

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
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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, Lois Henley. Also present was Law Director Jon Greenberg.

**ROLL CALL: Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Harris, Henley**

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-73**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE “STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER)” GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Biro asked the Mayor to list the individuals that will be affected by accepting the grant. The Mayor stated that by accepting the grant, we will be able to bring back three of our former full time firemen, Brian Baciak, Jason Grabowski, and Bradley Unger, for a two year period at no cost to the Village, starting February 6, 2016.

Ms. Duszynski asked if no one retires in two years, and the grant runs out, will we let those Firemen go, the Mayor said yes. The Mayor said all agreements with Local 702 will be as we have done in the past, but we are hopeful that there will be some employees retiring before the grant ends. Ms. Duszynski asked which Unger was coming back, Brad or Wes. The Mayor said it was Brad, and he is the Fireman that went back to school and became an RN.

The Mayor said that we have shown good faith in that we would not give up on these employees, and we kept our promise and we were awarded this grant that will certainly help the returning employees in their pensions. Ms. Harris asked if there were any employees that are currently in the DROP program with the State. The Mayor said two employees, Pallini and Panizzuti are in the program, and will have to retire by 2018. There are other employees that are eligible to retire, but we will have to wait and see.

Each returning employee will be going to a different shift, and will not burden the budget in any way, it is a win win situation. So let's welcome these guys back.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of real estate and economic development.

Ms. Duszynski made the motion, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to go out of Executive Session and back into the regular business meeting.

Mr. Bloam made the motion, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:10 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.