

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
APRIL 10, 2019
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS **APRIL 10, 2019**

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

Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, Clerk Unger, Todd Bloam, Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli, Cheryl Harris, and Matt Schoeffler.

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

Motion to excuse Ms. Henley from the business meeting.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Finance Committee Approvals for March:

Finance Approval Req 19-SD-59-A, Cromwell for Pool Underground Lining of Pipes not to exceed \$25,000

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Cash Position Statement March 2019
R.I.T.A Preliminary report April 2019

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-24

Payment of Certain Claims: \$1,095,157.46
Payroll
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Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, Mr. Centa agreed to second.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-25

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$9,585,000 OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF (I) CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING POLICE FACILITIES, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING POLICE FACILITIES AND THEIR SITES; (II) CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING VARIOUS ROAD AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; (III) CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING VARIOUS MUNICIPAL FACILITIES, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; (IV) CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO CANAL ROAD, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND (V) 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 RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Contipelli asked CFO Ms. Meriwether if this is going to cover all of the projects for this year. Ms. Meriwether said the only projects it will not cover are the BACCI Park trails and the Route 21 crossover.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO NATUREWORKS
GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-27

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
THE SECURITY HUT, INC. FOR SECURITY SERVICES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-28

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY THE VILLAGE OF
CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS
AWARDED IN 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29

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ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRUNO AND MARY PEROZENI FOR
THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL
NUMBERS 522-23-062 AND 522-20-018

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

Mr. Schoeffler asked if we had anything in writing as far as how long we will give them to get out of the property. Mayor Bacci explained that once the sale has gone through, Mr. Chojnacki is going to come up with a road map of how we are going to manage the property. We are going to be incredibly sensitive to the family's needs, and unless we have something that needs to be done to the property, we will work with them as long as possible.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion to approve Brian Fragua as our next full time Policeman in Cuyahoga Heights.

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

MAYORS REPORT:

The Mayor explained that he will not need any time in Executive Session until the next Workshop.

The Mayor asked the Building Commissioner to give Council an update of the work they have done with the property on 4657 E. 49th Street, and also with the residential home inspections.

Mr. Casini said that he met with Service Director Sammons to review the needs of the home to bring it up to code. There is a lot of dry rot in the gutter areas, the whole heating system and water heating system has deteriorated and will need to be replaced, the baseboard heating and carpet need to be replaced, the windows will need to be addressed to meet the standard for egress and egress, the electrical needs to be replaced, and it also needs a new roof.

The house has been vacant for quite a long time, and there are quite a few requirements that would need to be addressed to bring it up to code. Functionally, I would never design a home the way it is set up. Anybody that would want to live there would have to rehabilitate the spaces to make it livable. Taking all of this information into consideration, the cost that it would take to rehabilitate this home would equal the cost of a new home. It is his strong consideration to remove the home.

Mr. Schoeffler asked Mr. Casini what constitutes vacancy, and if the homes in the Village that are vacant need to be brought up to code before being sold. A lengthy conversation occurred, and then Mr. Chojnacki read the 1492.25 of the Code which covers vacancies. He explained that the Building Department has the discretion to make the determination if a home is vacant.

Mayor Bacci asked Mr. Sciano to talk about the joint venture with Cuyahoga Heights, Garfield Heights, and Valley View concerning the Canal Road Project.

Mr. Sciano explained that we received a 50/50 grant for our portion of the project. Since both communities are resurfacing parts of Canal Road, it makes sense that we partner with them to get the road to completion from E.71st to Mill Creek.

Mr. Schoeffler asked if we were going to do thermoplastic lines for the road. Mr. Sciano recommended that we do use it since it passes the three year mark for breakeven costs.

Mr. Contipelli asked if there was any way we could make it easier to make a left turn into Bacci Park. Mr. Sciano explained that there just isn't enough room to make any changes.

Mr. Centa asked when we are going to start our widening of the Route 21 crossover. Mayor Bacci said he doesn't have a specific date yet. He explained that after the ramp is reopened, there will still be work to do. He explained that our lane going south on Route 21 will run with the abutment until you reach south of the cloverleaf, and then you will be able to merge into two lanes. Mr. Contipelli asked if we are going to put a light at the intersection. Mayor Bacci said we are going to put up a stop sign. The agreement was a stop sign with limited hours to make a left hand turn. We are just happy it is going to happen.

Mayor Bacci asked Engineer Sciano what he thought the time frame will be for this project. Mr. Sciano said unfortunately we cannot do our work until ODOT finishes theirs. This was stipulated by ODOT because of a liability issue of who would control the traffic flow during the work, and who would be responsible for an accident if there are two different crews working in the same area at the same time.

Caucus ended at 6:35 pm.

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Also present were Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, CFO Angel Meriwether, Engineer Todd Sciano, Building Commissioner Norm Casini, 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

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

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Mr. Bloam 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.

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Mr. Contipelli made the motion to accept the Financial Statments as prepared and place them on file, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion to approve the appointment of Patrolman Brian Fragua to the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department.

Motion made by Mr. Bloam, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Just a reminder that we will be holding a public meeting next Tuesday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. The village is applying for the NatureWorks grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The maximum grant is \$150,000. This grant will be used to establish

a new trailhead that would allow access to Bacci Park via the village hall. A letter went out to all our residents on March 26th making them aware of the matter.

A letter also went out to our residents today with the Neighborhood News informing that I-77 southbound exit ramp to SR 21 will be closed beginning April 15th. I also sent an email to the businesses.

We have a village event this Sunday – a trip to see “The Phantom of the Opera.” Hope everyone that is going enjoys the show.

Look forward to seeing the little ones at our annual Easter egg hunt next Saturday, April 20th at 1:00 p.m. We are also looking for volunteers to help us out that day.

Hope our residents can join us for our Arbor Day celebration at Bacci Park on Friday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. (7) trees will be planted that evening by residents in memory of their dearly departed.

Mayor Bacci wanted to thank Mr. Vanek for his continued support for the trees at Bacci Park. He does this at his own expense. He does things and cares for the environment unconditionally. He never asks for anything, and I appreciate his passion, and he has embraced Bacci Park on a level that none of us will ever reach.

Very special birthday wishes to Mr. Ed Ranch who will turn 93 years old on April 27th. Congratulations and God Bless!

April birthday wishes to employees: (1) Ken Schoeffler; (3) Matthew Udivich; (6) Marc Sherriff; (13) Joanne Socausky; (29) Amanda Domzalski; and (30) Bryon Borowy.

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentlejewski, Mary Jane Blue, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mr. Rich Grabowski, Cleri Knapik, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Helen Leciejewski, & Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda

And lastly, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and Blessed Easter! God Bless!

MR. BLOAM:

Nothing to report.

MR. CENTA:

Nothing to report.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Happy Easter and Passover to everyone.

MS. HARRIS:

Happy Easter to everyone.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing to report.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

The pool lining project will begin next week, or the week after.

HEAD DISPATCHER BARB CASH:

April 14th through the 21st is National Telecommunicator Week.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

We are doing the residential lock boxes this week, and will be finished by the end of the month.

POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:

Kudos to Patrolman Kevin Stack for making the national news for a pursuit he was involved in with the State Troopers. Everyone involved in the chase did a super job.

Also kudos to the Service Department for the great ball fields at Bacci Park. They look phenomenal.

CLERK UNGER:

Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing to report.

CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Nothing to report.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Nothing to report.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Dominion Gas will be replacing a gas line from North American north on E.71st Street, so there will be more lane closures and detours. They will start in 30 days, and be done in 60 days.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Nothing to report.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AMANDA DOMZALSKI:

Wanted to congratulate Police Chief Sturgill on his 20 years of service.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT CHRISTINA CAPORUSCIO:

Nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.