a procedure, not an Ordinance.

Ms. Duszynski will make the motion, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler.

#### **MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor Bacci asked our legal team to try to come up with some law clerks to work with a Council Committee that would go through our Codified Ordinances, and get rid of things that are antiquated, and contradictory. Our lawyers are looking into prices for this process, and moving into 2018, we should have the cleanest Ordinance book that we have had in recent memory. It would be great to have two or three Councilpersons get involved, and it would give them a good look at the code and what is in there. We can make a decision once we have a price to see if it is affordable.

Caucus ended at 7:20pm.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

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

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Ms. Biro asked that the Minutes reflect that this security service is for Bacci Park for 2017.

Ms. Duszynski asked if this was the same firm we used last year. Mayor Bacci said we used this firm the first year, and last year we went with a firm called Tenable Inc., thinking we would get better service, and we didn't. So now we are back with Security Hut with a lot more detail to our expectations in what is needed for our staffing.

Ms. Henley 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.

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Ms. Biro requested that the Minutes reflect that this is a parcel at the end of E.72<sup>nd</sup> and Bletch Court, and that it is for the Bacci Park trails.

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Ms. Biro asked that the Minutes reflect that this is the Majors property, and that we are purchasing it for a public purpose, for green space.

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Ms. Harris 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.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

Ms. Biro would like the Minutes to reflect that this is to be a written policy placed on file in our employee manual, or in our respective Policies & Procedures Handbook, on file in the Mayor's office.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

### **MAYOR BACCI:**

As it relates to Resolution 2017-32 & 2017-33, the Mayor had a discussion this morning with Council members Biro and Bloam concerning the pension buy backs. He asked Mr. Mason and Mr. Chojnacki that if the opportunity arises for the PERS pensions for the Service Department workers, or ever changes so that they can make up their service time using pretax contributions, please let us know, so we can offer it to them as well. Mr. Mason and Mr. Chojnacki said they would monitor the situation, and if anything changes, they will let us know.

Our condolences to the Pritchard family. Ed's Mom, Margaret Pritchard passed away on February 23; she was 84 years old. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Also, and the Mayor was not aware of this until recently, Mary Beth Suchocki passed away at the age of 60 from cancer. She was a former Cuyahoga Heights resident, and graduate. She is the sister of Gary and Celeste Suchocki. The Mayor spoke with Celeste earlier today and gave her all our thoughts and prayers.

Our Village was recently awarded \$50,000 through the Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Awards for use with acquisition/demolition of properties within the Village. A total of 46 local Communities applied for funding; only 22 were awarded the grant. Thank you to Silverlode for assisting with the process.

Heritage Home representatives will be holding a free informational session regarding their program in our Village Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. Information on the event will be going out in the next Village newsletter.

Congratulations to Village resident and CHS Redskin Wrestler Trey Combs who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the District Wrestling Tournament; he has qualified for his 3<sup>rd</sup> State Wrestling Tournament which will take place tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. in Columbus. Good Luck Trey!

Our office will once again be holding our annual "Business Networking Breakfast" on March 31st. This is a great event for our administration to spend "face-to-face" time with our business community. We will have a gentleman from the Metro Parks as our speaker. The Metro Parks is turning 100 years old this year, and they will be giving a presentation on all of the activities that will take place this year.

Very special birthday wishes to Mrs. Bernice Suhy who will turn 92 years old on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Happy birthday and God Bless.

Happy birthday to Chief Sturgill who is celebrating his 46<sup>th</sup> birthday today!

March birthday wishes to employees: (11) Joe Wallace; (12) Angel Meriwether; (15) Jeremy

Grabowski; (18) Jeff Baciak; (24) Cathy Zmija; (25) Barb Cash.

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mr. Curtis McLaughlin, Diane Nieves, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Micky Sajetowski, and Mrs. Patty Smosarski.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy St. Patty's Day next Friday.

## **MS. BIRO**

We had our Economic Development meeting tonight, and the exciting news we have to report is Northern Stamping is considering an expansion on their building, investment in new equipment, and new job creations. At this time, the Mayor is working with them to look over different incentives that may be offered to them regarding this expansion.

The Mayor stated that we have been awarded \$50,000.00 for the acquisition and demolition of properties in the Village through the Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant. It was explained to us that this is casino revenue at the County level. We put in for five different properties, and at the end of the day we might not get all five properties demolished, but we might get two out of the five, acquired and demolished. The properties we purchased beforehand might not be covered under this grant, but it can be used for any properties that we acquire in the future.

The Cuyahoga County Municipal Grant, which is a CDBG Grant, we did not win. This was monies we were going to use to develop the Hillside property. It turned out that when they scored the grant, most of the scores went to road and sewer projects.

The first reimbursement for the Hillside Party Center Demolition has been presented to the County, and we are going through the process now of being reimbursed.

We reviewed the Nature Works Grant again, this is the particular grant that can be used in different areas throughout the Village, but it is not applicable to us at this time.

The committee was given a demographic report from Silverlode in regards to economic development, and she would like to share it with the rest of Council at the Workshop.

They have been working with Chief Suhy in regards to the purchase of a new electric cot for the ambulance, and trying to get a grant for the purchase. Unfortunately, like the grant we tried to get for a new Senior Bus, since we take such great care of our equipment it eliminates us from the grants. The grant are often awarded to communities with much greater needs. That is how they do the scoring for the grants.

Ms. Biro wanted to reiterate to our legal team that if at any time OPERS opens up a pretax buyback program, and it becomes available for our members, please bring it to Council as soon

as possible, so we can make our OPERS employees equal. This is not something that we choose to do, it is dictated by OPERS laws, so if it ever becomes available, please bring it to our attention.

On March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Mayors Business Meeting, there will be a representative from the Metro Parks talking about the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. My cousin Carl Casavecchia is one of the major leaders on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He has worked for the past couple of years on this project, and will be ending his career with this celebration, and then he will go off into retirement. Carl is a former Cuyahoga Heights resident and high school graduate, and we are very proud of his accomplishments with the Metro Parks. Mayor Bacci said he will invite him to his business meeting.

**MR. BLOAM:**

Mr. Bloam called a Public Works Meeting for April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm to discuss the pool and some other issues. Ms. Henley asked about the parking lot for E.49<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Bloam said that will be a topic as well.

**MS. DUSZYNSKI:**

The Finance Committee approved purchases for \$14,500.00 to Boyas Excavating for Bacci Park, \$9,718.50 to Donald G. Bohning for catch basins, \$20,450.00 to Valley View Cement for the baseball field at Bacci Park, \$13,200.00 to Precision for the baseball field, \$12,475.00 to Precision Welding for posts and columns at Bacci Park, \$6,015.79 to J&J Enterprises for site prep, \$5,692.10 to J&J Enterprises for water line improvements at the baseball field, \$23,000.00 to the Precision Company for work to complete dugouts per RCU Architects, \$10,253.25 to J&J Enterprises for grading improvements, \$7,745.23 to Valley View Cement for improvements to the baseball field, \$16,079.00 for dugouts and back stop, \$11,035.17 to Bruner Company for block to be used for the back stops.

**MS. HARRIS:**

The High School Lady's Redskin team was very appreciative of the sign that the Village hung out front, wishing them luck. They did not win, and neither did the boys, but they had a great season, and we are all very proud of them.

The recall petition for the school board member is on hold, and Ms. Martin was rehired by the school. The Mayor said that the hiring back of Ms. Martin was a very happy moment for all of us. Ms. Harris said that even though Ms. Martin was rehired, they don't plan on reducing the staff. Mayor Bacci was glad that Ms. Martin was vindicated, and made whole.

**MS. HENLEY:**

Ms. Henley gave some paperwork to Service Director Sammons about an addition to the splash pool, and asked if they could look into adding it to the splash pool this year. Mayor Bacci said that Engineer Sciano is trying to find something applicable for the splash pool for around \$25,000.00. We are going to see if we can retrofit something like you are asking. We reached out to Valley View and Brooklyn Heights to see if they can partner with us on this purchase, but they will not be able to spend any money at this time that relates to our pool.

Mr. Sciano stated that they are looking at something to retrofit at the splash pool, because if it was something new that would require a project, all of the contractors are busy with other communities that put their orders in last fall, and are now too busy to accommodate us for this year. So we will have to buy the equipment ourselves, and use our employees to put it in.

The Mayor has worked hard to try and bring down the cost of the pool. Last year, Cuyahoga Heights residents bought less than 30 passes, Brooklyn Heights bought less than 40, and Valley View bought less than 100. Even though our costs for upkeep are extravagant compared to our usage, we will continue to keep it up, and see if we can add to the splash pool this year.

Ms. Duszynski stated that the pool will need some major renovation in the future, and wondered if the other communities will be willing to help with the costs. Mayor Bacci said that none of the other communities want to participate in keeping up the pool, but they want to use it. He told Ms. Henley that he would keep her updated on the splash pool situation.

**MR. SCHOEFFLER:**

Nothing at this time.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:**

Nothing at this time.

**HEAD DISPATCHER BARB CASH:**

Thanked Council for approving the Service Agreement for Dispatch.

**FIRE CHIEF SUHY:**

Ohio Sever Weather Alert Week is March 19<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting off the alarms on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Congratulations to Firefighter Harris and Panizzuti for walking up 42 floors, which is 802 stairs at the Terminal tower with full fire gear for the American Lung Association.

**POLICE CHIEF BRIAN STURGILL:**

We met the first two standards in the Department of Safety Coalition. This was started by the Government in order to bring Police Departments up to certain standards.

The first standard was use of deadly force, and our policy met their standards. The second standard was in hiring, they went over our policies and procedures, and we will be assessed on that on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Biro congratulated Chief Sturgill, and said that this is something the department should be very proud of. The Mayor is also very proud of the work they have done.

Chief Sturgill thanked Council for offering the pension buyback program to the guys that were laid off.

**LAW DIRECTOR BILL MASON:**

Nothing at this time.

**CLERK UNGER:**

Nothing at this time.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:**

Nothing at this time.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AMANDA DOMZALSKI:**

Nothing at this time.

**ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:**

Nothing at this time.

**ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:**

Nothing at this time.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:**

Nothing at this time.

**ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:**

Nothing at this time.



**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.