

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
CAUCUS  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016  
6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CAUCUS**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time

**PURCHASES:**

None at this time.

**MINUTES:**

January 5, 2016	Special Council Meeting
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January 27, 2016	Workshop

Ms. Harris agreed to make the motion to accept the minutes as amended, Ms. Henley agreed to second.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

R.I.T.A Preliminary report February 2016

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**Motion to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading.**

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10                      FIRST READING**

Payment of Certain Claims:	\$000,000.00
Payroll	
General Bills	
(#49063 - #49)	

Mr. Unger explained that they have not been able to close the month of January, and reconcile the books, so this will be placed on first reading, and it will come before Council again in March.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11**

**A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR DAVID PORTER**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-12**

**AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING EXISTING SECTIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF  
THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE  
INCOME TAX RATE FROM 2.0% TO 2.5%, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017,  
WITH THE INCREASE TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING  
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GENERAL MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS OF THE  
VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, Mr. Schoeffler agreed to second.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13**

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE UPON THE BALLOT AT AN AUGUST 2, 2016 ELECTION THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE RATE OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, OHIO TO 2.5%; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Henley agreed to make the motion, Ms. Biro agreed to second.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-14**

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.

Ms. Duszynski agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ITS REGIONAL PARTNERS TO PROVIDE PORTABLE RADIOS, MOBILE RADIOS, BASE STATIONS, RELATED EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR USE OF THE SAME ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion to go into the CIC.

Ms. Henley will make the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam.

There was a discussion concerning the income tax increase. Ms. Biro had a conversation with the Mayor, and was told that the increase would go for road projects and debt. She wants to make sure that the extra increase in taxes will go for this purpose. She understands that at some point, a portion will be used for general bills, but she wants everyone to know that our intent is not to put the money in the General Fund. She wants the residents and companies to know that our true intent for the increase is roads, infrastructure, and debt. That is her position.

Ms. Harris asked if the tax increase passes, when will we see the money. Ms. Biro and Clerk Unger stated that the increase does not start until January of 2017. The extra revenue will not begin to come in until February 2017. Clerk Unger said that he feels this is very fair to give the employees and companies time to understand the need for the increase.

Mr. Bloam made the motion to go into Executive Session for employee matters, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

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

#### **MAYORS REPORT:**

Nothing at this time.

Caucus ended at 6:55 pm.

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Mayor Bacci asked for a moment of silence for some of our Village residents that have passed on. We lost Guy Mitchell, Shireen's husband. We are going to miss him, he was a very interesting person, and brought a lot to the table because of his experiences. The flags are lowered to half-mast today because of his service in Vietnam.

We also lost Mr. Porter, he was another of the Villages characters. Very hardnosed Cleveland guy, he owned the Lansing Tavern for many years. He wasn't afraid to mix words, he told me how he felt about his politics, and he always said thank you even when you might have not accomplished what he needed. He was always pleased that at least we took the time to try and get something done for him.

Mrs. Aguzzi also passed away. She has been a person in our community that everyone has dealt with. One of his memories of Mrs. Aguzzi was at the Christmas Party that he had paid for, she told him he was a real foul ball along with some other adjectives he cannot say. Mrs. Aguzzi was 94, and she passed away on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

A young resident in Ms. Stephanie Majors who lived on E.72<sup>nd</sup> Place, who for a long period of time had a real issue with heroin abuse, and ultimately succumbed to that addiction on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 30 years of age. Heroin is a very evil opiate, and once you are addicted, very few people are able to break that bond.

Please take a moment of silence for these residents.

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Barb Biro, Todd Bloam, Marilyn Duszynski, Cheryl Harris, Lois Henley, Matt Schoeffler. Also present were Service Director Scott Waldemarson, Police Chief Brian Sturgill, Fire Chief Mike Suhy, Head Dispatcher Barb Cash, Law Director Jon Greenberg, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, Assistant to the Building Commissioner Ken LaBella, Building Commissioner Norm Casini, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

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Ms. Henley 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.

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Mr. Schoeffler 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, Henley, Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

Ms. Harris made a motion to come out of the CIC and go into the regular Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.



## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

### **MAYOR BACCI:**

I attended the RAMTEC ribbon cutting ceremony at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center last month. This is their new robotics and advanced manufacturing training center, and it is incredible. This opens up many opportunities for our young people as well as workers that have been displaced in their careers. This will give them an education in robotics and move into the workforce. Matt Schoeffler stated that the average salary of someone coming out of this program will be approximately \$60,000.00 per year.

February birthday wishes to employees: Tiffany Contipelli – February 4; Danielle Short & Jason Sagan– February 5; Mike Stack – February 8; Ken LaBella – February 14; Norm Casini – February 15; Don Pallini – February 18; Todd Sciano – February 24 and Lee Ann Schoeffler – February 28. Happy birthday to everyone, and happy Valentines Day to all the ladies.

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mr. Howard Combs, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Tomi Sonoda.

The Village Hall & Service Department are closed this coming Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day. Rubbish collection will resume on Tuesday.

### **MS. BIRO:**

There was no Economic Development Meeting today at 5:00pm, therefore she had nothing to report at this time.

### **MR. BLOAM:**

Public Works met today at 5:00, and I would like to thank Scott Waldemarson and Todd Sciano for their reports. Each Council person has the report, and he would like everyone to read it so at the next Workshop, we can discuss some of the items and make some decisions on projects we want to get done this year.

### **MS. DUSZYNSKI:**

We discussed the budget at today's Finance Meeting, and all questions the members had were answered. Ms. Duszynski also asked the Mayor if Council would be receiving the letter that the Mayor was sending out to the residents. The Mayor said absolutely.

**MS. HARRIS:**

Ms. Harris asked the Mayor if he had an update on when we will be tearing down the old Town Hall, and Hillside. Mr. LaBella stated that the land bank is telling them the old Town Hall will be sometime in the fall. We are working with Silverload to see if there is any way we can speed up the process. We currently do not have an update on the Hillside property.

**MS. HENLEY:**

Our seniors had a very nice party for Valentine's Day, and Fat Tuesday the day before Lent. Everyone had a great time, and the seniors really enjoy and appreciate coming to the Town Hall for all their meetings and parties.

**MR. SCHOEFFLER:**

Nothing at this time.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR SCOTT WALDEMARSON:**

We had snow today, and we were out plowing streets, sidewalks, and driveways. The Mayor asked if all driveways were clearly marked, Mr. Waldemarson said they were.

**HEAD DISPATCHER CASH:**

Nothing at this time.

**FIRE CHIEF SUHY:**

Chief Suhy told Council that before the meeting, they swore in the 3 Fireman that were brought back because of the SAFER Grant. He wanted to thank Council and Silverload for all the help they gave in pursuing the grant. The Mayor said that hopefully through attrition they will continue to be on the department full time after the grant runs out.

**POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:**

Thanked Silverload for good information on obtaining some grants for the department. Recognized Policemen Frank Trusso and Dave Lucas for putting on an active shooter training session for the managers at the Fire Fighters Credit Union. They did a great job, and Ferro Corporation also wants to have them do training for them in the future.

**LAW DIRECTOR JON GREENBERG:**

Nothing at this time.

**CLERK UNGER:**

Nothing at this time.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:**

Nothing at this time.

**ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:**

Nothing at this time.

**BUILDING COMMISIONER NORM CASINI:**

Informed us that Alcoa is almost complete with their addition. Charter Steel has also completed their façade expansion. Also, Premier Development has completed the area for SS Kemp to occupy, and they did a beautiful job.

Future projects include the Sewer District has 3-4 projects coming up, Northern Stamping is looking to expand, and Western Reserve Water Works as well as Thompson Aluminum are looking to put up additions.

**ASSISTANT TO THE BUILDING COMMISIONER KENNY LABELLA:**

Nothing at this time.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

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WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Ms. Henley that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.