

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2021
7:00 PM**

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Before the Council Meeting, Mayor Bacci asked to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters and pending litigation.

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

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. 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, 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

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the Finance Committee:

The Village has partnered with West Creek Conservancy and applied for the Cuyahoga County Healthy Urban Tree Canopy 2021 Grant, if awarded the \$36,530 in grant funds will be used for the Canal Road Reforestation and Enhancement project, the Village match would be \$1,830.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Finance Approval Req 21-SD-273-A Salt Change Order Seasonal Salt Purchase not to exceed \$12,000.

Finance Approval Req 21-SD-298-A S6-Vehicle-Snow Plow Repairs Change Order to Rush Truck Centers not to exceed \$7,500.

Finance Approval Req 21-SD-300-A Guardrail Replacement from M.P. Dory not to exceed \$6,500

MINUTES:

February 10, 2021 Council Meeting

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position January 2021
RITA Preliminary report February 2021

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

Payment of Certain Claims: \$692,110.38
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

Ms. Henley 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR LINDA M. GRABOWSKI

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. 2021-14

A RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR DEWINE AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN TIER 1B REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 VACCINE AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF VACCINE SENT TO CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS REQUEST

Mayor Bacci said that even though Governor DeWine already pushed up the Law Enforcement Officers into a different tier, allowing them to get the vaccine, he wanted to pass this Resolution and memorialize our support for the Law Enforcement Officers.

Mr. Schoeffler 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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion authorizing the Mayor to execute any documents necessary for the agreements pertaining to the Preventative Maintenance Funding Program.

Ms. Harris made the motion to give the Mayor authorization to execute any documents necessary for the program, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Our condolences to Mr. Rich Grabowski who recently lost his wife, Linda on February 16; she was 71 years old. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Just a reminder that our Arbor Day celebration will be held on Friday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park. If attending, please follow COVID guidelines. Deadline to order a tree is NEXT Friday, March 19. Currently, we have (5) memorial trees that will be planted.

March birthday wishes to employees: (1) Christina Londrigo, (8) Chief Brian Sturgill who turned 50; (11) Joe Wallace; (12) CFO Angel Meriwether; (15) Jeremy Grabowski; (18) Jeff Baciak; (25) Barb Cash & Tracy Deal; (26) Jimmy Berdysz; and (29) Jeff Heintz.

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

Wishing everyone a happy and blessed Easter.

MR. BLOAM:

Nothing at this time.

MR. CENTA:

Nothing at this time.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Mr. Contipelli wanted to thank the Service Department for the excellent job they did in plowing the Village this winter. He also said that the parks look great.

MS. HARRIS:

Ms. Harris wished everyone a happy Easter.

MS. HENLEY:

Nothing at this time.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:

Chief Sturgill wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for the Resolution in support of the Policemen getting the vaccine.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

Nothing at this time.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Nothing at this time.

CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER

Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Nothing to report.

CLERK UNGER:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Nothing at this time.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Mr. Casini stated that there are currently two major projects in the Village that will generate more income. The Sewer District, and Charter Steel are working on major projects for this year.

Mayor Bacci said that because we allowed Charter Steel to fill in the south side of their property years ago, they are now able to use that land for this project.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

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 7:35 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.