

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
JANUARY 11, 2017
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

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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, Lois Henley, and Matt Schoeffler. Also in attendance were Assistant Building Commissioner Ken Labella, Village Engineer Todd Sciano, and Assistant Clerk Angel Meriwether.

Ms. Duszynski stated that the Clerk is accepting nominations for President of Council.

Ms. Henley nominated Ms. Harris, and Ms. Biro nominated Ms. Duszynski. The Mayor said that we will need a second for one or both. Mr. Bloam said that he will second Ms. Duszynski. Mr. Schoeffler said he would second Ms. Harris, but Ms. Harris declined to be up for nomination at this time, and decided to let Ms. Duszynski become the President of Council for 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the Mayor: a letter to the residents on E. 49st Street about the potential project behind their homes concerning the slope failure.

Ms. Harris agreed to make the motion to accept the communications and place them on file, Ms. Duszynski agreed to second.

Mayor Bacci asked anyone on Council if they received any calls concerning this project. Mr. Schoeffler stated that he received two calls, one from the Smosarskis' who are at the very end of the project and it doesn't have a big effect on their property, and another from Tim Nichols that said he was promised that when the Village bought the old Atwell estate, that there would never be a landfill behind the properties. Mr. Schoeffler explained to him about the erosion issue and the grant program that we are eligible for, and he said that he would try to make the next meeting to ask some questions. Ms. Henley stated that she doesn't believe we made the promise that there would never be a landfill in the back of the Atwell property. Mr. Schoeffler has no idea what was promised, but knew that at the time the Village did not want any landfill there, and many people spoke up against it and the Village bought the property to make sure that didn't happen.

Ms. Henley said that was the reason we bought the property for a ridiculous amount of money, so there would not be a landfill. Mayor Bacci said we paid \$120,000 for a property appraised at \$20,000 (the Village also received an easement). Mr. Schoeffler asked the Mayor if there was any promise at that time that the back property would not be a landfill. Mayor Bacci said no.

Ms. Biro added that this project is not a sanitary or construction demolition landfill. The project will be filled entirely with clean materials – with no trash. The only other question she had was what happens to the trees. Mayor Bacci said that the majority of the homes have little or no trees on privately owned properties, as you get closer to the south end, two of the privately owned properties do have trees that will be impacted. For example, the Smosarski property will have little or no impact from the project unless they wish to have fill added to the east side of their property. The parcels that will have the most impact are the Nagy property, and the old Palinkas property. The Mayor stated that we are solving an erosion issue affecting many properties, and most likely will affect other properties in the future, along with a host of other issues that we have, including storm water retention for future development projects. For anyone that is involved in this project, there is a benefit added of extending their yards. And after the project is complete, we will put back something better than what exists today.

We don't want anyone to be misinformed, or have inaccurate information, so the Mayor asked that anyone that has any questions, please call him at the Town Hall. He explained that after we do the project, the homeowners' current property will be fortified from erosion issues, along with more useable property behind their homes, ultimately increasing property values. There will no longer be an erosion or slippage issue. If anyone isn't favorable to the project, a small portion of the property (at the base of the hillside) in question will be purchased from the private individual for a public utility. He doesn't understand why anyone would not want the project to go forward when it will be beneficial to everyone. The Mayor would like to personally talk to all the homeowners to make sure they understand exactly what is happening with the project, and how it will be beneficial to them.

Ms. Biro had a suggestion from one of the homeowners to have an open meeting with the residents affected, in order to get the facts. The Mayor said when we know that the project is actually going to happen, he would love to have a meeting with the homeowners. He mentioned that if some of the residents are concerned at this time, such as the Smosarski family they will be most welcome to call me and go over the information. We have always had a friendly relationship with the Smosarski family and look forward explaining the project personally with them any time moving forward.

Ms. Duszynski asked Mr. Schoeffler if in his talks with the Nichols' family if they told Mr. Schoeffler that they were losing ground to the erosion. Mr. Schoeffler stated that the Nichols' garage is literally one foot over the erosion in the rear of the property. The Mayor stated that the Nichols' property would be restored correcting the erosion issue; therefore, they would gain a larger, flat back yard. We will also replace the trees that need to come down with mature trees, not saplings. It would be a big benefit for them to have a larger yard. Once again, homeowners would benefit with more area for their families to enjoy.

PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

MINUTES:

December 14, 2016	Council Caucus
December 14, 2016	Council Meeting

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R.I.T.A Preliminary report January 2017

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01	FIRST READING	
	Payment of Certain Claims:	\$000,000.00
	Payroll	
	General Bills	
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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR GLENN A. SNODDY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2017 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR
GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04

AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION SCHEDULE RANGES FOR VILLAGE
EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GREAT NORTHERN FENCE, CO.'S BID PROPOSAL FOR
BACCI PARK BASEBALL FIELD FENCE IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Duszynski asked if Mr. Sciano could explain where in Bacci Park the fence will be erected. He stated that the fencing will include the backstops, the side fencing, through the outfield, and there will be a common fence between ballfields one and two. This will also be the same for the softball field.

Mayor Bacci stated that our backstop and fencing at Bacci Park was done over 40 years ago, and it is time to replace it. Our goal and hope is to have the Lady Redskins at Ballfield #2, and to get the boys baseball team off of the landfill behind the school, and at Bacci Park. The Mayor explained that the facility is for everybody playing ball at Bacci Park, that goes for any softball, slow-pitch, or fastball teams that will use the fields. Ms. Duszynski asked if the school could offset the costs of this project. Mayor Bacci stated that the school has limited funding, and the big money maker as it is with every school is the football program, not the baseball program.

The Mayor does have some ideas that might help offset most of these costs, and he is working on them, when he has more concrete information, he will advise Council.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Tim Nichols entered the meeting late, and after the Mayor had spoken about the E.49th Street project concerning the houses on the east side that was discussed at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Duszynski asked the Mayor if he wanted to address the issue with Mr. Nichols again. The Mayor said that he had a great relationship with Mr. Nichols, and talks to him all the time, if he has a question, he would be glad to go over anything. Mr. Nichols stated that he did have a question, and he would like the conversation to be public, and that he came to the meeting to discuss the landfill.

The Mayor again stated that we talked about the conceptual filling of the back property on E. 49th Street. As you may or may not be aware, about 14-15 years ago, there was this push to fix the properties north of you that were having erosion issues. After hundreds of thousands of dollars of public and private sector investments in trying to resolve these issues, I proposed that we take over the properties that is considered the Nicky Boulevard landfill. One reason was to get a better position with the EPA because they were not very flexible with the current owners.

Once we take over the property, the first task is to culvert (pipe) the current stormwater flow that comes from General Electric to the base of the CSX Railroad. One of the ideas for a source of clean fill would be shale from the Regional Sewer District tunnel projects, again fortifying the residential properties from erosion issues in the future. Please note that one of the contributing factors stem from a solution to basement flooding issues on East 49th Street. Councilman Bohdan, Mayor Louis Bacci, and Mr. Pete Boyas simply solved this issue with the basements but by diverting storm water into the landfill. What happened, is they solved one issue and inadvertently caused another.

So, our proposal to the EPA today has a lot of traction, and they see that we are just trying to solve a problem for our residents, and create an economic opportunity for our community with storm water retention in place. The Mayor also stated that no structures or development would take place on these properties adjacent to our residents. All economic development opportunities would take place on what is today the “top side” of the landfill. The Mayor told Mr. Nichols that although we will not be building behind the homes, the woods as you know them, will no longer exist, but assured Mr. Nichols that the new part would be much better aesthetically, and it would be Village owned, and Village maintained. Mr. Nichols stated that if the trees disappear, that is bad. The Mayor said that new, mature trees will be replanted in their place. Mr. Nichols said that there are trees behind the houses that are older than the Village, and cannot be replaced. Mayor

Bacci said yes, there may be trees older than the Village, but there are also trees there that many on a scale of tree lovers, have little or no value. Mayor Bacci stated that we would put back on Village property, a beautiful maintained green space, which will be equal to or greater than what anyone believes to be green space today.

So, there is Boyas property, Village property, and to the south is some privately owned property. What this does is it fortifies everyone's property from any erosion issues in the future. It eliminates the erosion problems completely, one that currently haunts our East 71st Street residents today. Mr. Nichols said he had Renato Contipelli, Paul Dey, and Scott Waldemarson in his backyard 4 years ago because the erosion is right at his garage, and his fence is leaning over due to the erosion, as is his neighbors, but there are some properties that have no erosion. The Mayor said he would show Mr. Nichols the map showing where the erosion is occurring. The Mayor said that this will fortify Mr. Nichols' land forever, and he will never have another erosion issue. Mr. Nichols agreed, but to do it, you have to level the land and fill it in, and it will be gone. He said that this is green space that we fought for when we bought the Atwell property. The Mayor reiterated that as we get further down the road on this project, what you will see on drawings and understandings will be much better for you as a homeowner than what you have today. Today, you have somewhat of a quisi forest, and the Mayor assured Mr. Nichols that you will get that and then some back. Mr. Nichols said but then we will lose the woods. Mayor Bacci said that you will lose the woods that you have today, and you will gain a new green space area better than what you have today.

Mr. Nichols also said that if that happens, you will also give people access to walking from Nicky Boulevard to behind the houses on E. 49th, and now it becomes a security issue for the residents. The Mayor said there is a straight walk down a railroad bed also, which is currently behind the homes. He said as your friend and Mayor, he will promise you and all the other homeowners that they will be involved with what is going on every step of the way during this project. When you see the whole project to completion on paper, it might not be what you had growing up, but it will be better.

Mr. Nichols asked what is the time frame for the project. Mayor Bacci said we don't have anything in place, we are currently going for some grants, and working with the EPA, and there are many more moving parts to the project. Once these are all in place, we will have a community meeting with the residents. Mr. Nichols just wanted to make it known in public that those woods are his childhood memories as well as his dad's childhood memories, and it is very special to him. The Mayor said he understands his concerns, but he was elected to this position to do what is best for the whole, and not individuals, and he feels this is what's best for everyone moving forward, to fix the erosion issue for the residents as well as future residents, and to open an economic development opportunity for future growth, adding tax dollars which in turn helps to sustain our services.

Mr. Nichols asked if there would ever be any houses or construction on the area designated green space. The Mayor said no, there would be no construction behind the houses, but there would be on Nicky Boulevard in the area that currently exists. The green space that you will get behind the houses will be just like the houses on the other side of E. 49th Street, they have an easement for CEI that they can use as a back yard, but they can't build on it. It would be the same thing, you

can use the land as your back yard, but it would be owned and maintained by the Village. The part that would be for development would be at a much higher grade, and not immediately behind the homes. He wanted to make the residents aware of what is going on, and when something comes up regarding the project, the residents will be the first to know. I want people to get accurate information, and try to please everyone. Mr. Nichols is still not happy with all the trees being taken down. The Mayor said he would get him some new trees.

Mr. Nichols is concerned that when the Village bought the Atwell property on E. 49th Street, that they guaranteed that it would always be green space, and now 10+ years later, you want to fill it in, and he is worried about people walking to his home from Nicky Boulevard. Mayor Bacci said if he owned one of the homes involved, he would be ecstatic, because of the improvement that it will bring to the homeowner, and Mayor Bacci guaranteed Mr. Nichols that he would be happy with the end result.

Mayor Bacci thanked Mr. Nichols for being there, and assured him that he will keep the residents updated on any new information concerning the project.

Mayor Bacci asked Council to please consider when you talk about the George Suhy Grant adding another year to the grant. I would ask Council to consider giving the homeowner the ability to use the grant three out of five years. Currently it is two out of five. This won't wipe out our budget, and it will help all homeowners make more investments into their houses which helps us all by keeping up our housing stock moving forward.

Mr. Bloam asked Mr. Labella if he would give Council a spreadsheet showing how many residents have used the grant since its inception. Mr. Labella said he would get them the information. Mr. Schoeffler asked if there was some way we could pay the contractor, and not the owner. Clerk Unger stated that it would be a nightmare paying contractors, because what if the work isn't done, or isn't done correctly, then we would have to use legal means to go after the contractor. Mr. Unger feels the process we have in place is the best way to administer the grant. The Mayor said we must be very careful because we don't want any fraud to take place, but if there is a way we can guarantee the contractor that the homeowner will get this grant if the work is done correctly, we can look into something like that.

Ms. Duszynski made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate, and Economic Development, 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 Caucus, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Caucus ended at 8:45pm.

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The Mayor asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Mr. Glenn Allen Snoddy.

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

Clerk Unger asked for nominations for Council President for 2017. Ms. Biro made a motion to nominate Ms. Duszynski for President of Council for 2017, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the Mayor: a letter to the residents on E. 49st Street concerning the potential project behind their homes.

Ms. Biro made the motion to put the communications on file, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

PERMITS:

None at this time

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

MINUTES:

December 14, 2016 Council Caucus
December 14, 2016 Council Meeting

Ms. Harris made the motion to accept the Minutes and put them on file, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R.I.T.A Preliminary report January 2017

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01

FIRST READING

Payment of Certain Claims: \$000,000.00
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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR GLENN A. SNODDY

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the Resolution 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. 2017-03

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2017 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR
GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE**

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION SCHEDULE RANGES FOR VILLAGE
EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GREAT NORTHERN FENCE, CO.'S BID PROPOSAL FOR
BACCI PARK BASEBALL FIELD FENCE IMPROVEMENTS**

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

None at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Mayor Bacci will give his notes to Clerk Unger to be presented in the Minutes. He wanted to take this time to talk about his good friend Glenn Snoddy who recently passed away. Everyone here besides Bill and Ben had a relationship with Glenn, and I spent a lifetime with him, and he was a true Cuyahoga Heights resident. He never wavered on how wonderful it is to be a resident and be part of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. His passing is incredibly tragic for a number of reasons. He is the first of my age group that grew up together to pass away, and I remember all the good times we had growing up in the Village.

Glenn was one of those people that had a lot more talent than we ever actually got to enjoy. Partly because he wasn't very motivated most of the time. He could have been an incredible athlete, because every time he was asked to participate in something, he was great. He raced cars down at Cloverleaf Speedway and had limited success on a tight budget. The Mayor could go on and on about the good things Glenn brought to all of us, but he wants everyone to know that Glenn was Cuyahoga Heights, and he loved being a part of this community. He was very proud of the way his community was running, and proud of the fact that we have done things that changed our community to keep up with other communities, and loved everything about our Village.

If you see any of the Snoddy family members please give them a hug. You could never go wrong with Glenn, no matter if you were doing something good or bad. I loved him like a brother, and he will be dearly missed.

On a positive note, another dear friend of mine and Councilwoman Harris' son, Steve Harris, was appointed to the Cuyahoga Heights School Board this past Tuesday. Steve will do what's in the best interest for the school collectively – returning the sustainability of one of the pillars of our community.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas.

I wanted to take a moment and thank those who generously gave and helped out several families in our community this past Christmas.

To the employees of Charter Steel & SAFC and to the Garfield Heights Eagles Club - Ladies Auxiliary #2217 for adopting several families in our Village and providing them with a Christmas they will never forget. To the students and staff of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, including Councilman Schoeffler for the overabundance of food. We were able to help

out several families in our Village – as well as assisting the St. John Paul II Ozanam Center’s food pantry at Holy Name which was organized by Councilwoman Henley. To our police officers for the 6th year – our Mayor’s Court dismissed traffic citations in lieu of defendants donating Giant Eagle gift cards. As part of our Mayor’s Court outreach program, we presented St. Herman’s House of Hospitality and The Greater Real Truth Church with the gift cards. Additional kudos to CHPD for participating in the “Shop with a Cop Program” – they were able to help out two families in our Village. To the members of AFSCME Local 2798 (NEORSD) for Giant Eagle gift cards. To Bryon & Deanna Borowy, and Local #702 for donations of Toys-R-Us gift cards which helped out several children in our Village. THANK YOU!

I’m happy to report that we finally have a full bus for a Village trip. Residents will be going to Kalahari on Saturday, January 28. Thank you to our Village Hall staff for organizing the event – they will also be organizing a trip to see a Cleveland Monsters game in March – information will be in the next newsletter.

Special milestone birthday wishes to Councilwoman Cheryl Harris (January 8) and Councilwoman Lois Henley (January 12). The big “70”! Congratulations ladies!

January birthday wishes to employees: Richard Friedl & Dan Coutleur – January 4; Reno Contipelli – January 13; Jimmy Henley – January 16; Kyle Zuber - January 19; and Jacquelyn Kaminski – January 24

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 Mrs. Patty Smosarski. Also, to Janine and Bob Unger – Janine’s dad who is 91 had a stroke last Thursday. And finally, a speedy recovery to Building Commissioner Norm Casini.

MS. BIRO

This evening was the first meeting of 2017 for the Economic Development Committee. We do have an outline, and it will be incorporated into the next batch of Minutes that will be approved at the meeting next month. We approved the October 12, 2016 Minutes, and asked the Clerk to put them on file.

MR. BLOAM:

Mr. Bloam called a Public Works Meeting for Wednesday February 8th at 5:00pm. He requested that Dave Sammons, and Todd Sciano attend. We are going to get a timeline for the year and prioritize the projects for Council. The Mayor also asked Mr. Bloam if he could have a pre meeting with the Mayor, it would be very beneficial. Mr. Bloam said he would make that happen so everyone is on the same page moving forward.

MS. DUSZYNSKI:

The Finance Committee approved a purchase in the amount of \$6,641.04 to Planet Technology. This is a yearly cost for licensing of our emails for the Village employees.

We also had our first Finance Committee Meeting for 2017, all of the Finance Members attended, as well as the Clerk, and Ms. Meriwether, the Assistant Clerk. We are always looking for ways to make our Finance Department more efficient, and it was a very productive meeting.

Ms. Duszynski told the Mayor that she is very sorry for his loss of his best friend Glenn. He was a wonderful young man, always happy, and I was very fond of him. He was content with what he had, and who he was, and that is what made him so likeable.

Ms. Duszynski asked if the Flower Fund is ok, and wondered if we needed to put something in the flyer. The Mayor said it is stable right now, but any donations would be appreciated.

Ms. Duszynski thanked the Council for their support in electing her to be the President of Council for 2017.

MS. HARRIS:

The school on Tuesday had the opening of the new science lab. Arcellor Mittal made a significant donation to the school of \$30,000.00 to help with the costs of the lab. They are making a concerted effort to bring more girls into the Engineering program. They put on a number of presentations from the students that were very impressive. They are going to have a presentation to the public on the 22nd, and she is sure it will be wonderful. Summer Paris from Arcellor Mittal gave a great speech on how the students will be able to transfer the knowledge they receive to real life jobs.

Ms. Harris asked the Mayor the status on the booklet that we are supposed to pass out to new residents. The Mayor said it is a work in progress, and it is still being worked on.

Ms. Harris said that she has very fond memories of Glenn, and will miss him. She also congratulated her son Steven Harris as being the new School Board member. The Mayor said now he will know how it feels to have to please everyone, and congratulated him on his appointment.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley also has many fond memories of Glenn, but was shocked to see how much he looked like his dad. I have been very close to the Snoddy family forever, and it is very sad for everyone, they are a wonderful group of people.

Asked Mr. Bloam if there are any items from the old parks that we could incorporate into the splash pool. Mr. Bloam said he would look into it.

My neighbors are not happy that they were not chosen for the Christmas light contest in the Village, and was wondering if there was something more we can do for everyone. Council feels that what we do for the Christmas light contest is fair, and it will remain the same. The Mayor said that there are always at least 5 homes that go all out for Christmas, and there are only 3 prizes, so someone has to lose, but everyone does a good job. Don't forget your neighbors won the year before, and the winners are chosen by an independent person, not by any officials.

Ms. Henley asked if there was some criteria for wages in the Service Department. The Mayor said we have a scale for all employees, and as they get certifications or more skill sets, they will command a higher rate. If they choose to be a laborer, and don't do anything to better themselves, they get the same raise that is given to everyone.

She complimented Ms. Schoeffler for how she handles renting out the Town Hall. She doesn't waiver in the rules, and treats everyone the same. It is very impressive, Lee Ann does it the right way.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

Nothing at this time.

HEAD DISPATCHER BARB CASH:

Nothing at this time.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Nothing at this time.

POLICE CHIEF BRIAN STURGILL:

Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR BILL MASON:

Nothing at this time.

CLERK UNGER:

As the Mayor mentioned, there was a time that Glenn and I hung out for a while, even though our ages are very different. The Mayor said Glen and I are very similar in the fact that we always have a smile on our faces, and nothing seems to bother us. Clerk Unger said that is why they got along, because we always enjoyed life, probably more than most people should. I will miss him, he was a good kid.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

ASSISTANT CLERK, ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Nothing at this time.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Nothing at this time.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Nothing at this time.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

Mr. Casini has been in the hospital this week for a minor procedure, but will be back early next week, so keep him in your thoughts.

2016 has been a pretty good year for the Building Department, we took in approximately \$140,000.00 in permits and 125 contractors registered. We are starting 2017 with 48 registered contractors and pending improvements with North East Ohio Sewer District, Sigma Aldrich, and

Daugherty Properties Partnerships. 2017 home exterior maintenance inspections will start in April, and home rental renewal applications will be going out in February, and be due by April 1st.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.