

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
CAUCUS  
JANUARY 13, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CAUCUS**

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Mr. Bloam called the meeting to order.

Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, Schoeffler in attendance.

Also in attendance were Law Director Ben Chojnacki and Engineer Todd Sciano.

Mr. Bloam asked Mr. Sciano to give Council an update of the Benjamin Moore Building and any other projects pending.

Mr. Sciano explained that they had the final walkthrough Monday, and the work scope under the grant is complete. As a whole, we came in under cost. We are in a position where the building can now be marketed.

Mr. Sciano talked about the Nicky Boulevard project and explained to Council that we are in a great position with this project as well. We have used approximately 95% of the money from the grant, and everything with Fabrizi Trucking went smoothly.

Mayor Bacci said we will continue to work on the project, and with the residents to tidy it up. Overall it is going very well, and we will continue to work with the community to alleviate any problems.

Mr. Contipelli asked Mr. Sciano about the Hillside Property Project.

Mr. Sciano said he is confident we can market and show this property while we are continuing to work on this project. It is extremely better now than it was in the summer. As we market this property, we can also show the interested parties other areas in the Village that might be a fit for them.

Mr. Schoeffler asked if Silverlode was also marketing these properties for the Village.

Mayor Bacci explained that they are a piece of the marketing plan for the properties, but they are also working on other areas for us at the same time.

Mayor Bacci wanted Council to know that he would like to appoint Kelly Hartman as the Concession Manager again this year. She worked on getting all of the food trucks to the park last year, and they were a big hit. She has acknowledged that she would like to do it again this year.

Also, he would like to appoint Mr. Jason Deal as the Recreation Director. There were some concerns from Mr. Deal about the pool opening, and our position is we would like to open it even if it was some hybrid version. This would also depend on our revenue at that time. We might look into some form of hybrid worker between the pool and the Service Department to get everyone their hours, but we will have to have more meetings before we make any decisions.

Mayor Bacci asked Ms. Henley if she was going to work on Arbor Day this year. Ms. Henley said she would like to have it on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and if 100 people come out, the Mayor has to jump in the lake.

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

**Also present were Law Director Ben Chojnacki and Engineer Todd Sciano.**

The Clerk accepted nominations for President of Council for 2021.

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

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All voting aye, none opposed. Motion carried.

The vote for Mr. Bloam was unanimous, Mr. Bloam will be President of Council for 2021.

Mr. Bloam said he was humbled and honored to be appointed President of Council for 2021, and thanked the members for their support.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time.

**PURCHASES:**

**Motion to accept the renewal quote from Planet Technologies in the amount of \$7,603.20 for online services.**

Ms. Henley made the motion to accept the renewal quote from Planet Technologies, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**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 December 2020  
RITA Preliminary report January 2021

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. 2021-01**

Payment of Certain Claims: \$2,117,888.92  
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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2021 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR  
GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE

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. 2021-03**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT TO DEMOLITION PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO; 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, 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. 2021-04**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli 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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05**

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 moved, seconded by Mr. Centa 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. 2021-06**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND A CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PHASE TWO

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. 2021-07**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER, CHANGE OF SCOPE, AND A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE BENJAMIN MOORE SITE DEMOLITION AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, BUILDING ONE

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. 2021-08**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER, A CHANGE OF SCOPE, AND A FIRST AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE BENJAMIN MOORE SITE DEMOLITION AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, BUILDING TWO

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. 2021-09**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER, A CHANGE OF SCOPE, AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE BENJAMIN MOORE SITE DEMOLITION AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, BUILDING THREE

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.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **Motion to approve spending for Flexible & Rigid Pavement Repair not to exceed \$25,000.**

Ms. Henley made the motion to approve the spending for Flexible & Rigid Pavement Repair, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **Motion to approve spending for Catch Basin & Sewer Repair not to exceed \$25,000.**

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to approve the spending for Catch Basin & Sewer Repair, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

### **MAYOR BACCI:**

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

Congratulations to Councilman Bloam...for again being elected as President of Council

I wanted to take a moment and thank those who generously gave and helped out families in our village this past Christmas!

To the employees of Charter Steel for adopting a family in town and providing them with a perfect Christmas. To our residents who graciously donated food during Santa's visit – we were able to help out several families in town. To our police officers for participating in the “Shop with a Cop Program” – they were able to help out several families in town. And lastly...to the Borowy Family, Renato & Michelle Contipelli, John Deliberato, Norman & Laura Merhaut, and Ed & Bonnie Weber, for donating gift cards which also helped several families in town for the Christmas holiday. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS!

Congratulations to our Christmas Decorating Contest Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ron & Beverly Trzeciak. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – David & Laura Unger. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mrs. Bea Duber.

Students will be returning to in-school hybrid schedule beginning next Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Valley View Community Learning site will be closed and any family continuing to need support while their child is enrolled in remote learning will have access to our learning site located in the basement of our village hall.

Special milestone birthday wishes to Councilwoman Harris' — Aunt Rena Doskey who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 10! Many of you know, Rena lived in town for over 60+ years before retiring to Beverly Hills, Florida in the late 80's. We have a special Proclamation for Rena which Cheryl will give to her.

January birthday wishes to employees: (8) Councilwoman Cheryl Harris; (9) Councilman Renato Contipelli; (12) Councilwoman Lois Henley; (13) Kelli Jachym & Reno Contipelli; (16) Jimmy Henley; and (19) Brian Fragua.

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: John Baranowski, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Linda Grabowski, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Ms. Sandy Stover and Joe Vitanza.

**MR. BLOAM:**

Thanked Council Members for there support for President of Council for 2021. We all get along well and work toward the greater good of the community.

**MR. CENTA:**

Congratulations to Mr. Bloam for President of Council. Have a healthy and safe new year.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:**

Congratulated Mr. Bloam for President of Council. Also wanted to congratulate Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Callova an old friend who is retiring, and I wish him the best in his retirement.

Mayor Bacci said he is a great man and a good leader, and we will put together a proclamation for him at the next meeting.

Mr. Contipelli had a couple things pertaining to the Economic Development Committee.

Charter Still is asking about future incentives for expansion, and Silverlode is helping us with that. This could be a great opportunity for our Village, more jobs and more revenue.

A company called Qualwash on Grant Avenue was looking to expand, and we offered them a \$50,000 dollar incentive over five years to stay and expand in the Village. Thanked the Mayor and Silverlode for working with them to keep them here.

Mayor Bacci said that they have \$400,000 dollars that they need for a buildout. We offered them \$10,000 a year for five years to stay here. They plan on doubling their payroll and adding \$25,000 to \$35,000 thousand dollars per year in taxes. This is what we have done for other companies in the past, and it helps us retain the businesses.

**MS. HARRIS:**

Ms. Harris congratulated Mr. Bloam on President of Council and said she is sure he will do as great a job as he did last year.

**MS. HENLEY:**

Congratulate Mr. Bloam on President of Council.

**MR. SCHOEFFLER:**

Congratulated Mr. Bloam for President of Council, and looks forward to hitting the campaign trail with him this fall.

**MR. UNGER:**

Congratulated Mr. Bloam on President of Council. God bless America.

Mayor Bacci agreed. We are the peacemakers and we need to become unified.

**BEN CHOJNACKI:**

Nothing at this time.

**TODD SCIANO:**

Nothing at this time.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

None at this time.

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.