

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 23, 2019  
6:00 PM**

Ms. Harris called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll.

**ROLL CALL: BLOAM CENTA CONTIPELLI HARRIS HENLEY SCHOEFFLER**

Also present were, Mayor Bacci, Law Director Bill Mason, and CFO Angel Meriwether.

Council President Harris gave the meeting to the Mayor for his report.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Bacci told Council that we are getting ready for Arbor Day on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm. Mayor Bacci said that he will work with Ms. Henley to make this day a continued success, and if Ms. Henley can somehow get 100 or more people to show up, he will jump in the pond again!

Mayor Bacci informed everyone that the watermain break has, in fact, added to the existing slope stability issues at the lower end of E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Also noting that he had sent a letter to the Trusso's, (owner of 5047 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street), concerning street parking placards for their tenants, so they would be able to park on the street. The letter advised the family that no vehicles be parked in the driveway at 5047 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street because of the safety risk due to the stability of the adjacent slopes. Mayor Bacci has instructed Police Chief Sturgill to notify all officers that the provisions of the Villages Traffic Code are not to be enforced against the occupants of 5047 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street for safety precautions.

They will be allowed to park on the street until we figure out what is going on in that area and how this watermain break has accelerated existing issues, on and to the south of this area, making sure that no one is in harm's way while parking in the driveway. Engineer Sciano is very confident that nothing is going to happen, but we would rather err on the side of caution.

Mr. Frank Trusso, has been instructed (by phone) to contact his insurance company. We have reached out to the water department, but in these types of cases, they usually take the position that there has been no negligence on their part. But never the less, we are going ask for any assistance, that they may have lended to other customers in the past.

Ms. Henley asked if we will ever be interested in buying this property. Mayor Bacci said not at this time, but many residents have spoken to him about the Village purchasing that house and making the area cleaner and more aesthetically pleasing. Mayor Bacci also said that if it was

condemned/deemed uninhabitable in the future, we certainly would look into purchasing this home.

Mayor Bacci said we need to go through our due diligence in determining what needs to be done to correct and fortify the slope, and Mr. Trusso needs to speak to his insurance company before we move forward with any plan.

Mr. Danny Porter's house at 4975 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street sold in one week for \$183,000.00, and that is good for all of us.

There was some discussion of a company called Apollo Global taking over Arconics. Mr. Unger heard recently that Apollo Global dropped out of the deal. We will stay updated on anything else that happens.

Mayor Bacci discussed the candidates for the Landscaper job in the Service Department and the Police Officer candidates. They have just gotten the results of the police test, and Chief Sturgill is going over the candidates for the position.

Mayor Bacci will soon have a formal candidate for the landscaper position. The candidate we chose will be getting an offer letter. We had a lot of applications, but not many of them had the qualifications needed for the position. Mayor Bacci said he went over the applications with Mr. Sammons and Mr. Baciak, and only two others had similar qualifications that our candidate had.

Mr. Contipelli asked if we reached out to all of the candidates that did not get the job to let them know our decision. Ms. Meriwether said the Service Director sent out letters today to anyone that sent in an application.

Mr. Centa asked if we are going to change the slope of E.49<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Bacci said that because of the erosion, we are looking into changing the toe of the road to help hold the hill up. Ms. Henley reminded Council that the hill was closed down for two years, and we had to rebuild the hill. This was done in the 80s. We will continue to work on it so we don't have the same problems.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

None at this time.

#### **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.