

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
JANUARY 8, 2020
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS _____ **JANUARY 8, 2020**

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

Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, Schoeffler

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 Clerk accepts nominations for President of Council for 2020.

Ms. Harris will make the motion to nominate Mr. Bloam for President of Council for 2020, seconded by Mr. Contipelli.

Mr. Contipelli will move to close the nominations, seconded by Ms. Henley.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

December 2019, Finance Approvals

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Req 19-SD-243-A Snow Plow Repair to Iron Hawk \$5,200

Mr. Schoeffler asked if we are going to spend an additional \$15,000.00 for the marquee at the school, and what will be our total amount that we will be spend for the project.

CFO Angel Meriwether explained that out of the original \$50,000.00 for the sign, there were extras for bracketing and electrical. \$5,000.00 of that was picked up by the school, so our costs will be approximately \$48,000.00.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position December 2019
RITA Preliminary report January 2020

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

Payment of Certain Claims: \$2,265,657.92
Payroll
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Ms. Henley agreed to make the motion, Mr. Contipelli agreed to second.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF A
BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND ARCHITECT FOR THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA
HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ENGINEER
FOR THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FOR 2020 AND 2021, FIXING
COMPENSATION THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF THE
LAW DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER
31, 2021; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE PROSECUTOR,
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 254.20 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO
PROVIDE FOR PAID TIME OFF FOR PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT DEAN DEPIERO TO
SERVE AS MAGISTRATE FOR THE CUYAHOGA
HEIGHTS MAYOR'S COURT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08

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

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

Mr. Contipelli stated that the costs for this change order will be paid by the Cleveland Water Department.

Mayor Bacci said that we have a great relationship with Cleveland Water Department, and they have been very helpful in getting the projects done.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2020 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Bacci told Mr. Centa that he had a banner and other material for his table at the schools open house. He will give them all to him before they leave. Mr. Centa said the Open House is Sunday, January 26 from 1-4 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and support our community.

Three important dates the Mayor would like Council to put on their calendar is Friday April 17th for the Business Networking Breakfast at 8:30am, Saturday October 3rd for the Corn Roast, and Friday October 16th is the Mayors Business Fish Fry at Klima Grove at 11:30am.

The Mayor received a note from Recreation Director Jason Deal that on December 23rd, he had a tree ornament session with eight children from the Village. They decorated various ornaments and other crafts for Christmas, and on January 4th, he had a group of fifteen kids from Cuyahoga Heights and Brooklyn Heights to go see the new Star Wars movie at Cinemark in Valley View. It's great when we can partner with other villages to do these events. There will be pictures from all these events in the January 2020 Newsletter.

Mr. Schoeffler asked if at the other events they could define if it is for kids or anyone, because he wasn't sure if the Star Wars movie was for just kids, or if anyone could go. Mayor Bacci said we would mention it to Jason.

The Mayor informed Council that we will be asking Ms. Hartman to return this year as the concession stand manager at Bacci Park.

Before the Mayor puts together his committees for 2020, he asked Council to discuss any changes that they would like, and if anyone has an interest in being on any committees. There was a discussion involving what committees certain Council members would like to be a part of for 2020. The Mayor will take all of their request into consideration before he makes his decision.

The Mayor asked Council to go into Executive Session for real estate, update on pending litigation, and employment matters.

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

Mr. Schoeffler 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 called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll.

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

Clerk Unger asked if there were any nominations for President of Council for 2020.

Ms. Harris nominated Mr. Bloam, seconded by Mr. Contipelli.

Mr. Unger asked if there were any other nominations. Mr. Contipelli made the motion to close the nominations, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor none opposed. Motion carried.

For the nomination of Mr. Bloam for President of Council for 2020, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried, Mr. Bloam will be President of Council for 2020.

Clerk Unger congratulated Mr. Bloam and stated that Ms. Harris has something she wanted to give you to help you in the New Year.

Ms. Harris said that Mr. Bloam has a habit of being very quick with everything he does, so she presented him with a stamp of his name so he wouldn't have spend all of his time writing his name! Mr. Bloam laughed and thanked Ms. Harris for the stamp.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

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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:

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RITA Preliminary report January 2020

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

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Ms. Henley 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 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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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 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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OTHER BUSINESS:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

I wanted to take a moment 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 town and providing them with an incredible 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 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 and for participating in the "Shop with a Cop Program" – they were able to help out several families in town. And lastly...to Bryon & Deanna Borowy, Renato & Michelle Contipelli, Norman & Laura Merhaut, Local 702 and AFSCME 2798 (NEORS) for donating gift cards which also helped out families in town. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS!

Excited to attend Disney on Ice with my girls and other village residents on the 19th— thank you to our office staff for organizing the event; they are working on other events for the year—stay tuned.

The school's annual community open house and showcase will be held on January 26 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

In addition, the school will be holding the Cuyahoga Valley Conference wrestling tournament on January 31 and February 1. Just letting you know because there will be more traffic in/and around the area on those days.

Special milestone birthday wishes to Ms. Barbara Bartczak who turns 80 on January 31st.

January birthday wishes to employees: today, January 8th – Councilwoman Cheryl Harris; tomorrow January 9th – Councilman Renato Contipelli celebrates his "60th" birthday and January 12th – Councilwoman Lois Henley..... Kelli (Stack) Jachym & Reno Contipelli – January 13; Jimmy Henley – January 16; and Brian Fragua – January 19th.

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: John Baranowski, Mrs. Irene Klaus, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Ms. Marti Malek, Dennis Tritsarolis, and Joe Vitanza.

MR. BLOAM:

Thanked Council for their support for President of Council for 2020. If you told me that I would be elected President of Council in 2020 when I started on Council in 2008, I would have told you you're crazy. But that is just an example of how far we have come in settling our differences over the years. He said he had a great teacher in Ms. Harris and Mr. Contipelli in the past, and he will try to be more patient in the future. It is a tribute to this Council and this Village that we all get along and respect each other's ideas and opinions.

If anyone has anything for the Workshop, please let him know.

MR. CENTA:

Mr. Centa congratulated Mr. Bloam on his appointment as President of Council, wished everyone a happy New Year, and a happy birthday to the Council members.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Congratulated Mr. Bloam, he knows he will do a great job, and prayers to my nephew who is in the marines who is on his way to Iraq.

Mayor Bacci asked him if he had any plans for his 60th birthday. He said he has plans all weekend with friends and family. Mayor Bacci said it becomes very scary when you have more miles behind you than you have in front of you. Mr. Contipelli said he has been very blessed in his life.

MS. HARRIS:

Thanked Council for supporting her for the last year as Council President, and congratulated Mr. Bloam on his appointment.

Prayers to Tracy Deal's son who has been sent to Afghanistan yesterday, and happy birthday to all the January birthdays.

MS. HENLEY:

I worked this holiday with Holy Name Church which supports many of the local areas around Cleveland. On Thanksgiving, we served and delivered 850 dinners to needy families, and close to 900 for Christmas. We grew up in the Village, protected from what happens in the inner city, and it is good for us to see how many people are in need of the basics like food and clothing. It makes us appreciate what we have. Mayor Kurtz from Independence has all his children work with us at Holy Name to see how other people are in need.

Ms. Henley went to the Flip Saunders dedication at the school. Marissa Contipelli came in from Cincinnati to do the presentation, and it was wonderful. All of the Minnesota Timberwolves players showed up and donated money to the school, along with Flip's wife, for new scoreboards for the gym.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

The Metro Parks wants to let all of the land behind the homes on E.49th Street go back to its natural state, and Mayor Bacci is going to get in touch with Director Zimmerman at the park and look into this issue.

Mr. Contipelli said there was a letter signed by the residents a long time ago explaining land rights. Mayor Bacci said that is true, but supposedly it is for the original land owner and doesn't transfer to the next owner, but he will look into it.

POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:

Chief Sturgill thanked Ohio Bulk for donating to the "Shop with a Cop" program. He also wanted to thank Mr. Don Giancursio for his very generous donation to the program. We couldn't have done it without all of their support.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

Congratulated Mr. Bloam, and thanked Council for helping out his permanent part-time employees.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Nothing at this time.

CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER

Congratulated Mr. Bloam.

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:

Thanked Council for the reappointment.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Thanked Council for his reappointment.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

Congratulated Mr. Bloam.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AMANDA DOMZALSKI:

Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CHRISTINA CAPORUSCIO:

Nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

From Mr. Nobili and his son David, happy New Year.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.