

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
CAUCUS  
JUNE 12, 2019  
6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CAUCUS**

**JUNE 12, 2019**

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

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

Also in attendance were Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, CFO Angel Meriwether, and Assistant Building Commissioner Ken LaBella.

Ms. Harris turned the floor over to Mr. James Zwisler of the BEST Committee for a presentation on their Strategic Plan for 2019-2020. He was accompanied by other members, Superintendent Tom Evans, Treasurer Matt Muccio, and Assistant Superintendent Ted Caleris.

Mr. Zwisler explained that the BEST Committee is an advisory committee to the Superintendent in their eighth year of service to the district.

Mr. Zwizler went over the Beliefs and Mission section. The only change has been to put an emphasis on “career ready”. When this document was created seven years ago, there was a very strong push for all kids to go to college. Although this is a very positive path for many students, it doesn’t include other paths of career tech education, apprenticeships in the same light, and can be just as productive if not more worthwhile than a college education for many students.

Mr. Evans explained that this is the most active document that he has been involved with in his 38 years in education. Our Strategic Plan is in motion all the time.

Mr. Evans talked about the security of the school, and thanked Mayor Bacci, Police Chief Sturgill, and Fire Chief Suhy, they are integral parts of the security of our school. All of our safety missions are constantly reviewed and updated. Throughout the year, we have multiple evacuation drills. Next year we are looking at doing an evacuation drill where we will actually take the students down to Valley View, and have a reunification with their parents. We didn’t do that this year because we had the Prom Promise drill but we are looking at it for next year.

Mr. Muccio and I keep working on our Capital Improvement Plan. We are going to be working this summer with GPD Architects to plan the upgrading of our heating and air conditioning systems. We take a lot of pride in our buildings. This year was the 81<sup>st</sup> graduating class at Cuyahoga Heights, and we plan on being here for a long time.

It was the third year for our Community Open House, and had the biggest turnout ever. We had many teachers attend the open house and donated their time on a Sunday, several local businesses promoted our tuition program. This year we will have upwards of 150 tuition paid students. Our Community Business Advisory Board includes Nook, Arcilor Mittal, Charter Steel, Northern Stamping and many more. They are all looking at long term internships within our district. Many of the companies wanted to hire the kids on the spot. There are far more good paying jobs in our community than we can ever fill. These are good paying jobs in the 40, 50 and 60 thousand dollar level. We need to train our students to fill these jobs.

Dr. Caleris talked about academics and enrollment. Dr. Caleris stated that our preliminary report card through the state is very good. We continue to be one of the top rated school systems in the State. We are ranked in the top 3% in the country. We try to give our students options. Many of them want to attend college, and that's great, but we also try to meet the needs of the students who have alternate paths. We want every student to have a path to success when they walk out our doors.

In enrollment, we are currently at about 850 students. Our open house has done a great job of advertising and showcasing our district. After the open house we had 50-60 new student applications. People recognize the value of our education systems, and we are hoping to capitalize on our accomplishments to draw new students.

Mr. Muccio was introduced to talk about finances. He stated that they have recently updated their five year forecast, which is a roadmap for our district to look at revenue and expenses, and to plan accordingly for any future levies. While trying to be transparent, Mr. Evans said that on the school website are documents and spreadsheets showing where every penny is spent on a monthly basis.

Mr. Zwisler talked about student opportunities. He explained that the reason tuition students come to our school is for the technology, volunteer/cultural awareness, physical education – blended learning, student activities, and small class size. The cost per student is \$5,500.00 for high school, \$3,500.00 for middle school 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, \$2,500.00 K – 5<sup>th</sup>, and Preschool is \$1,300.00. Mr. Zwisler explained that this is a very good bargain when competing with private or parochial schools.

Mr. Evans said that our tuition program next year is scheduled to bring in approximately \$590,000.00. These are kids filling empty seats in many of the classes, and we already have the books, materials, and teachers in place, so they make our expenditures go down, they don't cost us any more money.

Mr. Evans talked about the Senior Awards night, and how each of the three villages, and past students have set up many scholarship programs for graduating seniors. This year, the Ohio School Board Association recognized the Village of Cuyahoga Heights as a member of the business honor roll. He presented the award to Mayor Bacci as a member for all the contributions that we have made to the school system.

Mr. Contipelli asked Mr. Evans if he sees the school asking the voters for a levy in the next three to five years.

Mr. Evans said yes, and that is why we are assessing our buildings, and having meetings with councils and residents. He explained that they recovered just under one million dollars from the embezzlement, but it won't be enough to do what we need to do as far as buildings and upkeep. GPD Architects is coming in to assess our future needs, and until we know what they are, we can't develop a plan. He said the district has never had a permanent improvement levy, and that's what we will be looking at, a combination of a permanent improvement levy and operating levy. If we are going to do capital improvements, we will have to fund them. We will have multiple community meetings to help the residents understand the costs, and the levy.

Mayor Bacci thanked the BEST Committee for all of their work.

Mayor Bacci introduced Mr. David Tiggett, from the KeyBank Capital Markets Group. He explained to Council how we secured a great interest rate on the financing for our new bond. He thanked Mayor Bacci, CFO Angel Meriwether, and Council President Cheryl Harris for all the work they put in to get financing.

The bond is for 25 years at a 3.6% interest rate. He explained that that is a very good interest rate. He explained to Council the rating process, and how we got our interest rate. Mr. Tiggett said we are doing all the right things, and keep up the great work.

One of the criteria is diversification of businesses in the community, and Mr. Tiggett told Council that we are doing the right thing by buying the empty land in the Village and turning it into useable buildable land for the future.

A typical prepayment of a bond is ten years, but now it is eight years. So we cannot prepay or refinance the bond until 2027. He congratulated us on a very well-run community, the Mayor and CFO are very proactive, and are moving the community in the right direction.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time.

**PURCHASES:**

The following was approved by the Finance Committee for May 2019:

- Req 19-SD-89-A Annual Pool Chemical \* CO2 not to exceed: \$13,000
- Req 19-SD-89-A Annual Village Grounds/Flowers not to exceed: \$13,000

**MINUTES:**

May 8, 2019           Caucus  
May 8, 2019           Council Meeting  
May 22, 2019         Workshop

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Statement of Cash Position May 2019  
RITA Preliminary report June 2019

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35**

Payment of Certain Claims: \$964,310.88  
Payroll  
General Bills  
Transfers

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-36**

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR ERNESTINE DELIBERATO

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-37**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO  
ACCEPT A CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE AND SLOPE EASEMENT OVER A  
CERTAIN PORTION OF LAND COMMON KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER  
522-17-002

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-38**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO  
ACCEPT AN ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT OVER A CERTAIN PORTION OF  
LAND COMMON KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 522-11-003

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-39**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS  
REQUIRED FOR A JOINT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AIMED AT MAKING  
CERTAIN REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CANAL ROAD; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-40**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT  
WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC., AND  
THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE BARGAINING UNIT TO DISSOLVE THE  
BARGAINING UNIT AND TO PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF  
THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-41**

A RESOLUTION CREATING A DEBT POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-42**

A RESOLUTION CREATING POST ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE VILLAGE

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-43**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF BAUMANN ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE HOME DEMOLITION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4585 EAST 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-44**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 234.10 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE VILLAGE'S PROCEDURES FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-45**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONIES TO THE CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion for Council to approve the Mayors appointment of Barbara Cash as Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief and Police Services as of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

Motion to approve a purchase order not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the 2019 Corn Roast.

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

Motion for Engineer Sciano to prepare plans and specifications and advertise for bids for the Canal Road Joint Public Improvement Project.

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**MAYORS REPORT:**

Nothing to report at this time.

Caucus ended at 7:00 pm.

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Before the meeting began, Mayor Bacci asked for a moment of silence for Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato. She was not only a good neighbor to the community, but a great neighbor to me and so many others. She was taken way too soon. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll.

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

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**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

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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 and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:**

Our condolences to John Deliberato who recently lost his wife, Ernestine on May 31; she was 74 years old. Please keep John and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

I wanted to thank everyone who attended our Memorial Day service – paying homage to the brave men and women who gave their lives for this country. The participation from the school, the Police and Fire departments, and the veterans is well received. Mayor Bacci thanked Mr. Neil Cash for his continued support and attendance at the service.

Just a reminder that this Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is “Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens Day” at Bacci Park from 11 am – 7 pm. Our seniors will get a “free” lunch or dinner at the concession stand.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Lou Franko who will be retiring from our Service Department on June 27. He has worked for us the past 8 years as a part-time laborer. He was a great employee and will truly will be missed!

Come out and support our Blue Wave Swim Team! Their first meet at home is Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our Village wide garage sale will take place on Saturday, June 29 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Currently, we have 17 homes that have signed up!

Our annual Village shred day will take place on Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Gateway Recycling 4233 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a free service provided to our residents. We will also have a few service department employees on site to help residents carrying their boxes and bags of documents.

June birthday wishes to employees: (1) Bryan Rini; (6) Anthony Kotar; (8) Stanley Schab; (11) Viktor Zsigmond; (15) Patrick Goldsworth, Josh Elenniss; (17) Councilman Matt Schoeffler; (23) Nicole Fontaine, Bob Krajewski, William Malovrh, and (25) Rory Skolnik.

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Lori Borowy, Mrs. Mary Casavecchia, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda, and Joe Vitanza.

And lastly, wishing all the Dads a very happy Father's Day this Sunday.

**MR. BLOAM:**

With the elimination of our Dispatch Center at the Cuyahoga Heights Police Station, Mr. Bloam thanked Barb Cash for her years of service to the Village, and congratulated her on her new position. Ms. Cash thanked Mr. Bloam.

**MR. CENTA:**

Nothing at this time.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:**

Congratulated Barb Cash.

Mr. Contipelli let everyone know that we did not get the grant that we were going to use to put up a new marquee in the Village. We were turned down for the \$50,000.00 grant this week. They think it was because we didn't use the last grant that we were awarded. We also submitted a new grant for \$150,000.00 for the trail head, and we are hoping to hear something in the next few weeks.

**MS. HARRIS:**

Thanked Barb Cash for a job well done.

**MS. HENLEY:**

Thanked Barb for a job well done.

**MR. SCHOEFFLER:**

Thanked Barb Cash for a job well done.

Mr. Schoeffler asked if we had an update for the kids signing up for the summer program at Brooklyn Heights. Mayor Bacci said we don't have an update at this time, but also mentioned that Jason has also set up a day for the kids to go to the theater to see Toy Story 4. Mayor Bacci said he will attend that event, he loves those movies.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:**

Nothing at this time.

**HEAD DISPATCHER BARB CASH:**

Thanked everyone for approving her in her new position. She will always do the best she can.

We had two retirements in the Dispatch Department this week. Kathy Zmija retired with 18 years of service, and Brenda Poole with 19 years of service. Congratulations to both of them, and we wish them well in their retirement.

Lastly I want to thank the dispatchers that will be moving to the new dispatch center in Brecksville, Dispatcher Contipelli, Schoeffler, Short, and Mackewicz. They are the best dispatchers we have ever had, and I would not be surprised if all of them are soon moved into supervisory positions within a year.

**FIRE CHIEF SUHY:**

Thanked Barb for a great job.

**POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:**

Nothing at this time.

**LAW DIRECTOR BILL MASON:**

Mayor Bacci explained that Mr. Mason is moving on to a new position in the Cuyahoga County government, and we are glad that we had the time with him as our Law Director. We will miss his expertise, and we will still be under great guidance from our soon to be Law Director Mr. Chojnacki. Mayor Bacci asked him to say a few words.

Mr. Mason also wanted to thank Barb for the great work that she has done in Dispatch.

He explained that he has spent his whole career in public life, working in government to make things better for all people, so I have recently accepted a position in Cuyahoga County to be

Chief of Staff for 4,600 employees. People are asking me why I took the position, but when I was the County Prosecutor, I was one of the people that helped draw up the Charter that the County operates under. I did it with the idea that it would be much better for the region generally speaking that the County focused on economic development and job creation. These were the goals we had when we created it, and it hasn't been as beneficial as I thought it would be. The County is in a little bit of a crisis right now with the jail system, and Mr. Budish has asked me many times in the last year to take this position, and I would always decline. As the crisis grows, I thought it was important that I do this. My strengths in criminal justice will help resolve these issues, and I agreed to take the position.

Mr. Mason said that his time here has been wonderful, and stressed that our Village is unique, and is very special. It is a special place to live and work, and the camaraderie of everyone is unlike anywhere else. Even in politics, the current politicians joke and play around, but when it comes time to work, we get the business done. He mentioned that the stuff we are doing in Cuyahoga Heights is unprecedented. No other community reclaims land and makes it productive for economic development for the future. We don't know what these areas will be in the future, but it is for the residents that are not even born yet. We are active in our local businesses, and helping them expand in any way you can be of service, and then you are out there chasing businesses to move into the Village. He marvels at all the accomplishments of this Village, these are things many of the big cities can't get done.

This is a very special place, and we should all be proud of what we do. I'm going into a new position, and it's very possible that in the future I will be able to help you do some of things you are trying to accomplish by supplying some of the County resources to help you become more successful than we already are.

He thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to serve the Village, and feels that Mr. Chojnacki is a great young lawyer to take over his position till well into the future. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve Cuyahoga Heights.

**CLERK UNGER:**

Congratulated Barb Cash on her new position. Thanked Mr. Mason for the time he was our Law Director. It was a pleasure working with him. Mr. Chojnacki will be a great addition as our Law Director. He is extremely smart, and thorough, and loves our Village. He will be a wonderful addition.

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

Congratulated Mr. Mason. She said we will all miss him.

**CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER:**

It has been a pleasure working with Barb Cash, and we are glad to have her continue as an employee of the Village. It was also a pleasure to work with Mr. Mason, and wished him the best in his new position.

**ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:**

When Mr. Greenberg left as the Village Law Director, Mr. Mason was the perfect replacement. I cannot put into words how much I have learned from him I wish him nothing but success in his future position with the county.

**ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:**

Nothing at this time.

**ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:**

Nothing at this time.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AMANDA DOMZALSKI:**

Thanked Barb for a great job.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT CHRISTINA CAPORUSCIO:**

Thanked Barb for a great job.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

None at this time.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.