

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
JANUARY 5, 2016  
4:30 PM**

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Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Marilyn Duszynski, Cheryl Harris, Lois Henley, Matt Schoeffler. Also present were Law Director Jon Greenberg, and Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler.

Nominations for President of Council

Ms. Biro made the motion to accept the nomination of Ms. Duszynski as President of Council for the year 2016, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

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| December 9, 2015 | Caucus          |
| December 9, 2015 | Council Meeting |

Mr. Bloam made the motion to accept the minutes and place them on file, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. Biro, Bloam, Duszynski, Harris, Henley, Schoeffler in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time

**PURCHASES:**

None at this time.

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01**

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE LAW DIRECTOR  
AND PRESCRIBING HIS COMPENSATION AND DUTIES  
FOR THE YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2017; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02**

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE PROSECUTOR AND PRESCRIBING HIS  
COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2017; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ENGINEER  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FOR 2016 AND 2017, FIXING  
COMPENSATION THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Duszynski questioned the Mayor concerning the increase in the contract for 2016-2017. The Mayor stated that from 2009-2013, there was no increase in compensation. In 2014-2015 there was a small increase, and this year he is asking for another small compensation change for 2016-

2017. This will not impact our budget dramatically, it will by less than \$3,000.00 per year increase.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF A  
BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND ARCHITECT FOR THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA  
HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2016 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR  
GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion to approve the Mayor's recommendations for Committee members for 2016 & 2017.

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

Motion to accept the recommendation from Service Director Waldemarson that we continue to use Stan's Tree Service for 2016 & 2017.

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

Ms. Henley asked to clarify the tree removal policy. The Mayor stated that it was two trimmings of trees and one removal of a tree per year, not shrubs.

Mr. Bloam made the motion to go into the CIC, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Bacci made the motion to come out of the CIC and back into the Council business meeting, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

### **MAYOR BACCI:**

Mayor Bacci wished that everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday, and a happy New Year.

He thanked Council for their support in appointing the members of all the Committees, and our Sports Commissioner and Pool Manager.

He welcomed Matt Schoeffler as a new Council member, and looks forward to working with him over the next two years.

He also congratulated Ms. Duszynski on her appointment as President of Council. He stated that we are working at twice the speed of previous Councils, and he will help her out in any way he can to help her do a great job.

He thanked Council for unanimously appointing her, and thanked Ms. Henley individually for starting the year off without any questions of what we want to do as far as leadership, and he thanked her for that.

### **MS. BIRO:**

Ms. Biro welcomed Mr. Schoeffler as a new Council member.

She would like to sit down at the table with the Mayor and Mr. Greenberg to discuss what is on the table for 2016 in regards to economic development, municipal income tax, public works, roads, and anything else that will come in front of Council so that everything is on the table, especially with a new member.

The Mayor asked if we could do this at the next Council Meeting or a Workshop. Ms. Biro said she would defer that decision to the rest of Council. The Mayor said we will prepare all of the material to go through until the next meeting, and this way we can get some questions or concerns already moving forward. Ms. Henley also asked to see any material concerning any projects that were carried over from 2015 that we are still working on for 2016. Council agreed to discuss this at the next meeting, or at the next Workshop.

**MR. BLOAM:**

Mr. Bloam welcomed Mr. Schoeffler to the table as a new Council member. Public Works will have information for Council at the Workshop.

**MS. DUSZYNSKI:**

Ms. Duszynski thanked Council for their support as President of Council. She stated that she is very pleased with what we have accomplished in the last few years, but she would like to move further, with the cooperation of this Council. We can agree to disagree, but we need to be respectful and get along. To move forward we are going to need money, if anyone has any ideas on how to increase our revenue, please bring them to the table. She thanked everyone again, and said she will do the best job she can as President of council.

**MS. HARRIS:**

Ms. Harris welcomed Mr. Schoeffler as a new Council member.

**MS. HENLEY:**

Ms. Henley stated that 30 years ago she was sworn in as a Council member, there have been many issues and problems that occurred in our community over this time, and we always ended up compromising on all the issues. She is very happy to see Mr. Schoeffler on Council, and feels he will be able to learn and compromise like the previous members have done for many years, and congratulated him on his election to Council.

**MR. SCHOEFLER:**

Thanked Ms. Henley for the kind words, and thanked the residents of Cuyahoga Heights for their support. Stated that he will do a good job for the community, and looks forward to working with everyone on Council.

**LAW DIRECTOR JON GREENBERG:**

Thanked Council for his reappointment, and congratulated Mr. Schoeffler on his appointment.

**MR. UNGER:**

Mr. Unger welcomed Mr. Schoeffler to the table, and congratulated Ms. Duszynski on her appointment as President of Council.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

None at this time.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:00 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.