

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
JANUARY 9, 2019
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

JANUARY 9, 2019

Ms. Harris called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll.

Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Law Director Bill Mason, Clerk Unger, Todd Bloam, Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli, Cheryl Harris, and Lois Henley.

Also in attendance were Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, CFO Angel Meriwether, Engineer Todd Sciano, Building Commissioner Norm Cassini, and Assistant Building Commissioner Ken LaBella.

Motion to excuse Mr. Schoeffler from the meeting.

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

The Clerk accepts nominations for President of Council for 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

December 2018, Finance Committee:

Approved a purchase in the amount of \$5,250.00 to the Industrial Appraisal Company to provide an appraisal for the Village for insurance valuation purposes.

Approved a quote from Planet Technologies for our Annual Email Exchange Server Contract in the amount of \$6,949.92.

MINUTES:

December 12, 2018 Caucus
December 12, 2018 Council Meeting

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

None at this time.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01

FIRST READING

Payment of Certain Claims: \$0,000,000.00
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

Mr. Unger explained that the Resolution is on the first reading because the Financial Month is not yet closed. It will be ready for passage next month.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2019 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE “PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION” (“PIPE”) PROGRAM

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2019 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES FROM STATEWIDE FORD LINCOLN.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,800,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO CANAL ROAD, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Contipelli asked if this cost included some of the other projects that we talked about, including Canal Road. Ms. Meriwether said we are going to have a Public Works meeting to go over the other projects.

Ms. Henley asked why Canal Road is so much lower in price than Nicky Boulevard. Ms. Meriwether said it is because of the sewer lines in the Nicky Boulevard project that increases the cost.

Mr. Contipelli asked what we will do with any money that is not spent for the project. Ms. Meriwether said that is the estimate that was given to us by the Engineer, and we expect to use it all.

Mr. Centa asked if this was like a home equity loan where you just pay the interest on the money you take out. Ms. Meriwether said no, as soon as you pass the legislation, we get the money, and we will pay the interest on the full amount. He asked if the money collects interest on the money before we spend it. Ms. Meriwether said we don't collect any interest on the money, that is not allowed by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,400,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING SEWER LINES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, INCLUDING NECESSARY SLOPE STABILIZATION, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Bacci said that after the water main break on E.71st Street, he has had some major concerns about the stability of that portion of the road, and they are starting to develop. So in a meeting with Mr. Sciano this afternoon, we want to do some geotech slope stability analysis.

There was a lengthy conversation concerning the slope failure in that area, also on private property in that area, and what we can do to fix it. Mayor Bacci said we are looking into all options to fix this problem, but we have to be very careful in what we do. This is not our fault, but in the spirit of the Village and what we do for our residents, we don't want to walk away from the problem, but we also have an issue for our own road and hillside.

Mayor Bacci and Mr. Sciano explained that everything in that area has been documented everything that has happened in that area for a long time. This is a very serious issue, and hopefully we can find a solution. This stability study will help us to find out what we need to do.

Motion to approve Geo Sci to perform slope stability analysis and other pertinent studies to investigate the water main break on E. 71st Street.

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

MAYORS REPORT:

Motion to go into Executive Session for pending and current litigation and personnel issues.

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

Motion to come out of Executive Session.

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

Caucus ended at 6:30 pm.

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2019
7:00 PM**

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2019

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll.

Those present were, Council members Todd Bloam, Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli, Cheryl Harris, and Lois Henley.

Also present were Law Director Bill Mason, Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, CFO Angel Meriwether, Engineer Todd Sciano, Building Commissioner Norm Cassini, Assistant Building Commissioner Ken LaBella, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, Administrative Accounting Assistant Amanda Domzalski, Administrative Assistant Christina Caporuscio, Service Director Dave Sammons, Police Chief Brian Sturgill, Head Dispatcher Barb Cash, and Fire Chief Mike Suhy.

ROLL CALL: Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, Schoeffler

Motion to excuse Mr. Schoeffler from the meeting.

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

The Clerk accepts nominations for President of Council for 2019.

Mr. Bloam nominated Ms. Harris to remain President of Council for 2019, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

December 2018, Finance Committee:

Approved a purchase in the amount of \$5,250.00 to the Industrial Appraisal Company to provide an appraisal for the Village for insurance valuation purposes.

Approved a quote from Planet Technologies for our Annual Email Exchange Server Contract in the amount of \$6,949.92.

MINUTES:

December 12, 2018 Caucus
December 12, 2018 Council Meeting

Ms. Henley made the motion to accept the Minutes as prepared and place them on file, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

None at this time.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01

FIRST READING

Payment of Certain Claims: \$0,000,000.00
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2019 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE “PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION” (“PIPE”) PROGRAM

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2019 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES FROM STATEWIDE FORD LINCOLN.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,800,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO CANAL ROAD, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,400,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING SEWER LINES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, INCLUDING NECESSARY SLOPE STABILIZATION, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion to approve Geo Sci to perform slope stability analysis and other pertinent studies to investigate the water main break on E. 71st Street.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year!

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

To the employees of Charter Steel & MilliporeSigma for adopting several families in our Village and providing them with a wonderful Christmas. To our residents who graciously donated food during Santa's visit – we were able to help out several families, as well as assisting the St. John Paul Food Bank at Holy Name. To our police officers – 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 six families in our Village. To Bryon & Deanna Borowy, Renato & Michelle Contipelli, Norman & Laura Merhaut and the members of Local 702 for

donating gift cards which also helped out families in our Village. THANK YOU! Our residents and businesses don't lack in generosity.

Special January birthday wishes to: Councilwoman Cheryl Harris (yesterday -- January 8), Councilman Renato Contipelli -- TODAY & Councilwoman Lois Henley (January 12).

January birthday wishes to employees: Reno Contipelli – January 13; Kevin Artle – January 15; Jimmy Henley – January 16; and Jacquelyn Kaminski – January 24

MR. BLOAM:

Happy birthday to Cheryl, Lois, and Renato. Mr. Bloam called a Public Works Meeting on January 23, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall. He asked Mr. Sciano and Mr. Sammons to attend.

MR. CENTA:

Wished all Council members a happy birthday. We are going to have an Open House for the school on Sunday, January 27th from 1-4. It's open to all alumni, grandkids, and current students from all three Villages. The pool will be open for the event, and it will give everyone a chance to see and enjoy the school. Please stop in and say hello.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Wished his fellow Council members a happy birthday. He wanted to call an Economic Development meeting, but Silverlode is not available for the next Workshop. He can do one of two things, he can call a meeting without them, or wait until they are available. I want to do a year end wrap up with them and talk about 2019, so he would rather have Silverlode in attendance. He will talk to the members and get a date.

MS. HARRIS:

Happy New Year, and thank you for electing me President of Council for 2019.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley thanked everyone for the food donation, it was very helpful and helped many families.

Ms. Henley complained that the truck drivers are going over the curb on the E.49th Street hill. Mayor Bacci asked Chief Sturgill to investigate the situation and talk to the company whose trucks are going over the curb.

Have a happy and healthy New Year.

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 STRURGILL:

Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR BILL MASON:

Nothing at this time.

CLERK UNGER:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Nothing at this time.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Nothing at this time.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Nothing at this time.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Wished everyone a happy and safe New Year.

Mr. Casini gave an overview of the Building Department for 2018. Our physical and industrial base was very active last year, and we expect the same for 2019. We had 29 home loan grant

through the George Suhy Grant legislation for 2018, and 14 for 2017. We issued 28 construction permits, and 140 contractor licenses. We issued 40 licenses already for January of 2019, and we expect a lot of construction. The Building Department revenue is just shy of \$180,000.00 for 2018. We issued 15 permits for Charter Steel this past year for a fast track project. Many of our other local businesses were issued permits for construction in 2018. We are working on finalizing all State and County reports and putting all of our forms online.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AMANDA DOMZALSKI:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT CHRISTINA CAPORUSCIO:

Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None at this time.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.