

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 11TH, 2012

Mayor Bacci had everyone stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to turn off their cell phones and pagers.

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Todd Bloam, Renato Contipelli, Marilyn Duszynski, Ralph Faragone, Cheryl Harris, and Barb Biro. Also present were Fire Chief Cash, Service Director Scott Waldemarson, Law Director Jon Greenberg, Administrative Assistant to the Village Hall Angel Meriwether, Police Chief Douglas Pallini, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, Head Dispatcher Cash, Assistant Building Commissioner Michael Hlad, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

Clerk Unger presented the March 14, 2012 Council Meeting minutes, the March 28, 2012 Council Workshop minutes, and the April 2, 2012 Special Council Meeting minutes.

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the minutes be accepted as amended and placed on file. Bloam, Duszynski, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, Biro voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the Mayor:

A Proclamation for the Cleveland Astronomical Society congratulating them on celebrating their 90th Anniversary on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at the Leonard Krieger Canal Way Center in Cuyahoga Heights. We honor and thank the members for their outstanding service and continued commitment to provide free public lecture opportunities for all to experience.

From Mayor John Licastro:

Announcing that the District One Public Works Integrating Committee is pleased to announce that they will recommend the Harvard Road Project funding for the year 2012.

From Newburgh Heights Police Chief, Gabriel Barone:

A letter to Cuyahoga Heights Police Chief Doug Pallini, thanking his department in assisting Newburgh Heights in capturing a suspect of a burglary in progress in their town. Special thanks to Lieutenant Mark Davis, Patrolman Ken Schoeffler, Patrolman Tim Munko, and Patrolman Jeremy Grabowski for their quick and decisive actions in apprehending the suspect.

From Fire Chief Neal Cash:

A letter to Ms. Stock, a lifeguard at the Cuyahoga Heights Pool, thanking her for her outstanding response and professionalism in regards to the medical emergency on March 7, 2012. On that day, a pool patron, Mr. Papcke had taken ill and slipped to the bottom of the pool. Because of Ms. Stock's quick and decisive actions, Mr. Papcke was given the best possible chance for survival. Although Mr. Papcke passed on a few days later, your efforts allowed his family the ability to have hope, and ultimately the opportunity to say goodbye to their loved one. It is with great respect and admiration that we recognize your efforts.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam to accept the communication as read and place on file. All voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Position of Cash Statement
R.I.T.A Preliminary report for April 2012

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam is to accept the reports as prepared. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

LEGISLATION:

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. Faragone to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2012-29	Payment of Certain Claims:	\$584,966.23
	Payroll	
	General Bills	
	(#43085 - #43169)	

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the following resolution be placed on third and final reading. Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris, Bloam, Biro voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Resolution was passed by the same vote.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2012-30

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4620 EAST 49TH STREET KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 521-14-009 FOR A PUBLIC PARKING LOT

Mr. Faragone moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the following resolution be placed on third and final reading, declaring an emergency. Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris, Bloam, Biro voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Resolution was passed by the same vote.

Mayor Bacci clarified the Law Director's reasoning for requesting the use of the term emergency in this motion. Mr. Contipelli requested notification of this addition in advance for future motions.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2012-31

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4615 EAST 49TH STREET KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 522-11-005 and 522-11-004 FOR A PUBLIC PARK, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PURPOSES

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Faragone that the rules be suspended and the following Ordinance be placed on third and final reading, declaring an emergency. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Ordinance was passed by the same vote.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 246 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE PERTAINING TO APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Ordinance 2012-32 is placed on first reading.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2012-33

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S PROCLAMATION THAT THE MONTH OF MAY OF EACH YEAR IS MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the rules be suspended and the following resolution be placed on third and final reading. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Resolution passed by the same vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Recapped the events of the Easter Egg Hunt for the Village residents.

Reported to Council on his meeting with Eric Rogner, President of ALCOA Forging, and Jolene Manning to discuss the progress of 50k press that is now up and running. Suggested Council should tour facility to understand the operation.

Explained the meeting held with Metro Parks about extending the Mill Creek Trail to Warner Road. They requested an easement and in turn they would give up the easement at our mulch area. The Mayor stated that once their plans were finalized he would present it to Council.

Congratulations to Ptl. Jamie Lukas and his wife as they have become grandparents for the first time. Everyone is doing well.

Birthday wishes to employees Ken Schoeffler, Scott Waldemarson, Joanne Socausky, and Bryon Borowy.

Congratulations to Ptl. Jude Kaliszewski who will be celebrating his 15th year as an employee of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights on April 12th.

The 5th Annual Arbor Day Celebration will be held Friday, April 27th at Bacci Park. Mayor Bacci committed to jumping in the lake if more than 100 people attended the celebration.

Beginning May 7th, Cleveland Water will begin celebrating National Drinking Water week.

MS. MARILYN DUSZYNSKI:

The Finance Committee approved furniture for the Fire Department from JP Cabinets for \$7,760.

The committee approved the purchase of bullet proof vests at a price of \$5,885. We saved about \$700 by shopping around.

A discussion of "pick up after your dog" signs occurred.

Mr. Waldemarson explained the department is investigating an alternative product to use as street striping on the East 71st Street hill. The Mayor elaborated on the line situation on East 49th near Charter Steel as well.

Ms. Duszynski asked about the “welcome baskets.” Mrs. Schoeffler explained that this service had been eliminated in 2010.

Commended the Mayor for his vision and foresight.

MR. FARAGONE:

Nothing at this time.

MS. HARRIS:

Jeff Markley presented detailed drawings for the trail and the Beautification Committee is very pleased with the concepts. Once we receive a complete summary, the committee will share the plans with Council.

The cleanup of the trail will be April 28th and we will put a flyer together.

Mr. Contipelli asked that any fertilizers used along trail be organic.

Ms. Duszynski asked about the bat houses. Mr. Waldemarson stated they are in but have not been erected yet.

MS. BIRO:

Nothing at this time.

MR. TODD BLOAM:

The Master Plan Committee is set and a meeting will be called soon.

Mr. Bloam suggested reinstating the welcome baskets.

Mayor Bacci stated he would get dates that are good for the Master Plan committee to meet.

MR CONTIPELLI:

The SS Kemp deal is on life support. The Mayor will keep us updated on alternative options.

Silverlode is working with the Weston Company to come up with plans to create a business park that can be used to attract new business to the Village.

Mr. Contipelli thanked Council for their small part and role with combating the foreclosure problem in all of northeast Ohio.

A discussion of the old Sensical building, Grant Avenue, and development occurred.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:

The Harvard Avenue cleanup is complete.

Mr. Contipelli asked if there was a plan for the trees on E.71st Street. Mr. Waldemarson stated the discussion has not occurred with the Mayor yet. Mayor Bacci stated nothing would occur regarding the issue until there was a clear understanding with the Public Works Committee.

The walls have been pressure washed. The walls will be sealed once the temperatures increase.

The streets were cleaned by sweepers last week.

The Fire Department office renovations will be complete in a couple of weeks.

FIRE CHIEF NEAL CASH:

Thanked council for the furniture and extinguisher system.

MR. JONATHAN GREENBERG:

A decision by the U.S. 6th District Circuit Court has upheld the legitimacy of Mayor's Court so the Village is on firm footing there.

In a rare occurrence, a traffic case was appealed over Judge Weiler's ruling and the case was dismissed as the appellant did not file the required brief.

CLERK UNGER:

Stated that he drove down Harvard Avenue by Alcoa, and the Service Department is doing a great job of cleaning it up.

Explained the RITA revenue report. Revenue is on track.

Quarterly audit trail reports have all been sent to the department heads for their review.

The State Auditors have been at Village Hall for the past two weeks going through the financial records and policies for the years 2010 and 2011. They finished this Tuesday and we had our exit meeting in the afternoon. They were very impressed with our professionalism and thanked us for being so helpful and accommodating during the audit. The audit included the Village Hall staff. The initial indication from the auditors is that the field work is done, the audit is 90% complete and they are writing the formal opinion to the State. They have indicated that the audit will have

no material findings or weakness and only a few minor suggestions. This is not the official opinion, only preliminary from them. The final report will be completed in May or June and then submitted to the State for final approval.

Mayor Bacci shared based on his conversation with the State Auditors that they are very pleased with the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, very pleased with the Clerk of Court, they are very pleased with the efficiency with which they were provided records and information. He added that in fact they regularly asked for records that they had already had, and just needed a minimal amount of explanation as to how to locate them. Clerk Unger, the finance department, Angel and Trevor, and the Clerk of Court Lee Ann, hats off to your effort. The auditors were happy so I am happy.

MRS. LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

MR. MICHAEL HLAD:

Shared a list of letters and checklists that have been revised and completed for use in the building department.

Updated Council on Charter Steel projects as it relates to parking lots and locker facilities.

Millcraft Paper Company will be rehabilitating the front elevation.

Mayor Bacci shared that Mr. Casini and Lieutenant Davis have been to Cor-Stone to discuss the issue with the scrapping facility on-site. The solution is paving rather than street sweeping at this point and those discussions will continue.

MR. TODD SCIANO:

Electric Welder Phase II report has been completed the results are very positive.

The Harvard hill field work is continuing.

Working with ODOT on gateway grant.

Working with Silverlode on Master Plan and Bacci restroom grants.

A phone conference with NEORSB regarding the Nicky Boulevard project was positive. Discussion of the project occurred briefly.

Mr. Faragone asked what is occurring on the Boyas property. Mr. Sciano explained they are addressing the short term items in a violation letter from EPA. The work is re-grading of the channel and work on the slope.

Mr. Faragone asked if there was anything that could be done regarding the Tritsarolis' property on Harvard Avenue. Mr. Sciano shared that there is a possible solution but it would be very deep and very costly and should be done prior to repaving of Harvard hill. Mayor Bacci asked that Mr. Sciano run some quick calculations on the expense. Mr. Faragone asked that a meeting be arranged with the people involved to explain the situation and alternatives. Mayor Bacci stated that Mr. Faragone and he would relay the expense to the property owners. Mr. Sciano explained the nature of the project. A discussion occurred about the project.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

MR. JAMES BARTLETT:

Shared that the fire hydrant on East 49th is leaking and has been leaking for months. Mayor Bacci shared that he did alert the appropriate personnel and he would call if Cleveland Water is not responding.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:22PM. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.