

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
MAY 8, 2019
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

MAY 8, 2019

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

Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Law Director Bill Mason, Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, Clerk Unger, Todd Bloam, Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli, Cheryl Harris, and Lois Henley.

Also in attendance were CFO Angel Meriwether, and Assistant Building Commissioner Ken LaBella.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Finance Committee Approvals for April:

Finance Approval Req 19-SD-63-A Playground Repair/Painting to Southwest Companies not to exceed \$9,880.00

Finance Approval Req 19-VH-346-A SWAT Annual Membership not to exceed \$20,000.00

Finance Approval Req 19-VH-353-A Replacement Computer Police, Mayors Court, Finance from Dell not to exceed \$5,500.00 (at state government pricing)

Finance Approval Req 19-VH-363-A Replacement of VH Copier from Ace Copy a Ricoh c6003 not to exceed \$16,930.00

MINUTES:

April 10, 2019 Caucus
April 10, 2019 Council Meeting
April 24, 2019 Workshop

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Cash Position Statement April 2019
R.I.T.A Preliminary report May 2019

Mr. Contipelli agreed to make the motion, Mr. Centa agreed to second.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-30

Payment of Certain Claims: \$1,144,967.13
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-31

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH VANDRA BROTHERS
CONSTRUCTION FOR REPAIRS AND RESURFACING ON GRANT AVENUE AND EAST
49TH STREET

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-32

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH RELATING TO SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF STORM SEWER OUTFALLS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 256.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE REFERENCE TO “CLERK” TO “CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER”

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion for Council to approve the Mayor’s appointment of David Palucki as the Service Department Mechanic starting April 30, 2019.

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

MAYORS REPORT:

Motion to go into Executive Session for Professional Service matters.

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

Motion to come out of Executive Session.

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

Caucus ended at 6:35 pm.

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Those present were, Council members Todd Bloam, Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli, Cheryl Harris, and Lois Henley.

Also present were Law Director Bill Mason, Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, CFO Angel Meriwether, Engineer Todd Sciano, Assistant Building Commissioner Ken LaBella, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, Administrative Accounting Assistant Amanda Domzalski, Administrative Assistant Christina Caporuscio, Service Director Dave Sammons, Police Chief Brian Sturgill, Head Dispatcher Barb Cash, and Fire Chief Mike Suhy.

ROLL CALL: Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, Schoeffler

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to excuse Mr. Schoeffler from the business meeting, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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None at this time.

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None at this time.

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Ms. Henley made the motion to accept the Minutes as prepared and place them on file, seconded by Mr. Bloam.. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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Mr. Contipelli made the motion to accept the Financial Statments as prepared and place them on file, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion for Council to approve the Mayors appointment of David Palucki as the Service Department Mechanic starting April 30, 2019.

Motion made by Ms. Henley, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Before we get started, I ask that you all keep the Vitanza family in your thoughts and prayers. Joe, who is only 49 years old, had a massive stroke this past Monday; he's at the Cleveland Clinic.

Our Police & Fire Departments were called to assist Joe, and his wife Stacey said they did an incredible job, and very thankful for the wonderful services our Village provides.

The weather cooperated -- it stopped raining for our Arbor Day event last month. 7 trees were planted to honor deceased residents. Ms. Henley said it was a wonderful event with the seven families from the Village participating. Mayor Bacci said it was very moving to hear stories of each loved one that the families were honoring. The Service Department did a great job preparing the sites and helping the folks out with the trees. Hats off to Ms. Henley for starting this tradition with me. Our next event will be held in April, 2021.

Next Thursday, May 15 is Peace Officers Memorial Day. That entire week is Police Week -- special recognition is paid to those law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. On Friday morning, May 17 the annual parade and service will take place in downtown Cleveland. Representatives from our department attend and help with honor guard.

Prom is next Saturday, May 18th. Have a fun time -- but stay safe! Mayor Bacci mentioned that the Police & Fire Departments put on the Prom Promise for the graduating seniors showing a critical accident, and how it affects everyone. It is a great thing for the seniors to see, and hats off to all the departments involved. This has a positive impact on our young people, and makes them aware of the consequences of their actions.

Several seasonal pool staff employees will be at Klima Gardens on Sunday, May 26th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to help our youngsters with decorating their bikes,

scooters and wagons for the Memorial Day parade the following day. We will have everything you need to decorate it with!

Our Memorial Day parade and service will be held on May 27th. Step-off time is 10:00 a.m. Please show your support in honoring our Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

The last day of school is Friday, May 31. This also means our swimming pool opens for the season on the following day -- Saturday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m.

May birthday wishes to employees: Service Director Dave Sammons – May 7; Brad Beaulieu – May 12; Melissa Mackiewicz – May 22; Kevin Stack – May 26; Concession Stand Manager Kelly Hartman will turn the big “50” on May 28; and Brandy Murphy & Cory Pucci – May 28.

As always, please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mr. Rich Grabowski, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, & Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

Wishing all the Mom’s a very happy Mother’s Day on Sunday.

MR. BLOAM:

Nothing to report.

MR. CENTA:

With all the rain we have been experiencing, it has been very hard for everyone to keep up our lawns. He wanted to commend the Service Department keeping our senior’s yards, and the Village property in great shape. He also wanted to thank our Police & Fire departments for the great job that they do. Mr. Centa said that many times we overlook how good our services are in the Village, and we take them for granted. They don’t realize how good we have it here, until someone moves out and finds the services are not as good as they are in Cuyahoga Heights.

Happy Mother’s Day.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers. Congratulated Fire Chief Mike Suhy for getting a bill sponsored concerning his daughters food allergy. Chief Suhy said this is just the beginning, there is much more we want to do to make people aware of the dangers involved with food allergies.

MS. HARRIS:

Ms. Harris suggested that we place a sign at Bacci Park showing the exit direction across from the softball field. When people park there, they sometimes go the wrong way on the one way street, going against the traffic. Mayor Bacci asked Dave Sammons if he could look into it, and place signs at that area.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley asked Mayor Bacci if he could look into the containers being stacked up at one of our commercial properties. Mayor Bacci asked Assistant Building Commissioner Kenny Labella to look into it report back to him.

She asked if we could send someone over to the old Cotton Club building currently being occupied by Charter Steel behind her yard on E.49th Street, and ask them if they could spray the fence for poison ivy. She said it is a real problem in the summer, and asked if they could address it, and spray the fence. Mayor Bacci will send Kenny over to the building to talk to the owners about the problem.

Thanked the Fire Department for the help in learning CPR, and feels everyone should have this training. Asked Mayor if they could put something in the newsletter that this training is available through the Fire Department. Mayor Bacci said he would get something in the newsletter, and hoped Ms. Harris son Steven would be the one to do the training. He is a very skilled trainer.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

Thanked Mayor Bacci and Council for appointing and approving David Palucki as our new Mechanic in the Service Department.

HEAD DISPATCHER BARB CASH:

Nothing at this time.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Nothing at this time.

POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, and congratulations to the graduating class of 2019, including his daughter Jordan Grace.

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.

CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Nothing at this time.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Nothing at this time.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AMANDA DOMZALSKI:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT CHRISTINA CAPORUSCIO:

Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mayor Bacci asked the new Service Department Mechanic, David Palucki to introduce himself and his wife to Council.

Mr. Palucki thanked Council members and Mayor for appointing him as the Service Department Mechanic. This is a dream come true for myself and my family. Thank you for this opportunity.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Henley that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.

