

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

COUNCIL CAUCUS JULY 10, 2019

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

Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Clerk Unger, Todd Bloam, Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli, Cheryl Harris, Lois Henley, and Matt Schoeffler.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

MINUTES:

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position June 2019
RITA Preliminary report July 2019

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-46

Payment of Certain Claims: \$11,588,783.20
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-47

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-48

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF ANTHONY ALLEGA, INC. FOR THE CANAL ROAD PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-49

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-50

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2016-50 TO SELECT HZW ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE COMPONENT TO THE MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL PHASE 3A AS REQUIRED BY NOACA, ODOT, AND LPA PROCESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-51

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 522-23-062 AND 522-20-018 TO THE CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-52

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF M.L. SCOTT & SONS, INC. FOR CERTAIN WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON THE GARAGE PAD AT 4603 EAST 49TH STREET AS PART OF THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-53

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF ANTHONY ALLEGA, INC. FOR THE CANAL ROAD PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Bacci passed out a booklet to the Council members explaining in-depth all of the projects that we are currently working on, with all of the information on them. He asked Council to look it over and give him any ideas they might have to make it a more complete document. He explained that it is a guide for our residents who are not participating in these projects on a day to day basis. Council knows this information, but he wants all residents to better understand what is happening in our Village.

The goal is to inform the residents, and also that our Council and Administration are all on the same page. After it is finished, Mayor Bacci wants to get it out to all the residents, and let them know that what we are doing is serious business, and something to take pride in. Ms. Harris said that this will show the residents that we are working very hard to keep up and increase the value of our residential properties.

Mayor Bacci let Council know that he is going to formally swear in Kelli Stack tomorrow morning. She will be our first female full time Police Officer. There is currently not a spot for her, but we have imminent retirements with Jamie Lucas and Mark Davis in 2020. So we are going to take Kelli off of this list, and give another test in the winter, or early spring. We will send Kelli to the Academy and when Jamie Lucas retires, she will be ready, and it will be a seamless transition.

Kelli Stack will be joining her brother Kevin on our Police Department. Kelly is a graduate of Cuyahoga Heights, and a silver medalist on the USA Olympic Hockey Team.

Mr. Schoeffler asked if we are going to give a test for Deputy Chief when Mark Davis retires. Mayor Bacci said yes, we will give a test to fill the Deputy Chiefs position. Three officers eligible for the test, Joe Wallace, Kenny Schoeffler, and Jeremy Grabowski. These are three good candidates.

MAYORS REPORT:

Caucus ended at 6:25 pm.

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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, Lois Henley, and Matt Schoeffler.

Also present were 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, and Fire Chief Mike Suhy.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

From Cub Scout Pack 28, a letter thanking Mr. Jason Deal the Cuyahoga Heights Recreation Director for his assistance in making our Packs Swim Party on June 30th a success. His support really enhanced our event.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

MINUTES:

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position June 2019
RITA Preliminary report July 2019

Mr. Centa made the motion to accept the Financial Statments as prepared and place them on file, seconded by Mr. Bloam. 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, Henley and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

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

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Mr. Bloam 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, Mr. Schoeffler Abstained. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley voting aye for the adoption, Mr. Schoeffler Abstained. Motion carried.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Start off the meeting by officially swearing in Ben Chojnacki as Law Director.

For those that didn't know, our former Law Director Bill Mason resigned on July 1. County Executive Armond Budish asked Bill to be his new chief of staff – stabilizing the County Jail, economic development and so forth.

Hope everyone had a nice Fourth of July holiday.

I wanted to thank Recreation Director Jason Deal for organizing our first youth Pow Wow outing with the Mayor to see Toy Story 4 on Tuesday, June 25th at the Valley View Cinemark. I had a great time and the movie was awesome! Thanks also to our playground staff for chaperoning and helping me out with the 25 kids who attended. What a fun time!

I also wanted to pass around a letter from Jared Bartley, Cubmaster of Pack 28 thanking Recreation Director Jason Deal for making their swim party last month a success. Clerk Unger -- please put this letter on file.

Just a reminder that this Saturday, July 13 is our annual “Shred Day.” It will take place from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Gateway Recycling at 4233 East 49th Street. This is a free service provided to our residents. We will also have a few service department employees on site to help our residents carrying their bags/boxes. Ms. Henley asked Mayor Bacci if he could have Barb Cash send out a swift reach message about the shred day. Mayor Bacci said he would make that happen.

Very special July milestone birthday wishes to several of our residents:

Mr. Don Boing will turn 90 on July 17

Mrs. Marilyn Duszynski turned 80 today!

Diane Nieves turned 60 on July 5

Congratulations and best wishes!

July birthday wishes to employees: David Lukas & Christina Caporuscio – July 2 – who also share a birthday with me! Rick Henley - July 5; Jude Kaliszewski - July 14; Tony Dorris & Joseph Kappa - July 17; Bob Guilfoyle - July 23; and Fire Chief

Michael Suhy - July 27.

MR. BLOAM:

Congratulated Ben Chojnacki on being sworn in as our Law Director.

MR. CENTA:

Congratulated Ben Chojnacki on being sworn in as our Law Director, and is glad to see his family here to celebrate his achievement.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Congratulated Ben. He has done a great job as Assistant Law Director, and knows that he will be very successful as our new Law Director.

MS. HARRIS:

Congratulated Ben on his new position.

MS. HENLEY:

Thanked Ben for bringing his beautiful family to celebrate his new position.

She asked Mayor Bacci if he heard anything more about continuing the sidewalk to the park from the top of E.49th Street hill. Mr. Sciano said that the Canal Road project incorporates the slope stabilization portion, and adding in the sidewalk component in the project. Mayor Bacci said doing the Canal Road Project is going to get us the sidewalk.

Ms. Henley said she has seen many trucks putting up optic fiber lines, and was wondering if they had to come to the Building Department to get permits. Mr. Casini said yes, they would need to get permits before doing any work, and he would check to see that they were getting the correct permits.

Also, Ms. Henley asked about the containers on Mr. Baumann's property. Mayor Bacci explained that those are not overseas containers, they are roll out boxes, and we are in the process of acquiring that property, and legal counsel has advised that we will tidy it up in due time.

Asked Ms. Schoeffler to add Jan Guilfoyle to the sick list and to keep her in your prayers.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Congratulated Ben on his new position. He is doing a great job.

POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:

Congratulated Ben on his new position. He does a great job working with our Police Department.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

Congratulated Ben on his new position.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Congratulated Ben.

LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Thank you.

CLERK UNGER:

Congratulated Ben on his new position. He has always been a pleasure to work with, and he is always there when we need him. I know you will do a great job.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Congratulated Ben.

CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Congratulated Ben.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Congratulated Ben. Mayor Bacci thanked Mr. Sciano for the great job he did on the project document. Mayor Bacci appreciates his patience with him, he knows that sometimes his requests can be very difficult, but Todd came through and put together a great document outlining the different project going on in our Village.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Congratulated Ben. He has been a great help to our Building Department.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

Congratulated Ben.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AMANDA DOMZALSKI:

Congratulated Ben.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT CHRISTINA CAPORUSCIO:

Congratulated Ben.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mason King, a student shadowing Engineer Sciano also congratulated Mr. Chojnacki on his new position.

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