

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
APRIL 24, 2013**

ROLL CALL: BIRO BLOAM CONTIPELLI DUSZYNSKI FARAGONE HARRIS

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to excuse Ms. Harris from the Workshop, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

ISSUE 1: RESIDENT POOL PASSES

Mr. Contipelli made the statement that historically if a senior bought a family pool pass, the grandkids would be included. The Mayor stated that that is correct. Ms. Biro said that the pool passes are at the discretion of the Clerk. The Mayor stated that the Grandkids will not be an issue this year, and he will take care of it.

ACTION:

None taken, the Mayor will take care of the problem.

ISSUE 2: DESCRIPTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Bloam feels that we are spending a lot of time at the end of Council Meetings explaining the Ordinances and Resolutions to the audience. The Mayor explained that it is a “comment period” not a question period. Mr. Bloam was wondering if Council would like to add a couple of sentences in the Agenda to give a better explanation of the legislation, so that we would not have this issue. Mr. Contipelli wanted to know if Council wanted to attach the legislation to the Agenda. The Mayor stated that he thinks there could be a simple one or two sentence explanation in the Agenda. The Clerk stated that he will try to come up with a solution for the next Council Meeting Agenda.

ACTION:

Council is going to let the Clerk freelance a solution for the next meeting, and we can tweak it as needed.

MAYORS UPDATE:

We had a discussion with Alcoa in relation to the retaining wall and their participation. We want to partner with them and have them give us a check, and we go through with the project like we did with the monument wall on E.49th and Grant. The Mayor also made the suggestion to Alcoa

that if they wanted to have some signage or something to commemorate Alcoa to be put on the wall to be a part of the process. They will let us know tomorrow.

The masonry is 50% done on the ramp at the Town Hall, and should be done in the next three weeks.

Behind the Fire Station, Mr. Casini has secured two out of three bids for the fence we approved in 2012.

Mr. Casini is moving forward with the Town Hall project of tuck pointing, lentil work, and structural support for the first floor around the elevator.

We are still talking about the Fire Station project and whether we should back fill the basement, or just raising the floor. The Mayor and the Building Commissioner are still having conversations about the best option to fix the problem.

Per Scott Waldemarson, the Service Director, we are going to start our Park Patrol on April 28th.

The Rails to Trails grading is moving forward. All the materials were spread out, and the dirt is drying. Once it is dried, it will be spread out and evened. This is estimated to be done in the next two to three weeks, weather pending.

When we remodeled our Building Commissioners office, we used new lumber, and the termites have already gotten to it. So we will see a 3-4 thousand dollar bill for pesticides to eliminate the problem.

The Klima Garden fire suppression system is in at a cost of \$2,400.00, which brought it up to code.

Last year we had a power outage at the pool. We have to upgrade the electric at the pool, and you will only see one quote. It will come specifically from the vendor that works with First Energy. They utilize this company so that they don't have check the work when it is completed. We need to update the panel from a two phase into a three phase.

There is a water leak in front of the Town Hall, we are putting in a backflow preventer. The Water Department addressed the problem in a timely fashion. Scott Waldemarson is suggesting we replace the water box and a new line run into the Town Hall.

There has been an issue with the street lights, and the many different vendors. Mr. Greenberg stated that he has talked with ODOT, Cleveland Public Power, and CEI concerning this problem. There are about 70 pieces to this puzzle, and who to assign responsibility. So we are using Patrolman Lucas to go around the Village and identify the different lights, and who is responsible.

Mr. Greenberg is also working with ODOT concerning the 77 & 21 bridge resurfacing. His office is reviewing the contract.

We are having Bohning and Associates survey the property to the east side of Hillside Party Center, and our property which is formally Hillside Reclamation. We have some concerns about boundaries and how the easement is being used there for storage of material, and also we have a party from Hillside Party Center dumping materials which appears to be on Village property. The Police and Law Director are looking into the situation.

We have two trees we will be planting at Bacci Park this Friday for Arbor Day. One for Mr. & Mrs. Gawn, and one for Vic Duber. If anyone wants to attend, it will be Friday at 6:30 pm, at Bacci Park.

The Mayor mentioned the Housing Maintenance Grant, and how it was an original idea from the late Councilman George Suhy. He would like to present to Council a title change as it relates to Mr. Suhy. He would like to call it the George M. Suhy Municipal Grant Program, as a tribute to George, and he will propose it to Council at a later date.

The air raid siren is up and running.

On April 11th, Ms. Meriwether and the Department heads went to a seminar on the new Affordable Health Care Act. Ms. Biro asked if anyone from the Health Committee attended, the Mayor stated no, but told Council that at the Business Breakfast on May 17th, there will be a speaker talking about the changes. Also, Clerk Unger and Ms. Meriwether had a meeting this morning with Mr. Biskind, our health care agent, and he will keep us updated on the changes in the health care, and work with us to satisfy the law. There were many questions, and lots of discussion concerning the Health Care Act. The bottom line is that at this time, there are no concrete answers, and we will continually monitor the situation. Ms. Duszynski mentioned that Ted Biskind is very informed, and she believes he will give us good advice. Mr. Greenberg also mentioned that his firm holds seminars on the subject, and he will also help guide us through this adjusting period.

The Mayor attended a meeting with the Hunger Network of Cleveland. After talking to them, he told them that we would partner with them, and try to attend some of their fundraising events. We will also partner with our school in utilizing our greenhouse for students to grow some vegetables for community service. He will get more information for the May Meeting.

We need a pole flagpole and flag for Bacci Park by the ball fields. The Mayor would like to make it mandatory that before every game, the National Anthem will be played.

Mrs. Blue and her daughter Mary Jane are both at the same nursing home, Falling Water Nursing Home in Strongsville. He will get the address so anyone can drop them a card.

The Sundance system at the Police Station is almost complete. They are shooting for a May 1st start. This is the new records management software for the police department.

Prom promise will be held in Brooklyn Heights Park on May 1st at 1:00 pm.

George Murray Lodge Policemen will not be holding their parade this year due to lack of participation.

May 17th will be the Business Network Breakfast at the Town Hall.

Internet cafes are done. Mr. Greenberg explained that they busted 8 of them this week, and are looking to close all of them down. Cuyahoga Heights stands to lose \$45,000.00 a year in revenue from the closing of the Internet Cafes.

It appears that the people who are involved in the old Palinkas property on E. 49th Street that they are going to fix it up and that is great for that property.

This is the last week for Firefighter Ray Smosarski; he will be retiring as of April 29th.

Dispatcher Stover has been out with rotator cuff surgery, and she will be coming back to active duty on May 6th.

CLERKS UPDATE:

We received a timeline for the BANs. At the May meeting, we will pass the legislation for the issuance of the notes. In June, we will sign all closing documents on June 20th. We're also going to re appropriate at the May 8th Meeting, and make a motion to allow the Engineer and Building Commissioner to go out for bids on the projects.

WHEREFORE, there being no further business before this Council, Mr. Contipelli seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the Work Session Meeting be adjourned. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.