

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
NOVEMBER 13, 2019
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

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Before the meeting, Mayor Bacci introduced Mr. Jim Zwizler and School Superintendant Tom Evans to give us an update from the BEST Committee regarding information concerning our schools.

Mr. Evans reported that the Department of Education gave our school system an “A” for all grades for our school district. This is great for our students, parents, teachers, and our community. He explained that 26% of our graduating seniors earned honors diplomas.

The Safety Committee is looking for new door locking devices for the elementary school, and thanked Fire Chief Suhy, and Police Chief Sturgill for helping them.

They are still working on getting money for the Capital Improvements Plan, for total renovations of our buildings. We are also looking at a new heating system, and getting all new LED lighting for the school buildings. After the first of the year, we will have a better idea of what the actual costs will be.

Mr. Evans thanked the Mayor and Council for agreeing to the new sign that will be used by the school and the village. It will be a great addition to the community.

Mayor Bacci thanked them for keeping us updated on all the work they are doing. We are proud to have such a good working relationship to help the school and village be successful.

Council thanked Mr. Zwizler and Superintendant Evans for keeping everyone updated on what is happening at the school.

CFO Angel Meriwether explained that the financials and bank requisitions for the CIC will be up for quarterly review with the CIC, and signed off by the President and Vice-President.

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

Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Clerk Unger, Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli, Cheryl Harris, and Lois Henley. Mr. Schoeffler. Mr. Bloam showed up later in the meeting.

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

The Mayor asked Council to go into Executive Session for real estate and employee matters.

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

Ms. Henley made the motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Caucus ended at 7:15 pm.

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COUNCIL MEETING

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Mayor Bacci asked for a moment of silence for Mrs. Borowy and Mr. Duszinski, two longtime residents that recently passed away.

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, Service Director Dave Sammons, Police Chief Brian Sturgill, Fire Chief Mike Suhy, Administrative Accounting Assistant Amanda Domzalski, Administrative Assistant Christina Caporuscio.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

October Finance Approvals:

Finance Approval Req 19-PD-124-A Cruiser 2950, not to exceed \$6,800 to All Pro Collision

Finance Approval Req 19-FD-114-A Engine 2811 Pump Shaft Repair, not to exceed \$10,178.40 to Ohio CAT

MINUTES:

October 9, 2019	Caucus
October 9, 2019	Council Meeting
October 23, 2019	Workshop

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position October 2019
RITA Preliminary report November 2019

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-83

Payment of Certain Claims: \$1,311,346.66
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

Mr. Contipelli 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 and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-84

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR LORELIE E. BOROWY

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Ms. Henley 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-85

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR DONALD DUSZYNSKI

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-86

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, 2019

Mr. Schoeffler moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-87

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHARLES E. HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-88

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZARNEY CREATIVE FOR MARKETING SERVICES

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-89

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Contipelli 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-90

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2019 CUYAHOGA COUNTY MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Ms. Henley 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-91

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND CHANGE OF SCOPE WITH ANTHONY ALLEGA CEMENT CONTRACTOR, INC. FOR THE CANAL ROAD PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-92

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING CO. FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – PHASE 1

Mr. Schoeffler 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, Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-93

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING CO. FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – PHASE 2

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-94

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE OF SCOPE WITH ANTHONY ALLEGA CEMENT CONTRACTOR, INC. FOR THE TRI-COMMUNITY CANAL ROAD PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-95

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND CHANGE OF SCOPE REGARDING THE PASS THROUGH AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND AND ANTHONY ALLEGA CEMENT CONTRACTOR

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler 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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Moral Claim from Mr. Adam D. Jackson in the amount of \$300.00 for 2 new tires flattened on Grant Avenue from an unmarked pot hole on October 24th, 2019 at 10:00 pm in front of Integrity Energy. Mr. Jackson claims there were no cones or warning signs for the public to see the hazard.

Ms. Harris made the motion to accept the Moral Claim by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Henley.

Centa, Harris, and Henley – YES
Bloam, Contipelli, and Schoeffler – No

Motion failed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Our thoughts and prayers to:

April Duszynski, who suddenly lost her father, Don on October 27; he was 69 years old.

To Tom Borowy, who lost his wife Lori on October 29 after losing her battle with ALS. She was 77 years old.

To Nichole Tritsarolis who recently lost her father on October 30th

To former Law Director, Jon Greenberg, who lost his Mom this past weekend.

Please continue to keep all the families in your thoughts and prayers.

This past Monday was Veterans Day – I wanted to take a moment to say “thank you to all the men and women who have served ... we will NEVER forget what our veterans have done for us and this country.” Again, thank you and God Bless!

Congratulations to Rick, Renato and Lois on their newly elected council terms.

Best wishes to the Cuyahoga Heights Redskins football team for advancing in the playoffs. They will be playing against J. F. K. this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. – neutral field – Ravenna High School. Go Redskins beat the Eagles!

November birthday wishes to employees: (1) Pat Koran & Tom Nova; (8) Matt Lader; (10) Tom Kekelis; (27) Clerk Unger; and (28) Mark Hine

Special birthday wishes to Mrs. Bea Duber who celebrated her “80th birthday” this past Sunday.

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, and John Traffis.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving holiday. The Village Hall & Service Department will be closed on November 28 and 29.

MR. BLOAM:

Mr. Bloam called a Public Works Meeting for December 11th at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall.

MR. CENTA:

Mr. Centa's daughter Kristen and Matt Dugas were recently married, and he wished them a wonderful and happy marriage.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Mr. Contipelli called a meeting of the Economic Development Committee for December 11th at 5:00 pm. He also informed the Council that we did not receive the Nature Grant that we submitted, but we will continue to pursue all others that we may be eligible for in the future.

He also thanked all the residents for their support in the election.

MS. HARRIS:

Ms. Harris congratulated Ms. Henley, Mr. Centa, and Mr. Contipelli for retaining their seats on Council in the election.

She also said that they had a Finance Committee Meeting and Ms. Meriwether went over the current financial picture with the committee.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley thanked the voters for electing her to another term in office. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:

Chief Sturgill said that his department is once again working with George Murray Lodge for the "Shop With a Cop" program for Christmas.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

Nothing at this time.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Nothing at this time.

CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER

Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Nothing to report.

CLERK UNGER:

Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing to report.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Nothing to report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Mr. Casini said that Charter Steel is going to use one of its parking lots for the building of a new substation. A new parking lot is currently under construction.

Northern Stamping is expanding two interior bays for a new 880 ton press.

NEORS is doing some interior remodeling at the Administrative Building and Training Center on E.49th Street. They are updating their fire and security alarm.

Premier Development on E.49th Street is constructing a manhole cover with concrete not steel with manhole access cover.

Habegger HVAC will be moving into the Village this week.

Marmon – Keystone at 4521 Willow Parkway will be signing a new contract this week for occupancy. The occupant is unknown at this time.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

The two properties at 7133 and 7137 Marcelline Court owned by Mrs. Smith have multiple housing violations. Mrs. Smith was taken to Garfield Court for the violations, and ordered to clean up the properties. She is currently on probation in order for her to comply. We will keep working to get these properties cleaned up.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AMANDA DOMZALSKI:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CHRISTINA CAPORUSCIO:

Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.