

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
DECEMBER 13, 2017
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

DECEMBER 13, 2017

Ms. Duszynski called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Law Director Bill Mason, Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, and Council members Barb Biro, Todd Bloam, Marilyn Duszynski, Cheryl Harris, Lois Henley, and Matt Schoeffler. Also in attendance were Building Commissioner Norm Casini, Engineer Todd Sciano, and Assistant Clerk Angel Meriwether

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

MINUTES:

November 8, 2017	Council Caucus
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Ms. Henley will make the motion, seconded by Ms. Harris.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R.I.T.A Preliminary Report December 2017
Cash Position Statement November 2017

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

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-83

SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PART TWO,
“ADMINISTRATION CODE,” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-85

Payment of Certain Claims: \$902,689.74
Payroll
General Bills
(#52572 - #52700)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-86

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE
COUNTYWIDE ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN FOR
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, 2017 UPDATE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-87

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, OHIO FOR THE PROVISION OF ROCK SALT DURING THE 2017-2018 WINTER SEASON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-88

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZARNEY CREATIVE FOR MARKETING SERVICES

Clerk Unger explained that it is the same as last year, with no increase.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-89

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PEST MANAGEMENT INCORPORATED FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICES

Clerk Unger explained that it is the same as last year, with no increase.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-90

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-91

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT'S 2002 FORD EXPLORER VIN 1FMZU72E52ZC10245 TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL

The Mayor explained that it will be online on GovDeals.com to be sold.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-92

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANGEL MERIWETHER TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-93

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING, INC., TO PERFORM VARIOUS SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH LOCALIZED FLOODING AT 811 HARVARD AVENUE

Mr. Chojnacki asked Council to amend the legislation to an effective date of January 1st, 2018. Mr. Sciano explained that this is a ten year project, and we were able to locate the break in the sewer, and we now have an access pipe to get to the break. We need to get this fixed as soon as possible. The Mayor said this blockage is like cement, and we have used all the tools we have to try and fix it, with no success.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-94

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE AN ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT OVER THE REAR PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4661 EAST 71ST STREET

Ms. Henley asked if this is the Suchocki property, and if we were taking this property through Eminent Domain. Mayor Bacci said we are not. He explained that we came to an agreement of \$10,000.00 for the easement through their property.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-95

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND FOR STAGE 1 OF THE TOWPATH TRAIL

Ms. Biro asked about the logistics of the easement. Mayor Bacci said it was on Harvard Hill, and going toward Steelyard Common. We are giving them an easement to get the path extended.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-96

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD STARTING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-97

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO APPROPRIATE A FEE SIMPLE INTEREST IN PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 522-11-004 ON EAST 49TH STREET FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-98

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 246 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR PROMOTIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Biro asked if the Police Chief is in agreement with these changes. Mr. Chojnacki said Chief Sturgill is in agreement with the changes. Mayor Bacci explained that they will now begin working with Chief Suhy to see what changes need to be made to the procedure for promotions in the Fire Department.

Ms. Biro asked Mr. Mason if a Council member should abstain from voting if they have a family member in the department that might be up for promotion in the future. Mr. Mason said that they can vote on this legislation, because the legislation does not have an immediate impact on any specific person.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-99

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4585 EAST 71ST STREET, AS WELL AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 522-25-001, 522-25-002, AND 522-25-017

Ms. Duszynski asked if we are going to demo the house. Mayor Bacci said that we are planning to demo it through the Land Bank.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Bloam made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of property and litigation, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. Biro Aye, Bloam Aye, Duszynski Aye, Harris Aye, Henley Aye. Mr. Schoeffler was not available to vote, he had left the meeting before the vote. Motion passed.

Also asked to stay in the meeting were new Council elect Contipelli and Centa, Engineer Mr. Sciano, and future CFO Angel Meriwether.

Ms. Duszynski made the motion to come out of Executive Session and back into the Caucus, seconded by Ms. Harris. Biro Aye, Bloam Aye, Duszynski Aye, Harris Aye, Henley Aye. Motion passed.

Ms. Biro asked that Section 1 on 2017-99 be amended to read E. 71st Street instead of E. 49th Street. Ms. Henley said she would make the motion as amended.

Caucus ended at 6:55pm.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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Ms. Duszynski made the motion to accept the reports as prepared, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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Mr. Schoeffler moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. All in favor, none opposed for suspension of the rules. All in favor, none opposed for the adoption, motion carried.

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

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

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Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. All in favor, none opposed for suspension of the rules. All in favor, none opposed for the adoption, motion carried.

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Mr. Schoeffler moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. All in favor, none opposed for suspension of the rules. All in favor, none opposed for the adoption, motion carried.

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Ms. Henley requested the legislation to reflect a January 1st, 2018 repair date.

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the rules be suspended and the Resolution as amended be placed on third and final reading. All in favor, none opposed for suspension of the rules. All in favor, none opposed for the adoption, motion carried.

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Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. All in favor, Schoeffler Abstained for suspension of the rules. All in favor, Schoeffler Abstained for the adoption, motion carried.

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Ms. Biro asked Chief Sturgill if this Ordinance is to his satisfaction concerning police promotions. Chief Sturgill said yes it is.

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. All in favor, none opposed for suspension of the rules. All in favor, none opposed for the adoption, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-99

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Ms. Henley requested that the body of the legislation include the 4585 E. 71st Street is in Section one.

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading as amended. All in favor, none opposed for suspension of the rules. All in favor, none opposed for the adoption, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

The Mayor thanked Council for passing the 2018 budget. In his tenure as Mayor, it has become a very transparent document, breaking out many of the expenses to be better understood.

Congratulated Ms. Meriwether for her new appointment as CFO for 2018, and he is also very excited for Mr. Unger to be able to move into a new chapter in his life, and spend more time with his family.

Mayor Bacci thanked Ms. Henley for all the good times they have had throughout the years, and for her support on Council. He hopes she will continue to take part in all of the village events. He explained that he doesn't have a Proclamation for her this evening because she had left Council before, and we did a Proclamation for her then, although it is very hard to see her go, and she will be missed.

Mayor Bacci addressed Ms. Duszynski, and explained that their relationship is sometimes mother to son, sometimes colleague to colleague, and sometimes grandmother to grandson, it has been all over the map for many years, but he read the Proclamation for Ms. Duszynski that thanked and acknowledged her 26 years of service in Council, and the many accomplishments she has made in our community.

Unfortunately, our Redskins Varsity football team lost to Minster High School in the Division VII State championship on December 1. We are so very proud of these fine young men and their accomplishments, and on behalf of our entire Village, congratulations to the 2017 Varsity Football Team, coaches and staff – thank you for this incredible ride.

I wanted to thank the employees of Charter Steel, MilliporeSigma, N.A.T. Services, Inc., and R & T Roadside Service, who generously reached out to our office – they will be helping out several families in our Village this holiday season.

Milestone birthday wishes to Hank Lemiec who turns “70” on December 28.

December birthday wishes to employees: Brenda Poole – December 4; Jesse James – December 8; Vince Trusso – December 12; Wendy Heinzman – December 14; Diane Simmons – December 15; Lou Franko & Damon Schreiber – December 16; Michael Petti – December 19; Howard Selig – December 21; and Frank Trusso – December 30. Happy birthday to all!

Santa & Mrs. Claus are gearing up for Christmas and making a special stop in the Village this Sunday beginning at 11:00 a.m. for our resident children. While we are out with Santa, anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items may do so by leaving it on your front porch by 11:00 a.m.

Also that evening -- don't forget to turn on your lights at 5:30 p.m. -- we have our annual Christmas Lighting Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place.

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

Wishing everyone a very Merry & Blessed Christmas...and health and happiness in the New Year.

MS. BIRO

Ms. Biro thanked Ms. Henley for her service, and enjoyed working with her over the years. She wished her well in the future and hope she is now able to spend a lot more time with her family and grandchildren.

She thanked Ms. Duszynski for her 26 years of service and for working with her since 2002. She gave a lot of time and effort that is very valuable to our village, and please enjoy your retirement with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Please stay safe during the holidays.

MR. BLOAM:

Public Works met today, and we are looking to get many projects moving forward next year, including the pool. Look forward to the legislation starting in January.

As far as Ms. Henley and Ms. Duszynski, he thanked them for teaching him what to do, and what not to do, and wishes them well in the future.

MS. DUSZYNSKI:

Ms. Duszynski gave her last Finance Report to put on file. The Committee gave approval in the amount of \$21,515.00 to Adelmo for new sewer lines.

Ms. Duszynski stated that she spent over a half century in Cuyahoga Hts., with 26 years as a Councilman, and interim Mayor. She said she probably never would have retired on her own, so she is happy the Village retired her.

She has seen and enjoyed many things throughout her years of service especially the times she volunteered for many committees and projects, unfortunately she doesn't see the same volunteering ambition in today's environment. It made us feel like we belonged, and that we were a part of something. She is a little disappointed in the election results, but also realizes that you have to move on, and she will move on. She will continue to travel with Mr. Vanek, and it will be easier because there will be no scheduling conflicts with Council Meetings.

She assured Mayor Bacci that she will still be around, and she still wants to be involved, so please find something for this young lady to do!

Although she did not want to give up her seat on Council, she told Mr. Contipelli that she was glad that it was him that won the election. Ms. Duszynski reminisced about some old Council people that are not here anymore, and told Mr. Contipelli that she was glad he won because she always worked well with him, and he will do a great job.

Ms. Duszynski thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation, and hoped Mr. Vanek was ready to see a lot more of her in the future. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MS. HARRIS:

She thanked the Mayor for his help in putting on the Senior Christmas Dinner, it was very nice.

Congratulated Ms. Meriwether on her appointment, and looks forward to working with her in the future. She also thanked Clerk Unger for his time, and said that he taught her a lot.

Ms. Harris told Ms. Henley that she had a good run on Council, and always made things very interesting. She said that she has learned a lot from Ms. Duszynski, and she will miss her dearly, and thank you for your friendship.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley stated that she is glad that Ms. Meriwether has the job she always wanted. She has known Angel for many years, before she worked at the Town Hall. She is a brilliant young woman, and will do great things as the CFO.

Ms. Henley reminisced about the old days with Ms. Biro's mother, and Loyal Buscher concerning the Rec Board many years ago. If it wasn't for them, we would not have a Recreation Board, and she hopes that the young people take the baton and run with the Recreation Board. She told the Mayor to keep doing what he is doing, and that she will hear from her again.

She will miss everyone, and said goodbye.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Mr. Schoeffler thanked Ms. Henley and Duszynski for their years of service, and said that he has learned a lot from each of them, and wished them well in the future.

The Senior Christmas Party was a very nice event, and he and his wife had a great time, and thanked the Mayor for paying for the dinner!

Merry Christmas and have a safe holiday.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

Congratulated Ms. Meriwether and Mr. Unger for the many years of service in the Finance Department. Congratulations to Mr. Rick Centa and Mr. Renato Contipelli on the election.

Congratulated Ms. Henley and Ms. Duszynski on a long illustrious career.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

HEAD DISPATCHER BARB CASH:

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FIRE CHIEF MIKE SUHY:

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CHIEF STURGILL:

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Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please be safe driving.

LAW DIRECTOR BILL MASON:

Thanked Ms. Henley and Ms. Duszynski for their years of service to this community. He knows the amount of stress and work that goes into being an elected official, and thanked them for all they have done.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CLERK UNGER:

Congratulations to Mr. Centa and Mr. Contipelli. Also congratulated Ms. Henley and Ms. Duszynski for an illustrious career as elected officials. He said that it was funny, us talking about the many previous officials that we remember that made a difference in our community, and how one day we will be talking about them in the same way. They will be remembered as being part of Cuyahoga Heights history, and he applauded them for that.

For the last eight years, we have all worked together for the last eight years, and eight years ago, we were devastated like all communities during the worst financial crisis since the Depression. We all had to make hard decisions over the last eight years to get us to where we are today, and he is very proud of all of the elected officials to have brought the Village this far. These are the things that will go down in history, and we should all be very proud.

Mr. Unger congratulated Ms. Meriwether on her new position, he stated that she is much smarter than he is, and she will do fine.

There comes a time when you realize that you have more yesterdays than tomorrows, and Mr. Unger knew it was time to make a change, and be able to spend more time with his family, and

thanked everyone including all the residents to be able to move into a part time position and still be a part of this Administration.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Congratulated Ms. Meriwether and Mr. Unger for the many years of service in the Finance Department. Congratulations to Mr. Rick Centa and Mr. Renato Contipelli on the election.

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ASSISTANT CLERK ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Thanked everyone for her new appointment. She knows the Mayor, Clerk, and Council have worked diligently to make this happen.

Thanked Council for passing the budget. She is very excited where the Village is headed, and glad to be a part of it.

Congratulated Ms. Henley and Ms. Duszynski on a long illustrious career.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Congratulated Ms. Meriwether and Mr. Unger for the many years of service in the Finance Department. Congratulations to Mr. Rick Centa and Mr. Renato Contipelli on the election.

Thanked Ms. Henley and Ms. Duszynski for all that they have done to bring their institutional knowledge to the table. That information helped give him an enormous amount of background knowledge concerning our village, and thanked them for their input.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Congratulated Ms. Meriwether and Mr. Unger for the many years of service in the Finance Department. Congratulations to Mr. Rick Centa and Mr. Renato Contipelli on the election.

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BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AMANDA DOMZALSKI:

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mr. Renato Contipelli said he would be remiss if he didn't say something. Mr. Bloam stated, "He's back"!

Mr. Contipelli wanted to say something about Ms. Henley and Ms. Duszynski. He has worked with Ms. Henley for many years, and their families go way back. He always respected the fact that she worked hard for the things she believed in, even though at times they were at odds with how he felt. This is exactly what a Councilperson should do. He hopes she continues to stay involved, and you never know if you will be back again. He would like to see her back on Council again, so please keep that door open. With you leaving, we are losing a lot of experience, and he will miss her.

Mr. Contipelli said that he has known Ms. Duszynski for many years, she graduated with his mother in high school. He was best friends with her boys, and went to school with them. Ms. Duszynski has been a great leader, and even served as Mayor during a very troubling time, and did an admirable job, and came back to serve on Council. He has a lot of respect for her, and learned a lot from her. He will miss her a lot, and will miss her weekly calls.

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