

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

JANUARY 23, 2013

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

**ISSUE 1: COMMUNITY GRANT TO INCLUDE INTERIOR WORK AND
LANDSCAPING**

COMMENTS:

The Mayor mentioned that the spirit of the Grant is to increase property values, whether it would be an interior or exterior improvement. There is a \$2,000.00 max per house for five years. Mr. Contipelli and Mr. Bloam both agreed that they would like the grant to include both interior and exterior improvements. Mr. Contipelli mentioned that improvements in heating and air conditioning would also save energy with the new units and be more environmentally friendly.

Ms. Biro asked if our Building Commissioner would be able to inspect the improvements, and would they be backdated to January 1st, 2013. The Mayor replied that yes, Norm will make all inspections, and all work will be backdated to January 1st, in case someone already had the work done. Everyone is in agreement that the changes to the grant should be made.

ACTION:

Mr. Greenberg will draw up legislation for the February Council Meeting with the changes.

ISSUE 2: COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AMINISTRATIVE CODE

COMMENTS:

Mr. Contipelli believes that many of the old legislation that is on the books at this time is outdated and needs to be looked at to see if it needs to be removed or amended. He would like to get volunteers to go through the Ordinance book and see what needs to be changed.

Ms. Harris stated that she would like to be on the committee, and would be happy to participate. Mr. Greenberg stated that if a committee is formed, they must adhere to all Sunshine Laws. Council understood, and Mr. Contipelli stated that he will make sure that happens.

ACTION:

Mr. Contipelli will make a motion at the next Council Meeting to for a committee to review all Ordinances.

CLERKS REPORT:

Mr. Unger mentioned that the Mayor is working on the budget for 2013. Were hoping to have it ready for the February Council Meeting, but if not, it will be ready for March. We started the year with 2.7 million in our General Fund, and in order to shore up some of our other accounts, for example Home Loan Grant Fund, Sewer Fund and the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC). Our goal has always been to keep this fund at 2.0 million dollars, and we will continue to try and reach that goal this year.

MAYORS REPORT:

The Mayor stated that he would like to look into leasing Administrative vehicles. It might be a better option than buying them outright.

He gave an update on the speed signs and stated that there is now power on the poles and they will be working soon.

He swore in two fulltime Police Officers this week, and there will be a formal swearing in at the February Council Meeting.

Angel Meriwither was added as a member of the Records Commission.

Although we did not receive the grant for E. 71st Street, we are in a contingent spot. If for some reason another community doesn't use theirs, we can be considered for their spot.

As far as the landscape grant from ODOT, he will get Council the information for the Special Workshop.

We did not get the grant for stream restoration at Nicky Boulevard. Mr. Contipelli asked why we don't try to get the money from Regional Sewer District. The Mayor stated that we are looking at all opportunities.

The Thompson land issue was settled in court.

Mayor Starr of Middleburg Heights has signed on for the anti poaching agreement in Cuyahoga County.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property and real estate, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris aye. Faragone no. Motion carried.

The Clerk and Solicitor were excused from the meeting at 7:00 pm.