

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2018
6:00 PM**

ROLL CALL: BIRO BLOAM CENTA CONTIPELLI HARRIS SCHOEFFLER

Ms. Harris called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Law Director Bill Mason, Clerk Unger, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli, Cheryl Harris, and Matt Schoeffler. Also in attendance were Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, Chief Financial Officer Angel Meriwether, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayors Updates:

Council President Harris gave the floor to Mayor Bacci to go over updates on the projects happening within our Village at this time.

Mayor Bacci explained to Council that there are four major projects that he would like to discuss at this time, the Nicky Boulevard Project, the Canal Road Resurfacing Project, the E.49th Street Sidewalk Project by the Nook Building at the lower end of E.49th near Canal Road, and the Trail Project at Bacci Park.

Nicky Boulevard Project:

This is an area of land that has been unusable for many years, and is currently being monitored by the EPA. We are trying to make it useable for the Village, and resolve the erosion problem for the residents on E.49th Street. This will give our residents on the east side of E.49th Street approximately 100 extra feet of greenspace owned and maintained by the Village at the rear of the residential properties. It will also give the Village a large tract of land for economic development on Nicky Boulevard, and remedy all environmental issues on a piece of land that would have sat empty for many years in the future. It is a win for everyone.

Mayor Bacci said that this project has been in the works for many years, and recounted how his father had it in his campaign literature in 1976. After many years of being stopped by the EPA, we are finally able to move forward with this private/public project to remediate this parcel.

Mr. Sciano went on to explain the timeline for all the permits, agreements, and expectations of the Village from the State in order to comply with the remediation, and also to get grants and loans from the State. The Mayor explained that it is very complex, but we are continuing to

move forward with one of the first tasks in setting up a temporary sewer for this tract of land. This will have an immediate impact on the erosion problems for the houses on the east side of E.49th Street.

As we move forward, the Mayor asked Mr. Sciano to include updating Council at all Workshops for all projects.

Canal Road Project:

Mayor Bacci explained that Canal Road needs new pavement and reconstruction, and we are looking into all forms of grants and loans in order to secure matching funds to do this project in the spring of 2019.

Mr. Schoeffler asked if it was legal to close E. 49th off to all truck traffic. Mayor Bacci said it is not legal, and we can't do that.

Lower E.49th Sidewalk from Nook Industries to the Trail in the MetroParks:

The Mayor said that Council passed legislation to apply for a grant for this project to connect lower E.49th with the MetroParks Towpath on Canal Road. Nook Industries also would like to see this project move forward for their employees to use in the summer. This project is scheduled to be finished in conjunction with the Canal Road Project in the spring of 2019.

Bacci Park Trails Project Phase 3A:

Mr. Sciano explained that this project is scheduled for 2019, but we can move it from July 2019 to July 2020, and try to focus on the first three projects that we discussed.

After discussing the many projects for this year, Ms. Biro stated that we are doing many projects this year, and she is concerned that we may deplete our General Fund. Mayor Bacci said that he and CFO Ms. Meriwether are going to have meetings before we move forward to see exactly how this will impact our General Fund, and we will be giving Council our recommendations in the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None at this time.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schoeffler made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.