

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
NOVEMBER 11, 2015
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

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Mr. Contipelli called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Jon Greenberg, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Renato Contipelli, Marilyn Duszynski, and Lois Henley. Also in attendance were Building Commissioner Norm Casini, Assistant to the Building Commissioner Kenny LaBella, and Village Engineer Todd Sciano.

Mr. Contipelli introduced Eileen Pech a member of the BEST Committee. She is here to give Council an update on some of the things that are going on at the school. Along with Eileen, also in attendance were Dr. Ted Caleris, Director of Administrative Services, and students Charlie Pelfrey and Arika Quinones.

Dr. Ted Caleris explained that the BEST Committee is a community based advisory committee that has been going on for the last 4 years. He explained that we are here today to introduce two of our students to talk about their accomplishments and background in the school system. With that, Dr. Caleris introduced student Charley Pelfrey.

Mr. Pelfrey is a Cuyahoga Heights resident, and is in numerous activities, Jazz Band, Student Council, cross country, track, indoor track, soccer, BEST Committee, Treasurer of the senior class. He also works at Panera restaurant, and also volunteers his time to various charities. Mr. Contipelli asked him what he does in his spare time!

Mr. Pelfrey stated that he has the honor of attending Cuyahoga Heights since 2006. He has also attended Lakewood and Brecksville schools at different points of time in his life, and he said that Cuyahoga Heights is the best school system he has ever been in. Our school is perfectly located for all of the three communities, and also the tuition students. My family is extremely thankful for the opportunity to attend Cuyahoga Heights. They do more than prepare us for college, we also have the opportunity to attend college while in high school. I attended Cleveland State University this year and received better grades than most students that were there, and at that time, I was a junior in high school. I believe that Cuyahoga Heights has given me a better education than any other school system that I attended, and I want to say thank you.

Dr. Caleris explained that Charley is one of our outstanding seniors, but he also wanted to say that this is his fourth school district that he has worked in, and the students at Cuyahoga heights are truly amazing, and he feels truly blessed to be working in our school district. He explained

that they will be doing a community survey in the spring, also in April and May and we will be holding some community meetings in regards to district report card and test results.

Ms. Henley stated that it is incredible how many students are in extracurricular activities. Dr. Caleris said that this year we have 20 seniors in the band, which is more than 20% of the whole class. Mr. Contipelli said that many of the leaders in all the communities are alumni of Cuyahoga Heights, and it will always be near and dear to our heart, and we will always support the school.

Next to give their presentation was Arika Quinones also a senior at Cuyahoga Heights. Her family lived in Garfield Heights, and attended Garfield Heights schools until becoming a paying student at Cuyahoga Heights in the 6th grade, and she loves going to school at Cuyahoga Heights. Her family moved from Garfield Heights to Independence, and she continues to be a paying student because she loves her classes, her teachers, the school, and the whole community, and couldn't imagine going anywhere else.

She is currently in orchestra, class President for two years, Student Council, played softball, basketball, and volleyball, and takes honors classes. The school has prepared her to hopefully attend John Carroll to major in Pre Med and to one day be a doctor. The courses and teachers at Cuyahoga Heights have pushed me to be able to attain these goals. I love the school, and I love these communities, and I will continue to be a tuition student throughout my high school career.

Ms. Eileen Pech thanked the Mayor and Council for giving them the time to put on the presentation. The Mayor said they can line the students up all day to hear their testimonials on how well they are flourishing in our schools.

Ms. Duszynski will make the motion to excuse Ms. Harris from the Council Meeting, and Ms. Henley will second.

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Ms. Henley agreed to make the motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Contipelli agreed to second.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to go into Executive Session for real estate matters, Mr. Bloam seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

Ms. Duszynski made the motion to come out of Executive Session and go back into Caucus, Mr. Contipelli seconded. 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 October 2015
R.I.T.A Preliminary report November 2015

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion to accept the reports, Ms. Henley agreed to second.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-85 AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE
ADOPTING NEW CHAPTER 883 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME
TAX

Ms. Biro asked what the changes were made to the Amendment. Mr. Greenberg stated that it was nothing substantive, and it was signed off by RITA.

Ms. Biro agreed to make the motion, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

Motion to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption.

Mr. Bloam will make the motion to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption, Ms. Henley will second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-88	Payment of Certain Claims:	\$1,015,263.47
	Payroll	
	General Bills	
	(#48623 - #48781)	

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-89

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A REVISED AGREEMENT WITH THE CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MOBILE STROKE TREATMENT UNIT AT CERTAIN VILLAGE EMS 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SITES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Henley asked what was changed on the Resolution. Mr. Greenberg explained that there were billing issues that they had to work out.

Ms. Henley agreed to make the motion, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Mayor asked Council to make a motion to go into Executive Session for real estate matters, and also asked Mr. Schoeffler to stay in the audience during this time since he will be on Council starting next year.

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

Ms. Duszynski made the motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

MAYORS REPORT:

Nothing at this time.

Caucus ended at 6:40 pm.

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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, Lois Henley. Also present were Service Director Scott Waldemarson, Police Chief Brian Sturgill, Assistant Fire Chief Howard Selig, Head Dispatcher Barb Cash, Law Director Jon Greenberg, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, Assistant to the Town Hall Angel Meriwether, Assistant to the Building Commissioner Ken LaBella, Building Commissioner Norm Casini, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

The Mayor asked everyone to take a moment of silence to reflect on all the Veterans during this Veterans Day. We have two Vets here today, Howie Selig, and Norm Casini. The Mayor thanked them for their service to our Country.

Ms. Duszynski made a motion to excuse Ms. Harris, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor none opposed. Motion carried.

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Ms. Henley made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared and place them on file, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Henley in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

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Ms. Duszynski made the motion to accept the reports as prepared, seconded by Ms. Henley. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Henley Aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption.

Ms. Bloam made the motion to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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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, Henley voting aye for suspension of the rules. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Duszynski, Henley voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

None at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Clerk Unger's brother Tom recently passed away, and the Mayor wanted Clerk Unger to know that our thoughts and prayers are with him during this tough time. Also, not a resident, but a good friend to many in the community, Mr. Pickett also passed away, and our thoughts and prayers are also with the Picket family.

Today is Veterans Day, and I would like to take a moment and *thank* all veterans who have served, or continue to serve in our military forces. Please continue to keep residents Joe Brotosky and Hunter Krenisky in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to serve our Country.

Our administration recently wrote a letter to the Greater Cleveland Partnership in support of Alcoa and its request for Ohio grants. The facility on Harvard Avenue is upgrading its 35,000 and 15,000-ton presses. These grants will help retain and create new jobs at Alcoa

November birthday wishes to employees: Pat Koran & Tom Nova - November 1; Councilwoman Barb Biro - November 3; Tom Kekelis - November 10; Clerk Unger - November 27 and Mark Hine - November 28. Happy birthday to all!

Special birthday wishes to Mrs. Barbara Combs who turned 75 on November 6, and to Mrs. Susan Revak who turns 85 on November 18. Birthday blessings and happiness to you both!

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your *thoughts and prayers*: Ms. Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Bernice Blue, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Dave Porter and Mrs. Gerry Sajetowski

Best wishes to the Cuyahoga Heights Redskins Football Team for advancing in the playoffs. They will be playing against the Smithville Smithies this Saturday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Medina Highland High School. Good luck and Go Redskins!

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving holiday. *“Be thankful – Show Gratitude – Live Blessed”*

I know its Black Friday and all, but I hope our residents will join us on Friday evening, November 27 for our annual tree lighting ceremony which takes place at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the Village Hall. Afterwards, we can warm up in the Auditorium with hot cocoa and listen to the children sing Christmas carols as well as visiting with Santa.

MS. BIRO:

Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MR. BLOAM:

Public Works has a few items for the next Workshop in regards to the pool and Bacci Park. Both projects are very in depth and expensive.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and reminded everyone that our pool does need a lot of attention next year.

MS. DUSZYNSKI:

Thanked the veterans for their sacrifice so we could lead the life that we now enjoy.

She also stated that she loves the way the parks look, but wanted to ask about the ropes at the pond at Bacci Park and was wondering if we planned on doing anything about them. . The Mayor responded that Service Director and I are in the process of purchasing rope for the park that is UV resistant, so there won't be any fraying, and it won't be abrasive to anyone's hands. Ms. Duszynski asked the Mayor if we ever gave any donations to the After Prom. The Mayor said there was a time when we might have done it, but since 2010 we have not. She also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

MS. HARRIS:

Not in attendance.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley told Council that we was going to try and start a program with the seniors on donating money to the Wounded Warriors Program. Prayers to all our veterans.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:

Thanked all veterans, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:

Thanked all veterans, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF SELIG:

Thanked all veterans, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Also talked about knock boxes for residential homes. He is currently working on that project, and it will be coming to Council in the New Year.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:

Thanked all veterans, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

LAW DIRECTOR JON GREENBERG:

Thanked all veterans, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

MR. UNGER:

Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Thanked all veterans, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN HALL, ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Thanked all veterans, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Thanked all veterans, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

BUILDING COMMISIONER NORM CASINI:

Thanked all veterans, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

ASSISTANT TO THE BUILDING COMMISIONER KENNY LABELLA:

Thanked all veterans, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mr. Matt Schoeffler wanted to thank the Fire Department for the wonderful job they did when they were called out to his house for an emergency involving his 5 month old daughter. They helped keep my wife very calm, and did a great job.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.