

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2021  
7:00 PM**

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Before the Council Meeting, Mayor Bacci asked to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

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

Mr. Centa 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**

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:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time.

**PURCHASES:**

From the Finance Committee:

Finance Approval Change Order to Req 21-VH-762-A REPAIRS TO TRAFFIC SIGNALS 2021 with Signal Services not to exceed \$15,000

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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 March 2021  
RITA Preliminary report April 2021

Ms. Henley 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. 2021-15**

Payment of Certain Claims: \$1,522,034.43  
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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-16**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY THE VILLAGE OF  
CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS  
AWARDED IN 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SECURITY HUT, INC. FOR SECURITY SERVICES

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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-18**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Ms. Henley 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. 2021-19**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1464.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE RESIDENTIAL SIDE AND REAR YARD HEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR FENCES IN THE VILLAGE

Mr. Contipelli asked Mr. LaBella to explain why we are doing this piece of legislation.

Mr. LaBella explained that in the Ordinance, the side yard lot was not clearly defined.

Mayor Bacci also explained that the Ordinance was not specific as to where you could return the side fence to your home. This gives us a clear definition.

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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR  
POST CONSTRUCTION FLOW MONITORING RELATED TO THE NICKY BOULEVARD  
STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT – PHASE 2**

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.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent and the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Brilliant Electric Sign Co., Ltd. for a header cabinet and two Electronic Message Centers (EMC's) in an amount not to exceed \$32,698.00.

Mr. Schoeffler asked if this sign was going to be used for primarily village business only, and not the MetroParks.

Mayor Bacci said it would.

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

A moral Claim from Mr. Ramon Black in the amount of \$248.40 for the replacement of two tires.

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

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:**

I hope everyone had a blessed Easter.

Our Easter Bunny Drive Thru at Bacci Park went very well. Thanks to everyone that helped!

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. We have 10 trees that will be planted that evening.

Very special birthday wishes to Mr. Ed Ranch who will turn 95 years old on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and God Bless!

April birthday wishes to employees: (1) Ken Schoeffler; (3) Matthew Udivich; (6) Marc Sherriff; (13) Joanne Socausky; (29) Amanda Domzalski – who will be hitting the big 40! And Miss Lily turns double digits -- 10; and (30) Bryon Borowy.

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

**MR. BLOAM:**

Nothing at this time.

**MR. CENTA:**

Nothing at this time.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:**

Congratulations to Mr. Ben Chojnacki for making partner at Walter Haverfield.

**MS. HARRIS:**

Ms. Harris asked the Mayor if we could put something in the newsletter to let residents know that you could update the plaque on your memorial tree at Bacci Park. Mayor Bacci said he would do that.

Congratulations to Mr. Ben Chojnacki for becoming partner at Walter Haverfield Law Firm.

**MS. HENLEY:**

Nothing at this time.

**MR. SCHOEFFLER:**

Wanted to let everyone know that Mr. Casini and Mr. LaBella while out in the village, helped save a person from an overdose. It pays to be in the right place at the right time.

Was wondering if we were going to start the newsletter again this year. Mayor Bacci said we are looking into it, and hopefully in the near future.

Thanked all dispatchers for their service to the community during National Dispatchers Week.

**POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:**

Nothing at this time.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:**

Congratulations to Ben.

Wanted everyone to know we pulled all of the shrubs out in front of the Town Hall.

**FIRE CHIEF SUHY:**

Nothing at this time.

**CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER**

Nothing at this time.

**LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:**

Thanked everyone for the kind words and congratulations.

**CLERK UNGER:**

Congratulations to Ben, it is quite an honor to make partner so young.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:**

Thanked Mr. Sammons for ripping the bushes out in front of the Town Hall. She can finally see the building.

**ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:**

Nothing at this time.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:**

Nothing at this time.

**ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:**

Congratulations to Ben.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Resident Charvatte Figard from E.49<sup>th</sup> Street, thank everyone for the drive through Easter event at Bacci Park. My family was thrilled to be there, and very grateful for everyone that helped put it together.

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.