

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2020
7:00 PM**

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Before the meeting, Mr. Bloam made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel issues, Pending Litigation, and Real Estate issues, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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

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

Also present were Law Director Ben Chojnacki, CFO Angel Meriwether, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Finance Committee did a change order for approval on the Boiler for an additional \$1,000.

MINUTES:

October 14, 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 October 2020
RITA Preliminary report November 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. 2020-80

Payment of Certain Claims: \$765,633.64
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. 2020-81

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

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. 2020-82

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ACCEPT THE DONATION OF
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 522-24-016

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.

Mr. Contipelli asked the Mayor if this property was offered to the Village, or is this a property that we were pursuing. Mayor Bacci said it was offered to us and they asked if they could use a piece of property that we own on the east side of Millcreek that might be used for storm water retention.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-83

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO AN ACCESS EASEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 4582 WILLOW PARKWAY FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION 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. 2020-84

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE CANAL ROAD PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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.

Mayor Bacci explained that some of the changes made will enable the water to run more freely on Canal Road, and there should be no more flooding.

Mr. Sciano also explained that they will be going from concrete to blacktop to repair the area on E.71st that had to be torn up because of a water main leak. The Mayor said this is so we don't have to tear up the concrete again if there is another break. Also, this is the least expensive solution at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-85

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS 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. 2020-86

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CARES ACT FUNDS TO COVER
VARIOUS AUTHORIZED VILLAGE EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

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:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Today is Veterans Day...and 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! Every year, we send a card out to all of the veterans in the Village. If anyone knows of someone that is a veteran and not on the list, or someone who has recently moved in, please let me know, and I will get them on the list.

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Mark Davis – as he will be retiring from CHPD on Monday, November 16th after serving 27 years. Best wishes to Mark for a happy and healthy retirement.

Our Halloween Drive-Thru was a success! Residents reached out to us and complimented on what a great idea!! They also couldn't believe all the goodies that were passed out the evening. With that being said... we are going forward with Santa visiting our resident children on Sunday, December 13th. A newsletter will be going out to our residents with information next weekend. Children will be able to stand in front of the sleigh—instead of sitting in the sleigh as they have done in the past (COVID). We will also have our annual Christmas lighting contest that evening.

At the December 9th Council Meeting, we will be taking pictures for the wall in the Town Hall. I will have masks for everyone.

Mayor Bacci asked Mr. Sciano to tell Council about the 50/50 grant for Grant Avenue. Mr. Sciano explained that we applied for a preventative maintenance grant for Grant Avenue which we received, but we did not get the 50/50 grant that we applied for, but next year we will reapply.

Nicky Boulevard has been very positive. The residents on E.49th have been very patient, and I want to thank them. We are trying to get them updates as to what is going on, and hopefully have it wrapped up in the next two to three weeks.

Benjamin Moore property is moving forward, we had some issues with the water department, but we got them resolved. This is where it pays to have contacts in different areas of business and government. We got the issue resolved very quickly. Mr. Schoeffler asked if we were going to put a fence up where the building were torn down. Mayor Bacci said not at this time, we still have a lot of cleaning up we have to do in the area, and then we will see what we need to do. At this time, we will be putting up some signs that say no trespassing.

Special birthday wishes to Miss Delia Trevisani who will celebrate her “90th birthday” next Tuesday, November 17th and to Mrs. Barbara Combs who celebrated her 80th birthday last Friday, November 6th.

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

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: John Baranowski, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Irene Kloss, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Miss Delia Trevisani, and Joe Vitanza.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving holiday. The Village Hall & Service Department will be closed on November 26 and 27.

MR. BLOAM:

Thanked the veterans, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MR. CENTA:

Wanted to thank our veterans, both past and present for serving our country. Wanted everyone to know that his wife Noel was getting a lot of scam phone calls and we need to be aware that we should never give out any personal information over the phone.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Mr. Contipelli asked that next time we have a Workshop, he would like to go over the rental inspection Ordinances. Mayor Bacci would also like to go over having house boundaries when you get a point of sale inspection before selling your home.

MS. HARRIS:

Thanked the veterans, and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

MS. HENLEY:

Wanted to thank all the veterans and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Thanked the veterans.

MS. MERIWETHER:

Going to call a Finance Meeting at the end of November to go over the budget for 2021. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MR. UNGER:

BEN CHOJNACKI:

TODD SCIANO:

Thanked all the veterans, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

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