

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 8, 2020
7:00 PM**

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Prior to the meeting, Mayor Bacci asked Council to go into Executive Session for personnel, health insurance, and legal matters.

Mr. Schoeffler is being excused for the first topic as it relates to the Deputy Chiefs test because he is the brother of one of the candidates.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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

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

Mayor Bacci wanted to note a couple of items at this time before we go through the legislation.

Angel is going to have a motion to replace the fuel system at the Service Department. We are having a problem with this antiquated system that supplies the fuel for all of our vehicles.

If you have any questions about the repairs for the water main break at the bottom of E.71st Street, contact me after the meeting. It is currently repaired by the Water Department, but we want to make sure they have everything tidied up before we do the final concrete work.

He asked Ms. Meriwether to send an email to all of Council that shows the liability insurance and explain that Law Director Chojnacki has advised us to get additional coverage as it relates to these down times.

The \$5,000.00 EDC grant for Alicrant is for the \$44,000 beautification of their property and building. He passed around pictures showing the updates. This is in line with grants we have done in the past. Mr. Schoeffler said it looks like a million bucks. Mayor Bacci said they bring in at least six times that much revenue per year for our Village.

As of 6:00 p.m. today, the State has made it mandatory to wear masks in public areas. We are going to make sure everyone who uses the Town Hall, Bacci Park, and Klima Grove are in compliance, but we will not be issuing citations.

CFO Meriwether wanted it on record that we received \$15,273.89 from the Cares Act for Covid-19 expenses, and we have used \$11,777.16 in PPEs for the year. We may get additional funding through the Heroes Act.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

From Building Commissioner Norm Casini:

Charter Steel is requesting a non-residential permit to construct a new electrical power plant south of the existing guard station which will interface with their existing electrical power plant located north of the guard station.

Mr. Casini is recommending approval since the new plant is essential to Charter Steel. A site plan is attached for your review.

Ms. Henley made the motion to approve the building permit, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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 Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position June 2020
RITA Preliminary report July 2020

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-47

Payment of Certain Claims: \$1,236,939.52
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

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, 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. 2020-48

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR DONALD BOING

Mr. Bloam 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. 2020-49

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF GENERAL LIABILITY AND OTHER FORMS OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FROM LOVE INSURANCE AGENCY

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, 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. 2020-50

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT ALL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND BE EXPENDED ONLY TO COVER COSTS OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT, AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE; AND ESTABLISHING A LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-51

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYHOGA COUNTY FOR THE RESURFACING OF GRANT AVENUE FROM EAST 49TH STREET TO EAST 71ST STREET.

Mr. Contipelli asked what our contribution to this project will be. Mayor Bacci said it will be a 50/50 split with the County, the Village will be liable for 50% of the total cost. Mr. Schoeffler asked if this project is scheduled for 2022, Mayor Bacci said yes.

Mr. Contipelli 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-52

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN THE VILLAGE

Mr. Schoeffler asked if Power Wheels for little children are part of the legislation. Mayor Bacci said that they have never even been brought up in this conversation. The larger motorized vehicles have been seen congregating in the park, and we had no laws to manage these vehicles. We are not looking to write a bunch of citations, we just need something in writing for safety issues. Ultimately we can tweak it as we see the need. We just needed to get something on the books. This is not to be punitive, it is for safety reasons. This will be a good thing for Mr. Deal to go over with the children at the summer kid's camp. This could be very instructional for the children on wearing safety helmets. We can even start a program where we get kids helmets. If you are going to ride in the streets, you need to have a helmet. Ms. Harris would like to have something in the Village Newsletter concerning the new requirements. Mayor Bacci said he will do that.

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler 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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion authorizing CFO Meriwether to purchase a new fuel system and all hardware and software to maintain the fuel system not to exceed \$28,000.00

Mr. Schoeffler made the motion to purchase the unit, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Graduation is going to be on the 19th. They are going to have some type of walkthrough at the school, and then they are going to do a ride around to each community on the main streets.

We received a very nice card from the Boing family. Mr. Boing was a great Policeman in our Village for many years, and he went out the way he wanted, at his home. Chief Strugill and the Police Officers did an excellent job on the honor guard, and we had a really nice escort for him. The family was very appreciative, and very happy to say that their parents resided in a community that always took care of them.

“Slammers Patty Wagon” food truck was at Bacci Park earlier this evening. Next food trucks will be there on the following dates: Thursday, July 16 – Jackpot Chicken; Tuesday, July 21 Smash Time; Wednesday, July 29 – SWAT and Wednesday, August 5 – Smokin’ Rock n Roll BBQ. Information with menus will be hand-delivered with weekly Neighborhood News and the hours of operation is 4:00-7:30 p.m.

A reminder that our annual Village shred day has been cancelled for July 11th. Our vendor has now cancelled all shredding events for the remainder of 2020.

July birthday wishes to employees: David Lukas & Christina Pace – 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.

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mr. Howard Combs, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Ms. Marti Malek and Joe Vitanza.

MR. BLOAM:

Mr. Bloam said that the Nicky Boulevard project phase two is going out in August for bids, and awarded in September. I will probably have a Public Works meeting in September.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

For over a year, we have been in Garfield Court fighting over two properties on the courts that have not been kept up, 7133 and 7137 Marcelline Court. We have multiple issues that the court ordered to be fixed, and I know of only a couple that have been done. What I have seen is the owners fighting with the neighbors over property line issues, harassing the neighbors, and putting things up to impede their eyesight along the driveway, and not fixing the things he was told to fix by the courts.

I would like our Building Department to give me a report on the status of those two properties, and where we are at with the court. Also, when they expect compliance on both properties. We need to look at the shrubs on those properties, because it is a safety issue when backing out of the connecting properties, and there are other issues that need to be looked at. Many of the neighbors on Marcelline Court have complained about these properties. It is time again, that we addressed these issues on both properties.

Mayor Bacci said he will get Council a report on where the court issues stand, and if the neighbors don't mind being named, we can contact them, and get information on other issues. Mr. Contipelli asked every Councilperson to drive down Marcelline Court and look at the shrubs that are causing the safety issue.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Resident Paul Skerl addressed Council on the properties next to him on Marcelline Court. He said the shrubs on the properties obstruct his view when backing out of his driveway. He has asked them for ten years to cut them back, and has gotten nowhere with the neighbors. You cannot see any child coming down the street, and it is a horrible safety issue.

I trim the bushes on my side, but it is not enough. I invite all of Council to come down and look at the problem, please. Something needs to be done. The Mayor assured him that something will be done, and told Council that he expects them to go see the issues at the properties before the next meeting. Mr. Contipelli again said we need to do something very quickly.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.