

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
January 25, 2012**

**ROLL CALL: BIRO, BLOAM, CONTIPELLI, DUSZYNSKI, FARAGONE, HARRIS**

**ISSUE 1: iPad training and legal info review**

COMMENTS: Mr. Greenberg outlined iPad and ethical issues regarding their use. You should assume anything on the iPad should be considered a public record or at least open for scrutiny to determine. Conversely, village content on personal email is also subject to review as public record or the determination of whether or not it is public record. Expressed that the iPad is for village use only. Outlined the role, authority, and obligations of the branches of the village government. Outlined open meetings guidelines and public record law. Outlined ethics guidelines regarding soliciting or accepting things of value. The Mayor reinforced Mr. Greenberg's statements. Discussion of various scenarios occurs.

ACTION: Mr. Greenberg will review the ethics law.

**ISSUE 2: ATV riding on new trail**

COMMENTS: Discussion of ATV riding and golf cart use on the trail occurred. Discussion of dogs eliminating on the trails in the park occurred. Mayor explained it will be addressed when the trail is completed.

ACTION: Mr. Greenberg will draft legislation.

**ISSUE 3: Dog park on Village property on Willowbrook Drive**

COMMENTS: Mr. Faragone shared that several residents suggested Willowbrook. Council discussed the possibility of a dog park, rules, neighbors, liability, etc.

ACTION: Other communities are to be contacted regarding their parks and a survey would be considered for the neighbors.

**ISSUE 4: Purchase garbage cans for all residents**

COMMENTS: Mr. Contipelli raised issue of purchasing \$15,000 worth of cans and \$10,000 for the lift to pick up the cans. Mayor pointed where in the budget it is located and the prioritizing of capital outlays. Mr. Bloam shared info regarding the process and procedure, the pros and cons. Mayor outlined reasoning for cans. Discussion occurred about various issues, logistics, etc.

ACTION: No action at this time.

**ISSUE 5: Erosion on E.49<sup>th</sup> Street**

COMMENTS: Mr. Contipelli and Mr. Faragone feel it is time that the village take action on this without approval from the EPA and they can pursue an injunction to stop the village. Mr. Greenberg updated council regarding conversations with EPA and meeting with the EPA. Discussion occurred about the prior actions of the EPA and Army Corp occurred. Mayor Bacci shared that it is inappropriate to be having the discussion in a public meeting of doing something that is knowingly against the law and is not right. Mr. Contipelli suggested photos and a timeline be drawn up to illustrate concern.

ACTION: No action until the meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> and a follow up report.

**ISSUE 6: Police entrance exam**

COMMENTS: Mayor Bacci outlined the need for giving a police exam and updating the language for the exam. Highlighted the changes he'd like to make the exam fair and open. Discussion of requirement occurs. Mr. Greenberg responded on points regarding residency requirements and age requirements.

ACTION: The Mayor will provide a draft for the test to council.

A discussion regarding supporting the school levy occurred. It was agreed to have Ms. Sample attend the next meeting to discuss the school levy.

**ISSUE 7: Clerk's updates**

COMMENTS: Clerk Unger stated the budget was clean and stable from last year. Noted that public records often take 25 minutes for one page of paper. No additional comments.

**ISSUE 8: Mayor's updates**

COMMENTS: Mr. Contipelli explained the EDC meeting and the ranking for the SS Kemp grant. Noted that a new company will be bringing in 35 technicians. Updated council on the EDC activities. Mayor

Ms. Duszynski updated the council on the budget meeting with the finance committee. Not yet recommending the budget and it should be done as a whole and another meeting should occur.

Ms. Harris updated the go green and beautification committees. The Mayor added that cooperation between these committees and public works would help advance many of the projects in the village.

The Mayor updated the council on actions on the new trail and Bacci Park. Discussion occurred about various options and projects.

Mayor Bacci outlined the budget binder. If there is a question please call the village hall.

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