

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
7:00 PM**

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Prior to the meeting, Mayor Bacci asked Council to go into Executive Session for pending litigation, personnel issues, and real estate.

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

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

Before the Mayor called the meeting to order, he wanted everyone to recognize that this Friday is the 19th anniversary of the September 11th bombing in New York City where nearly 3,000 innocent men, women, and children lost their lives to an attack on our country, and terrorized our nation.

He asked everyone to remember that 19 years ago, this country wasn't worried about color, and they were celebrating and praising all safety forces of New York City, Washington, and Pennsylvania. He asked for a moment of silence for all involved. And let us never forget.

God Bless America!

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Finance Committee Approval Req 20-VH-523-A Mask purchase not to exceed \$5,500.

Finance Committee Approval Req 20-VH-525-A 2018-2019 State Audit not to exceed \$14,000.

MINUTES:

August 12, 2020 Council Meeting

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position August 2020
RITA Preliminary report September 2020

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-67

Payment of Certain Claims: \$1,123,731.99
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

Mr. Centa 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, 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. 2020-68

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-69

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 246.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO PROVIDE CLARITY ON THE CREDITS AVAILABLE TO APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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, 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. 2020-70

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT TERMS AND EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE BENJAMIN MOORE DEMOLITION AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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. 2020-71

A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – PHASE II TO FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING CO.

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 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-72

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO SHARE IN THE COST OF CERTAIN EXPENSES PERTAINING TO THE STORM SEWER EXTENSION ON THE NICKY BOULEVARD LANDFILL AND ON THE ADJACENT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4570 WILLOW PARKWAY FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT

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: 2020-73

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 280.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE DATE UPON WHICH THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Mayor explained that we are amending this section of the Charter Review, because we are out of compliance due to the Covid crisis. We will try to get the Charter Review recommendations towards the end of the year, and this will allow us to get any recommendations from the committee on the March ballot. If not, hopefully we can get it on the November 2021 ballot.

Mayor Bacci explained the Ordinance, “Because of the challenges presented by the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic, the Charter Review Committee scheduled to meet in 2020 shall meet and make recommendations to Village Council, not less than 60 days prior to the November 2021 general election.

Mr. Contipelli asked if we could get these changes to all of the members of the committee. Mayor Bacci said he and Lee Ann will get the members these changes.

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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Amend the motion authorizing the Village’s Chief Fiscal Officer to create a purchase order for the 2nd Half of 2020 annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for the Joint & Crack Sealing for the 2020 season not to exceed \$25,000.

Mr. Bloam made the motion to have the CFO create a Purchase Order for Joint & Crack Sealing for 2020 not to exceed \$25,000, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Amend the motion authorizing the Village’s Chief Fiscal Officer to create a purchase order for the annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for the Flexible & Rigid Pavement Repairs for the second half of 2020 season not to exceed \$25,000.

Ms. Harris made the motion to have the CFO create a Purchase Order for Flexible & Rigid Pavement Repairs for the second half of the 2020 season not to exceed \$25,000, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Congratulations to residents, Kari & Ken Bozikis. Kari gave birth to a healthy, baby girl — Sophia Elizabeth on August 23. Everyone is doing well.

CHES' offsite learning centers started yesterday; as you know — our basement is being used as one of the centers. Not a ton of kids, but it is needed for the ones that we get. Mark Chase is helping out along with Jill Chuha's daughter, and they are doing a great job. Mr. Evans said things are going well.

Due to the Labor Day holiday—no food trucks this week. Next Wednesday, September 16— Jones Bones BBQ will be at Bacci Park from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Maria's Ice Cream Wagon from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

September birthday wishes to employees: (3) Eric McKenzie; (4) Sean Coubrough; (5) Deputy Chief Mark Davis; (9) Councilman Todd Bloam, (11) Dean DePiero; (17) Debbie Reiger; (18) Brad Unger; and (21) Justin Gvora.

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:

Congratulated his son Josh on being the fourth generation of homeowners from the Bloam family in Cuyahoga Heights. He recently purchased a house on E.71st Street.

MR. CENTA:

Nothing at this time.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Just to add to the food truck being at Bacci Park, Marias Ice Cream Wagon will also be there, and all proceeds will be donated to Marias Field, a charity for childhood cancer.

MS. HARRIS:

On Marcelline Court, there is a lending and trading library. Everyone is welcome to borrow and trade books for all children.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley said that there was some flooding under the bridge going over I77. She asked if we could have the catch basins cleaned out. Mayor Bacci said that ODOT has been informed, and is working with Engineer Sciano so that we can get it cleared.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

MS. MERIWETHER:

Happy birthday to Todd Bloam. Everyone wished Mr. Bloam a happy birthday!

MR. UNGER:

Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.

Approved _____
Mayor

Mayor and or President of Council

On October 14, 2020

Clerk of Council