

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

COUNCIL MEETING

June 12, 2013

Mayor Bacci asked for a moment of silence for long time resident Jimmy Koran. Jimmy participated in everything he could as a kid in the Village. His family is a long standing family in the community, and it is very sad that his life was cut short at the age of 49. Our condolences go out to his family.

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

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Renato Contipelli, Marilyn Duszynski, Cheryl Harris. Also present were Fire Chief Neal Cash, Head Dispatcher Barb Cash, Service Director Scott Waldemarson, Police Chief Doug Pallini, Law Director Jon Greenberg, Administrative Assistant to the Town Hall Angel Meriwether, Building Commissioner Norm Casini, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

ROLL CALL: Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Faragone, Harris

Ms. Harris made the motion to excuse Mr. Faragone, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. Ms. Harris Aye, Ms. Biro Aye, Mr. Bloam Aye, Ms. Duszynski Aye, Mr. Contipelli No, motion passed.

MINUTES:

May 8, 2013	Council Meeting
May 22, 2013	Council Workshop

Mr. Bloam made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Position of Cash Statement
R.I.T.A Preliminary report for June 2013

Ms. Duszynski made the motion to accept the reports, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-36 THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 234.18, ENTITLED "DEBT ADMINISTRATION", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING OF VILLAGE DEBT.

This requires the Clerk to maintain a detailed listing which itemizes the type of outstanding debt the Village has incurred, and submit it to the Mayor for budgeting purposes.

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam to approve the Ordinance. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Harris to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-50	Payment of Certain Claims:	\$954,504.93
	Payroll	
	General Bills	
	(#44883 - #45089)	

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-51

A RESOLUTION RESTATING THE PENSION PICK-UP PLAN FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-52

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING H.B. 5 BEFORE THE 130th OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH PROPOSES UNIFORMITY MEASURES FOR MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX RESULTING IN UNFUNDED MANDATES AND POTENTIALLY SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE TO THE VILLAGE

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris voting aye for suspension of the rules; motion carried. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris voting aye for the adoption. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-53

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 112 OF THE 113TH CONGRESS CELEBRATING THE 100-YEAR PRECEDENT OF FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL BOND INTEREST AND OPPOSING ANY ATTEMPT TO REPEAL SUCH EXEMPTION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-54

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ADMINISTERED BY THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA), FOR PHASE III OF THE MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT AND OBLIGATING VILLAGE FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-55

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, GENERAL AUTO LIABILITY, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE, ETC. FROM LOVE INSURANCE AGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-56

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris voting aye for suspension of the rules; motion carried. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris voting aye for the adoption. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-57

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF BURTON SCOT CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR THE HARVARD AVENUE REPAIR, RESURFACING, AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BID PROPOSAL

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-58

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH BURTON SCOT CONTRACTORS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE HARVARD AVENUE REPAIR, RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to move into the CIC, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Biro Bloam Contipelli Duszynski Harris Greenberg Bacci Unger

Mr. Bacci made the motion, seconded by Mr. Unger to accept the minutes of April 10, 2013. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT OF AUDITOR OF STATE
FOR THE 2011-2012 AUDIT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFOR.**

Mr. Unger made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bacci to authorize the engagement of the Auditor of State for the 2011-2012 audit. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES
FOR 4664 EAST 71ST STREET IN THE VILLAGE WHICH IS OWNED
BY THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Greenberg made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bacci to authorize the payment of property taxes for 4664 E. 71st Street. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Bacci made the motion, seconded by Mr. Contipelli to move out of the CIC, and back into the regular Council Meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to excuse Ms. Biro for the remainder of the meeting, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

The Mayor thanked everyone for their participation in the Memorial Day Service. The Mayor stated that this is a Holiday this Country should never forget. The young people need to realize that this day is for the men and women that served our country and gave their lives for us.

The third grade class of Cuyahoga Heights came over to visit our Town Hall and got a tour of the building as well as a question and answer period in Council Chambers. The Mayor and his staff as well as Ms. Harris were there to answer any questions, and many had some very good questions and comments. It was a lot of fun, and we look forward to it next year.

The Clerk, myself, Councilman Bloam and Duszynski, and some administrative staff, attended the School luncheon. They have gone through some tough times, and we wanted to be there to support them.

We had a great turnout for our business breakfast. Alcoa gave a short presentation on where they are heading in the future, and how they are committed to the Village, and this region. We also had a gentleman come to talk about the Affordable Health Care Act. It was a great success.

May 20th the Village became part of Hollywood! The cast from the movie Captain America were filming in the tunnels at Southerly. Samuel Jackson actually tweeted the Redneck Rondevue sign at the corner of Warner and Canal.

Congratulations to Chief Neal Cash and Head Dispatcher Barb Cash on being Grandparents to little Malena Rose Cash, which is Andy and Courtney's new baby.

Cuyahoga Heights graduated sixteen residents from our Village. That's good news, there were many years we had very few residents in the graduating class. Mr. Contipelli questioned whether we need to change the scholarship program to a set amount, because at 16, they would get very little money. The Mayor stated that this would be something to address next year.

Ms. Duszynski stated that she would like a letter sent to graduating seniors from all the elected officials. The Mayor stated that he would get that done.

School is out, and be very careful with the children running across the streets.

There will be a marathon on the Towpath and they will stage at Bacci Park on Sunday, June 16th.

We will be having our Village Garage sale on June 29th from 8-3pm.

Special birthday wishes to Mr. Hank Nobili, he is 91, June 2nd; currently he is our oldest lifelong resident in the Village. Other birthday wishes to Mrs. Helen Kosicki who is also 91 on June 17th. Our employee birthday wishes to Bryon Rini June 1st, Chief Neal Cash on June 4th, Stanley Schab on June 8th, Pete Panizzuti on June 19th, and Chief Pallini on June 21st.

The Mayor wished everyone a happy Fathers Day.

MS. HARRIS:

Wanted to let the Mayor and Council know that she had numerous comments from residents on how well the Village looks.

MR. BLOAM:

We are going to have a Master plan Meeting on Thursday, June 20th. He is very pleased with the choice of using the County to update the Master Plan. Commented on how well the Service Director does his job, and how nice the Village looks.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Mr. Contipelli questioned the Mayor on the Homestead Tax reduction that was in the flyer. He stated that it had to be in by June of this year to get the credit, but if the residents fill it out now, will it be good for next year. The Mayor stated that yes; it will be good for next year. The Mayor explained that he got this information from Mrs. Glass, a resident of the Village. The County never sent any documents concerning this program to the Town Hall. Mr. Contipelli thinks this is poor communication from the County.

He mentioned that the Mayors breakfast was very nice, but would like the Mayor to look into giving the businesses a couple of minutes to describe their business to everyone. The Mayor is going to look into this for the next meeting, and give the local vendors an opportunity to explain their business.

Thanked all the chiefs for the great work they do.

MS. DUSZYNSKI:

Ms. Duszynski would like everyone to know that the Flower Fund is at an all time low. We need help, we need money. If anyone wants to make a donation, please let her know. The Mayor will look in to options concerning the donations.

Ms. Duszynski again brought up the idea of "coupons". She would like to set up an area to drop off coupons for everyone to use.

POLICE CHIEF PALLINI:
SERVICE DIRECTOR WALDEMARSON:
HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:
FIRE CHIEF CASH:

Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR GREENBERG:

Mr. Greenberg gave an overview of the new laws concerning Internet Cafes. Mr. Greenberg is not sure if the one in Cuyahoga Heights is still open, but we will probably need to repeal our current Ordinance and adopt the State Statute. He will give us guidance before the next meeting.

CLERK UNGER:

Mr. Unger stated that the Note has been sold, and it sold at less than 1%. The final papers will be signed on June 20th, and the closing date will be June 26th. This is a great rate; it is less than last year where the interest on the note was 2%. This means the payment on the note next year will be considerably less than we anticipated.

The Mayor stated that this is why we went out to borrow the money at this time. It was a very wise choice. This Council and Administration are being very smart with the money.

ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN HALL, MS. MERIWETHER:

Nothing at this time.

VILLAGE ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

The utility portion of the project at Bacci Park should be wrapped up next Monday. Building Commissioner Casini will pick up from there and start the rest of the project.

The Harvard Avenue resurfacing project is moving forward. Alcoa is very excited about this project.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER CASINI:

The ramp project behind the Town Hall is 99% complete. The fence project behind the Police and Fire station is complete. The tuck pointing project at the Town Hall has gone out for bids, and they are due on June 25th, and shortly we will be looking at the Fire Station remodeling project.

Mr. Contipelli questioned whether the letters Mr. Casini sent out concerning the house inspections and violations in the Village were sent out to the owners of the property as well as the people living at the residences. Mr. Casini stated that they were sent out to both, but the owner is ultimately responsible. All of the letters will be sent out within the next 60 days.

Mr. Casini stated that this is a good time for the homeowner to use the Housing Grant to fix the violations.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None at this time.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:45 PM. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.