

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MARCH 28, 2012**

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

**ISSUE 1: Park Patrol Update & Timeline**

COMMENTS: Mayor Bacci stated the Park Patrol is scheduled to start May 1<sup>st</sup> with an orientation on April 28<sup>th</sup> including the Police, Fire, and Dispatch Departments for a first aid training and communication class. Discussion of training and certifications occurred. Pay rate is \$8.00 per hour. A discussion of the Playground Instructor, training, pay rate, background checks, and certifications occurred. Mr. Greenberg confirmed that a background check would be done as is done on any other employee.

**ISSUE 2: Harvard Hill Road Project**

COMMENTS: Mr. Contipelli noted that the Village has received the approval of the 0% interest loan. Mayor Bacci explained the timeline. Discussion of the Tritsarolis self contained water treatment facility and tying into the project on Harvard Avenue occurred. Mr. Hlad stated that generally the municipality takes the sewer to the point of right of way. Mayor Bacci explained that he received via text message info that the sanitary is too low but may be able to tie into the lift station.

ACTION: The Mayor explained he would investigate with the engineer regarding the sewer tie in and the status of the project. The project will be out to bid in early summer, construction in July, August, and September with completion in October.

**ISSUE 3: Discussion of E.49<sup>th</sup> Appraised Homes**

COMMENTS: The Mayor stated he would like to discuss this in executive session under property acquisition

ACTION: Mr. Contipelli stated this would be placed on hold for executive session.

**ISSUE 4: Discussion of Dog Leash and Feces Clean Up Codes**

COMMENTS: Mr. Greenberg explained that it is a varying degree of misdemeanor if a dog damages or defecates on public or private property but the laws are essentially a hodge-podge. Mr. Greenberg suggested rewriting the ordinances to make all 1<sup>st</sup> offenses as fourth degree misdemeanors and subsequent offenses as third degree misdemeanors. Discussion occurred.

**ACTION:** Mayor Bacci suggested having cards printed for the park patrol to distribute to violators and to contact law enforcement if the situation becomes an issue. Consensus is to have the Solicitor prepare legislation to standardize penalties for canine related violations.

**ISSUE 5: Workers Compensation and Current CBA's**

**COMMENTS:** Mr. Contipelli shares that there is an ordinance on the books that essentially states that once an employee goes onto workers comp they surrender their workers comp payment to the Village and the Village subsequently picks up their entire full salary for 365 days. The CBA limits this to approximately 183 days. Mr. Contipelli suggested the ordinance be changed to be consistent with the CBA so that there are not conflicting situations. Discussion occurred.

**ACTION:** Mr. Greenberg will create legislation.

Mr. Contipelli is meeting with vendors regarding internet based cameras for Bacci Park and the Police Department. Mayor Bacci stated the Mr. Fonte would like the opportunity to quote the expense.

Mr. Hlad updated Council regarding reviewing the ordinances for recommended changes, and inspection requirements. Discussion occurred. Mr. Greenberg would need to rewrite the legislation to amend the current ordinances.

Mr. Contipelli requested the fire extinguisher training tool be placed on the next business agenda for passage. Discussion occurred.

Mr. Contipelli updated Council about an email from the County Planning Commission regarding a grant for the purchase of trees to beautify the Village. Mr. Contipelli suggested someone attend.

**ISSUE 6: Clerk's Update**

**COMMENTS:** The Auditor's from Charles Harris representing the State are in the Village Hall and will be here for a few weeks using the downstairs of the Town Hall, so the downstairs will not be reserved during that time.

**ISSUE 7: Mayor's Update**

**COMMENTS:** The electronic device communications policy is complete

Needs Public Works to look at the Willow Park joint repair project. Todd Sciano reviewed the joint compound and stated it held up well, Council needs to determine if they would like to complete the project.

Updated Council on the bathroom/concession stand renovation grant. Noted the Village's obligation, if awarded would be \$86,100. The total grant would be \$150,000 for an expense of \$236,000. The project would be completed in either 2012 or 2013.

Discussion of Charter Review Commission occurred. Mayor Bacci stated the names of the members of the commission and that Council would receive a memo with the names of all of the members. Suggestions for the Commission included 4 year terms for Council, an appointed Fiscal Officer, an elected Clerk of Council, a review of the sewer bill payment to add storm water portion, and a four year degree for the finance director.

Mayor Bacci stated he would need to reinstate the community development committee which handles the Master Plan. Councilman Bloam felt he could chair the committee. Dave Volek and Shireen Mitchell, former members of the committee agreed to participate again. Rick Baciak is out of town but we will ask him when he returns. After that we need suggestions for a total of at least 6 members. The Mayor stated that the idea of a committee is for a comprehensive review of redevelopment of the Village, not just the Master Plan. Discussion occurred.

The Community Activity Committee requested Council approval to offset the airfare and lodging cost for a trip to Atlantic City. It is within their budget at a rate of \$100 per person. Discussion of the trip occurred. Consensus is that as long as it is within their budget it is acceptable but they should understand that their budget is \$4000 and they should be cautious.

Mayor Bacci informed Council that 5036 Willowbrook was sold at Sheriff's auction for \$80,000 by Fannie Mae. Discussion of property occurred.

Updated Council with the meeting with Councilwoman Harris and the engineer regarding beautification and go green projects; Mayor Bacci suggested the idea of improving the marquees in the Village such as making them into digital signs possibly in 2013.

Mayor Bacci updated Council regarding the Board of Elections project for improving the ramp and that it has stalled but Mr. Casini is pushing them to move forward. Discussion of the project occurred. Consensus is to price the project.

Council was provided an estimated expense of the police station canopy at \$4,500 - \$5,500 as drawn by Mr. Casini. Discussion occurred.

The fence between Gatto and the Fire Station would cost \$2990 as priced by Mr. Casini. If the fence is continued to Willow Parkway there is an additional expense of \$6,000. Discussion occurred and it was suggested the chain link be torn out and PVC fencing be installed the entire length. Consensus is Mr. Casini re-quote the fence.

Mr. Contipelli moved to enter Executive Session for real estate and employment, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

#### Executive Session

Mr. Contipelli motioned to resume regular session. Seconded by Ms. Harris. All voting aye, none opposed. Motion carried.

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