MINUTES VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS CAUCUS DECEMBER 14, 2016 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CAUCUS

DECEMBER 14, 2016

Ms. Duszynski called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Bill Mason, Ben Chojnacki, Barbara Biro, Todd Bloam, Marilyn Duszynski, Cheryl Harris, and Matt Schoeffler. Also in attendance were Building Commissioner Norm Casini, Village Engineer Todd Sciano, and Assistant Clerk Angel Meriwether.

Mr. Bloam will make the motion to excuse Ms. Henley from the Council Meeting, Mr. Schoeffler agreed to second.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None	at	this	time.
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PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

MINUTES:

November 7, 2016	Special Workshop
November 9, 2016	Council Caucus
November 9, 2016	Council Meeting

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Position of Cash Statement November 2016 R.I.T.A Preliminary report December 2016

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

LEGISLATION:

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

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, seconded by Ms. Duszynski.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-114

Payment of Certain Claims: Payroll General Bills (#50728 - #50843) \$756,503.46

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-115

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR JEAN BLOAM

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

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PUMPER TRUCK AS SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL

Mr. Schoeffler asked if the money from the sale went back to the General Fund, and how it was going to be sold. Mr. Unger said that the money from the sale would go back into the General Fund, and it was going to be auctioned off at GovDeals.com. There will be a reserve price set for the sale, but we are not sure yet what that price is.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-117

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-118

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH BURTON SCOT CONTRACTORS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE HARVARD AVENUE REPAIR, RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Ms. Biro asked whether the legislation should state Alcoa's new name of Arconics, the Mayor said that the original contract stated Alcoa, so it is best we leave the name the same. If it needs to be changed at a later date, we can amend the contract. Ms. Biro also asked the Engineer Mr. Sciano if this would also then give us the traffic signal at Alcoa. Mr. Sciano stated that the masts for the signals are not even up, and we won't be able to finish that portion until next year.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PEST MANAGEMENT INCORPORATED FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICES

Mayor Bacci stated that it is the same contract as last year, no changes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-120

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZARNEY CREATIVE FOR MARKETING SERVICES

The Mayor stated that this is also the same contract that we had for last year, no changes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-121

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND AND RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Biro asked what this grant will cover. Mayor Bacci stated that the Clean Ohio is similar to the original grant we got for the trail, this is monies that we will be going after that try to bridge the gap that we have for the full cost of the trail to come up to the street level. We have the ODOT grant for \$750,000.00, and the total cost is over a million, so we are trying to exercise any grants that are out there to cover the rest of the costs. Clean Ohio is a good partner because they are all about connecting parks to residential and school areas. They already helped us on this project before, so we are trying to leverage any grants out there to help us pay for the rest of the project, and we feel Clean Ohio is a good partner.

Ms. Biro asked if for some reason we didn't want to move forward with the project, could we not take the grant. Mayor Bacci said absolutely, but if we are awarded this grant together with the ODOT Grant, we can do the whole project. Mayor Bacci said that moving into 2018, we should have a clear picture of what Village funds will be needed to finish this project. The maximum on this grant is \$500,000.00, so coupled with the ODOT Grant, it would cover the full cost of the project, minus some engineering fees.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This grant is a collaborative effort with Chief Sturgill and Silverload for 800 MHz radios. They reached out to Valley View, Brooklyn Hts., and Newburgh Hts. Police Departments. Once the Fire Departments heard about the grant, they also wanted to be included, and it became a collaborative effort for both departments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-123

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SILVERLODE CONSULTING, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Silverload was brought into the Village by the former Mayor Bacci to help with economic development. As we transitioned through the greatest depression of our time, we asked them to hone their duties to not only economic development, but to also spend time with our department heads, Council, and Administration for grants. This would help us reduce costs for Village needs, and in the last 7 to 8 years, the grants that we have been awarded through Silverload total 3.4 million dollars. Silverload has been a great asset to our community. They also work with our local businesses to show them what is available at the local, State, and Federal level, and how we can help them in order to succeed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-124

AN ORDINANCE TO PROCEED WITH THE APPROPRIATION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4937 E. 72nd PLACE IN THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FOR PUBLIC PARK, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PURPOSES

Mr. Mason explained that there was a signed agreement in place with the owner, but when the title work came through, it was discovered that there were a number of lien holders that meant there could be no clear title. So the next step is for the Village to take the property through Eminent Domain.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-125

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-126 AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2017

After some discussion it was agreed to amend the appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-127 AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 237 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VILLAGE CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-128 AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 234 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE POSITION OF CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Biro questioned the thirty day notice before replacing the individual. The Mayor stated that that is to give them time during a transition of a new Administration, but it would still have to be voted by Council for approval.

Ms. Biro noted that a date within the legislation should read 2018, and not 2017 in Section 4. Mr. Mason said he would amend the legislation, and also 2016-127. Council was asked to pass both pieces of legislation as amended.

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

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION CONCERNING SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES WHICH WOULD REMOVE LOCAL CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

The Mayor explained that the PUCO gave the authority to wireless providers to put up small poles up to 150 feet in a right of way. So now there could lawfully be a 150 foot pole in any right of way for wireless communications. So all this is doing is saying that we do not agree with the law as it now stands.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-130

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROPVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CHARTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. AND AUTHORIZING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-131

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., THE CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5045 EAST 71ST STREET

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-133

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-134

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL 702; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-135

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE 67; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Duszynski made a motion to go into Executive Session concerning the Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Ms. Duszynski made the motion to come out of Executive Session and back into the council Caucus, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

I need a motion to authorize the Engineer to prepare plans and specifications to advertise for bids for the Bacci Park Baseball Field Improvements.

Mr. Bloam will make that motion, seconded by Ms. Biro.

Ms. Biro asked what is the timeline for the bids. Mr. Sciano explained that bids will be due on January 5th, and legislation will be on the next business meeting. Ms. Harris asked about the total cost of the project, and the Mayor stated that we will see what the bids come in at for the fencing, and he has some additional sources of revenue for the project that he is working on. Ms. Biro wanted to know if we need to relook at the appropriations to encumber this project. Mr. Sciano said we will not see any bills until around March. Ms. Biro said we still need to encumber the amount when the legislation is passed, and this is something we need to look at.

Caucus ended at 7:15 pm.

MINUTES VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2016 7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2016

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Barb Biro, Todd Bloam, Marilyn Duszynski, Cheryl Harris, and Matt Schoeffler. Also present were Law Director Bill Mason, Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, Engineer Todd Sciano, Building Commissioner Norm Casini, Service Director Dave Sammons, Head Dispatcher Barb Cash, Police Chief Brian Sturgill, Fire Chief Mike Suhy, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, and Assistant Clerk Angel Meriwether.

The Mayor asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Mrs. Jean Bloam.

ROLL CALL: Biro, Bloam, Duszynski, Harris, Henley, Schoeffler

Mr. Bloam made the motion to excuse Ms. Henley from the Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

MINUTES:

November 7, 2016	Special Workshop
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Ms. Harris made the motion to accept the Minutes and put them on file, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Position of Cash Statement November 2016 R.I.T.A Preliminary report December 2016

Mr. Bloam made the motion to accept the reports as prepared, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-114

Payment of Certain Claims: \$756,503.46 Payroll General Bills (#50728 - #50843)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-115

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR JEAN BLOAM

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

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PUMPER TRUCK AS SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL

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

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PEST MANAGEMENT INCORPORATED FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICES

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-120

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

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-123

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SILVERLODE CONSULTING, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-124

AN ORDINANCE TO PROCEED WITH THE APPROPRIATION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4937 E. 72nd PLACE IN THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FOR PUBLIC PARK, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PURPOSES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-125

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-126 AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2017

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-127 AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 237 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VILLAGE CLERK; 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, Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Biro, Bloam, Duszynski, Harris, Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-128 AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 234 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE POSITION OF CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-129

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION CONCERNING SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES WHICH WOULD REMOVE LOCAL CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-130

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROPVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CHARTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. AND AUTHORIZING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-131

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., THE CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-132

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5045 EAST 71ST STREET

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-133

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Biro asked the Law Director Mr. Mason if all of us should be included in the vote even if we have relatives that work in the department. Mr. Mason stated that it would be prudent for them to abstain during the voting.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL 702; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-135

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE 67; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Bloam made the motion to authorize the Engineer to prepare plans and specifications to advertise for bids for the Bacci Park Baseball Field Improvements, seconded by Ms. Biro. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

We started the meeting with a moment of silence for the passing of Mrs. Jean Bloam, a great woman in our community. She served as Councilwoman in the 70s, and again in the 80s. She and I had some very spirited conversations about decisions that were made during my time as Mayor. Later on, she confided in me that her husband had taken and hidden away in their home the original fire bell from the old fire station. She gave it to me, and we had it cleaned up and now it resides in our Historical Society room at the Kennedy House. I promised at that time that I would not let anyone know they had it until they both passed away, and I kept my promise. She will be missed.

Ms. Duszynski also noted that she was our pool manager for some time.

Moving onto the Redskin Football team, they were incredible at the State Tournament. Unfortunately, our Redskins Varsity football team lost to Maria Stein Marion Local in the Division VI state championship but we are all so very proud of them. They never gave up! Our boys have every reason to be proud of -- what they accomplished no other football team in the school's history has done that. They just didn't play a game, they also helped in the healing process of a school district. On behalf of the entire Village, congratulations to our 2016 Varsity Football Team and coaches and thank you for this incredible ride.

Last month I had the opportunity to visit Northern Stamping. They are expanding their business which will bring many positive changes and growth for their company, although the full impact of their expansion will not be felt until the latter part of 2017. Next month, they will be adding a second shift staffed with good paying, skilled, manufacturing jobs. We have enjoyed a long and successful relationship with Northern Stamping and are very excited for them.

I wanted to thank the employees of Charter Steel and SAFC Cleveland |Research Organics, who generously reached out to our office, they will be helping out several families in our Village this holiday season.

Congratulations to Clerk Unger and his wife Janine who became grandparents for the eighth time. They welcomed their newest edition on December 6, a baby girl – Austin Jaymes who weighed in at 6-lbs., 3-oz and 19.5-inches. Parents Dustin and Michelle are doing well.

Milestone birthday wishes to Mary Schoeffler who turned "40" on December 3. Cheers!

December birthday wishes to employees: Brenda Poole – December 4; Jesse James – December 8; Vince Trusso – December 12; Wendy Heinzman – December 14; Diane Simmons – December 15; Lou Franko & Damon Schreiber – December 16; Howard Selig – December 21; and Frank Trusso – December 30. Happy birthday to all!

Santa is gearing up for Christmas and making a special stop in the Village this Sunday beginning at 11:00 a.m. for our resident children. While we are out with Santa, anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items may do so by leaving it on your front porch by 11:00 a.m.

Also that evening, don't forget to turn on your lights at 5:00 p.m., we have our annual Christmas Lighting Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place.

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, Mr. Curtis McLaughlin, Mrs. Donna Pellini, Mr. Micky Sajetowski, and Mr. Frank Schoeffler.

Wishing everyone a very Merry & Blessed Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year.

MS. BIRO

The Economic Development Committee will begin meetings again in January. One of the pieces of legislation from the EDC is on the agenda for today from Clean Ohio, and also a grant for our safety forces. I had the opportunity to go to Ohio State for the football game, my daughter Becky who is 12 and in the school band had a wonderful opportunity to go into the Ohio State University band room, and they were all very impressed. Ms. Biro just wished the gentleman anouncing the game would have called us Cuyahoga Heights instead of Cleveland Heights! All in all it was a great experience for all of us. Mayor Bacci stated that the band members at Ohio State are like rock stars, and it is a big deal.

She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from her and her family.

MR. BLOAM:

Public Works will also be starting meetings in January. It has been an incredibly busy year for us, and we will be getting together with Dave Sammons and Todd Sciano to start looking at projects for 2017.

Mr. Bloam also mentioned he got to go to the game with the high school band, and he totally agrees with Ms. Biro, it was a great experience for everyone.

Again, the Mayor stated that the band members are celebrities on campus, and apologized to Mr. Bloam for always making fun of Mr. Bloams time in the band.

Mr. Bloam wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MS. DUSZYNSKI:

The Finance Committee approved a change order for \$850.00 to put on an aluminum roof instead of a metal roof to Champion Roofing. We also approved a purchase of \$11,037.96 for emergency work on Harvard Hill to C&K Industries to clean the catch basins. On December 6th, we also approved to Title Research Transystems a PO in the amount of \$10,530.00 for work required by the State to be used to acquire the properties in the Village.

Ms. Duszynski said she watched the game on television, and she was jumping up and down like a little kid, it was very exciting. She said that the other team have been champions for many years. The Mayor said they lost one game in the last two years, and were ready for us in the finals. We almost beat them, and it was an exciting game to watch.

Ms. Duszynski asked the Mayor if he would put something in the newsletter explaining the water problems on E. 71st Street. Mayor Bacci said he would, and explained that in putting in new water lines for the new house on E. 71st Street, the Water Department broke their own lines, and had to make repairs at their own expense.

Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy and blessed new year to everyone from Dennis and I in the New Year.

MS. HARRIS:

There has been no movement for the recall effort concerning the School Board, it is still in the lawyers offices.

Ms. Harris was also at the game to see her grandson Matt Harris play. She noticed that after the game, many of the mothers were crying as well as the players. They were all very thankful for the enormous support that they received from the residents and the communities. It really brought everyone together.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Thanked everyone who helped him during his first year on Council. He believes we have done a lot of good things for the Village and the residents, and looking forward to next year. Merry Christmas to everyone.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

Thanked everyone that helped him out during his first four months in his new position. Thanked Chief Sturgill and everyone else that helped out during the Shop with a Cop Program. It is a great program, and it helped 322 children this year realize a very happy Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

HEAD DISPATCHER BARB CASH:

Was glad to hear that the Mayor is now a Buckeyes fan, and wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

We had an audit of our two Hazmat teams, and the team our employees were on had no deficiencies. Also, our Fire Investigation Team got an award for a job well done.

POLICE CHIEF BRIAN STURGILL:

Thanked everyone working on the grant that will get radios in all the cars and squads in excess of \$250,000.00. We have high hopes that we will be awarded this grant. Silverload told us that we would have a better chance if it became a regional grant, so we have included other communities to participate in order to have a better chance of getting the grant. This is a good opportunity to update all of our radios for a minimal cost of a 10% match. The Mayor stated that we first looked at this grant at a local level, then we realized that we would have a better shot if we had regional participation, and that is where we are today. We have a much better chance of getting the grant with more communities signing on and participating than just our Village. Chief Strugill said by including more communities, we don't leave any money on the table, we can get the most out of the grant.

LAW DIRECTOR BILL MASON:

Merry Christmas to all.

CLERK UNGER:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ASSISTANT CLERK, ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Thanked Council for their help in restructuring the Finance Department, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Today we passed legislation to acquire the property at 5045 E. 71st Street. Many thanks to the Mayor and Mr. Mason for their guidance on this acquisition. There was a lot of work that went into this over the course of the last nine months behind the scenes that no one talks about or knows, and he appreciates all of the work that they have done to help make this happen.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Consolidated Electrical Distributors have moved into the Heat Seal Building, and they did a beautiful job. Thanked everyone for helping the Building Department for the last 21 years, and hopefully the next 21 years will be the same. Mayor Bacci joked, at that rate Mr. Casini will be working until he is 121! Mr. Casini wished everyone a happy, healthy New Year.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Resident Cindy Krenisky asked the Mayor what property they are trying to acquire. Mayor Bacci said it was the property on E. 71st Street next to the Mallos property.

Ms. Krenisky and former Fire Chief Neil Cash wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

WHERFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.