

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 14TH, 2012

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

Asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Betty Harris at the age of 92.

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, and Administrative Assistant to the Village Hall Angel Meriwether, Chief Douglas Pallini, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, Head Dispatcher Cash, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

Clerk Unger presented the February 8, 2012 Council Meeting minutes and the February 22, 2012 Council Workshop minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the Mayor:

A letter to Trey Combs, of E.49th Street, for doing such a fantastic job in the wrestling program at Cuyahoga Heights. His wrestling record is 31-0, and we are all very proud of his accomplishment.

From Dr. Edwin Holland, the Superintendent of Cuyahoga Hts. Schools:

A letter to the residents of Cuyahoga Heights thanking the Mayor, Village Council, and the residents for their continued support of the Cuyahoga Heights Schools. Your continued support and commitment to our School system is greatly appreciated.

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

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

From Fire Chief, Neal Cash. Fire extinguisher training tool system from BulEx Corporation, in the amount of \$5,095.18, that will be used for public education for our industry, schools, and residents. Lt. Harris and I believe it would be a great addition to our fire prevention public education efforts.

Mr. Faragone moved, seconded by Ms. Harris to table the purchase. All voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

From Engineer, Todd Sciano. To consider the approval of an invoice from the Perk Company in the amount of \$6,447.37, for the replacement and repairs of the storm sewer and pavement repairs in front of the building at 4353 East 49th Street. Information and pictures were enclosed with the Council packet.

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam to approve the purchase. All voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

From Engineer, Todd Sciano. A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with The Cuyahoga County District Board of Health and the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for 2012 to provide sampling, analysis, and source tracking for 5 storm sewer outfalls. The total amount will not exceed \$850.00. The sampling and analysis is required by the Village's permit with the Ohio EPA and is something the Village does every year.

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Mr. Faragone to approve the agreement. All voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

From Police Chief, Doug Pallini. A request to purchase 5 guns from Five Star Firearms and Accessories, in the amount of \$4,800.00. We need this purchase to replace the older guns, and use them for the part time officers. Currently, we have no spare guns. This is in the budget for 2012.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Harris to approve the purchase. All voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

From Police Chief Doug Pallini & Fire Chief Neal Cash. An invoice from SEB, Southwest Enforcement Bureau and Southwest Emergency Response Team for an annual membership. This is in their respective budgets with \$10,000 being charged to the Fire Department and \$5,000 to the Police Department.

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam to approve the purchase. All voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

From Police Chief, Doug Pallini. A request to purchase 3 new Police Cruisers through the State Purchasing Program, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 fully equipped. We did not purchase any vehicles in 2009 or 2010, and made do with the fleet they had. The three cars that need replacing have over 95,000 miles on each vehicle. This is in the budget for 2012.

Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Faragone to approve the purchase. All voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

From Service Director, Scott Waldemarson. A request to Council to purchase supplies from Lowes and Home Depot, in order to remodel the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief's offices, in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. The offices have not been remodeled since 1974, and all of the work will be done by the Service Department except the new office door which will be purchased through Cleveland Vicon.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Ms. Duszynski to approve the purchase. All voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

From Service Director, Scott Waldemarson. A request to purchase a portable chair lift for the pool, from O.P. Aquatics in the amount of \$4740.00, in order for our Village pool to be compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 2010.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Faragone to approve the purchase. All voting aye, none opposed; Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Position of Cash Statement
R.I.T.A Preliminary report for March 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. Bloam to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2012-16	Payment of Certain Claims:	\$1,108,809.50
	Payroll	
	General Bills	
	(#42962 - #43084)	

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.: 2012-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BEDFORD
HEIGHTS FOR USE OF ITS CITY JAIL

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Biro 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.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF A
CLAIM TO NANCY McALEER

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO
ISSUE A SPECIAL PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO CERTAIN VILLAGE
EMPLOYEES WHO WERE UNDERPAID IN 2011

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2012-20

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT
TO THE CITY OF CHARDON, VILLAGE OF AQUILLA, HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP,
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP, AND MUNSON TOWNSHIP, THEIR CITIZENS, THE
CHARDON SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AFFECTED BY
THE RECENT TRAGEDY OF FEBRUARY 27, 2012.

Ms. Biro 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.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1060.02 AND 1492.12 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE TO REQUIRES VILLAGE
HOUSEHOLDS TO USE GARBAGE CONTAINERS APPROVED BY THE
VILLAGE

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1495.04 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE TO EXPAND THE COMMUNITY
HOUSING MAINTENANCE GRANT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE RETAINING WALLS

Mr. Contipelli asked that the minutes reflect that the purpose of this is not for decorative walls but for property retention as it relates to erosion not beautification.

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 234.11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
PERTAINING TO THE AUTHORITY OF PURCHASING AGENT
AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING THRESHOLD

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2012-24

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR BETTY HARRIS

Ms. Harris 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:

Condolences to the Harris family for the passing of Betty Harris.

Congratulation to Cuyahoga Heights on passing of the school levy.

Updated Council regarding the event commemorating the 50,000 ton press restart and the \$1,000,000 commitment ALCOA maintains to remaining in the Village. He stated that he would be sure ALCOA understands they are high priorities for the Village.

Updated Council on his meeting with Bonnie Teeuwen, the Executive Director of Cuyahoga County Public Works, and explained that the County would not be able to assist with Harvard Avenue until 2016. Additionally, the Mayor explained potential collaborative efforts regarding potential sewer projects.

Explained that there are ongoing discussions regarding collaborative efforts for Harvard Avenue with the Village of Newburgh Heights and Cleveland Councilman Brancatelli.

Noted that Mr. Sciano and he met with ODOT regarding the Gateway landscaping project and he would update Ms. Harris' committee tomorrow on those conversations. He noted there is a plan for a realignment of the Rt.21 exit ramp for 6 or 7 years down the road and because of this the area is not a candidate for a beautification project. As an alternative the area between Grant & the CSX overpass along 77 south could be used with minimal investment on the part of the Village for the plantings.

A phone conversation with the representative of the state receivership team for Harvard Refuse occurred regarding acquisition of the last part of the rail bed to connect our trail to the Hillside reclamation property. A letter has been forwarded to Council about the conversation according to Mr. Greenberg. The Mayor's office is exploring Voyale property as a possible economic development property.

Attended Mayor Jackson's State of the City Address. Mayor Jackson is a solid Mayor. He talks about things he has control over and his and the Mayors vision are very similar, the scale being greater, to the things we hope to accomplish.

The letters on the monumental sign have been removed to correct a defect in the letters. Additionally, Mr. Waldemarson will be looking for quotes to correct the whitening of the wall.

Thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Duber after recovering from a stroke last month.

Trey Combs of E.49th Street, is a wrestler for Cuyahoga Heights, he finished the year with a record of 31-0, congratulations, we are proud of him and his record is a serious accomplishment at any level of competition.

Congratulations to Michael Hartman for being selected to play in the East v. West Middle School All-Star Basketball Team.

The Cuyahoga Heights Alumni Association will be hosting its 6th annual hall of fame reception on May 12th.

March birthday wishes to Brian Sturgill, Angel Meriwether, Joe Wallace, Jeremy Grabowski, Cathy Zmija, Ed Pritchard Jr. and Barb Cash.

Congratulations to Tiffany Contipelli and Sandy Stover for their 15 year employment anniversary with the Village.

Happy St. Patrick's Day this Saturday.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 7th at 1pm. It is for children and grandchildren of the village up to 12 years of age.

The Village Hall and Service Department will be closed in observance of the Easter Holiday on Friday, April 6 and Monday April 9th. Garbage pickup will resume Tuesday, April 10th.

MR CONTIPELLI:

Condolences to the Harris and Tucholski family.

If you'd like to help with the Easter Egg Hunt, please contact Lee Ann.

Speaking of Lee Ann, she is no longer a Cougar, she is now a Panther as she has turned 50 years of age.

Please pickup after your dog and keep them on a leash.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

The EDC is applying for a Master Plan grant from the CDBG in the amount of \$30,000.

There is possibly a small grant available to assist with the new trash containers.

Silverlode is also working with companies that have an interest in moving into the Village.

Mayor Bacci noted that the record should reflect that if SS Kemp chooses to move out of the Village, it isn't because we didn't try to keep them. We've done everything except build them a new building.

MS. MARILYN DUSZYNSKI:

The Village has gone above and beyond for SS Kemp.

Finance committee approved an \$8000 boiler for the pool, a \$4200 repair of the service department boiler, and \$3300 for a street repair on Harvard that the Village will be reimbursed for by the division of water.

Asked that everyone be cautious on St. Patrick's Day.

MR. FARAGONE:

Noted the Public Works committee discussed and recommended to Council a list of projects at the February 22nd workshop and thanked Council for their consideration on the matters. Thanked the gentleman that wrote the minutes for capturing the notes so well.

MS. HARRIS:

Beautification committee met with Jeff Markley and he is preparing drawings for suggestions provided by the committee.

Go Green is working to come up with a suggestion for each newsletter to help people. One of the suggestions has been to build 3 bat houses to help control mosquitoes without pesticides.

Mr. Contipelli suggested restocking the pond and researching the species that would thrive.

MS. BIRO:

Thanked Chief Pallini for the additional info regarding purchases.

Thanked Council for the Chardon resolution. Mary Casavecchia's grandson was on the 2nd floor of the building where the shootings occurred.

A cell phone policy will be issued to address departmental and non-departmental cell phones.

MR. TODD BLOAM:

Asked Mr. Casini if the Willowbrook sign letters were affected in the same way as the Rt. 21 sign? Mr. Casini stated they were not.

CHIEF DOUGLAS PALLINI:

Shared letters of commendation for several officers in assisting NHPD in apprehending a burglary suspect.

Thanked Council for the cruisers and firearms.

MR. SCOTT WALDEMARSON:

Continually working on the trail project clearing dead tree and overgrowth.

Working on Harvard Avenue sidewalks to clean up in front of ALCOA and McGean Rohco.

Pressure washing Willowbrook and Monumental Wall.

We are working on Fire Station offices.

CHIEF NEAL CASH:

Thanked Council for the Firehouse Renovation.

On March 28th at 9:50am all of the sirens will be tested as part of the statewide tornado program.

MR. JONATHAN GREENBERG:

Nothing at this time.

CLERK UNGER:

Finances are secure. We expect revenue to jump up now that ALCOA is bringing personnel back. We are doing fine.

MRS. LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

MRS. ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Nothing at this time.

MR. NORM CASINI:

Thanked everyone for the new office space for the Building Department at Village Hall.

Thanked the Fire Department for help with a flat tire.

MR. TODD SCIANO:

Electric Welder test came in very positively depending on the use, a full report should be done by next Friday.

The application for the 20 year loan should be done soon for the Harvard Avenue project. Field work has started.

The ODOT grant funds will be moved into the Grant Avenue project. The ODOT Gateway Grant was initially split into two projects; one at the E. 71st Connector to I-77 and one at the I-77/Grant Avenue south bound on-ramp. Since ODOT will be utilizing the island at the E. 71st Connector to I-77 as part of their bridge reconstruction slated for 2017, we are working with Silverload to request that ODOT move the money that was allocated to that project all into the I-77/Grant Avenue South Bound Ramp landscape plan so as to not lose any available grant opportunities.

The Nicky Blvd. notice of deficiency violation went out today to Boyas based on the site inspection, noting erosion and ponding water on the landfill. This will be addressed in the master plan we hope.

Working with Silverlode on the second phase of the Trails Project. The Mayor noted that the County would like the Village to revisit remodeled restrooms at Bacci Park to become ADA compliant and for sanitary reasons. Discussion occurred.

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 8:22PM. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.