

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 12, 2021
7:00 PM**

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Mayor calls the meeting to order:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Finance Committee Approvals for April:

Finance Approval: Req 21-SD-338-A Replacing of Pool Chairs not to exceed \$6,700.00

MINUTES:

March 10, 2021 Council Meeting

Ms. Henley made the motion to accept the Minutes as prepared, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position April 2021

RITA Preliminary report May 2021

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. 2021-21

Payment of Certain Claims: \$868,185.70
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. 2021-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE'S 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. 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. 2021-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 254.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE PAY PERIOD FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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. 2021-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 244.16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE TO HONOR THE EMS BILLING POLICY OF THE COMMUNITY TO WHICH MUTUAL AID IS BEING PROVIDED

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE 2021 CORN ROAST

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SC STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR IMAGING SOFTWARE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-27

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE'S PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE BENJAMIN MOORE SITE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion authorizing the Service Director to solicit bids to make repairs to the Service Department Roof.

Mr. Schoeffler made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

A motion authorizing a change order for the Village's purchase of an electric sign on East 49th Street from Brilliant Electric Sign Co., Ltd. to increase the authorized expenditures related to the sign to a total amount not to exceed \$34,381.00

Mr. Bloam made the motion, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Former village resident, Sheri Schuschu passed away on May 4th at the age of 74. Sherri was the first civilian dispatcher hired at the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department in 1984; she retired in 2001. She leaves behind her husband Bob and son Bobby. Please keep her husband and son in your prayers. She was a great lady.

I hope all the Moms had a wonderful Mother's Day this past Sunday.

Our village celebrated its Arbor Day event on Friday, April 30 — 10 trees were planted to honor deceased residents. Our next event will be held in April, 2023.

Saturday, May 15 is Peace Officers Memorial Day—special recognition is paid to law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. The vast amount of Policemen and Policewomen do an incredible job, and we need to support them.

We are moving forward with our Memorial Day parade and service which will be held on May 31st. Step-off time is 10:00 a.m. at Klima Gardens. Afterwards, we will have a cook out at Klima's—like in year's past.

Please show your support in honoring our Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Youngsters and their parents can decorate their bikes, scooters, and wagons for the Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 30th at Klima Gardens from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We will have everything you need to decorate.

Food trucks will be back at Bacci Park beginning in June on every Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Also, village resident Dave Volek will be playing live music on those days – so bring a chair, blanket—sit back and relax. We will have a flyer at the end of this month that will go with the Neighborhood News on the dates and menus of each food truck.

Congratulations to residents and new grandparents Karen & Ray Smosarski. Their son Josh and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Stella Rae on May 2.

We are moving forward on opening our swimming pool. It will open on Saturday, June 5. I will be sending a letter to all our residents in the next several weeks on upcoming events, projects, etc., that are happening during the next few months. It will be great to see the kids back in the pool.

May birthday wishes to employees: Service Director Dave Sammons and former Law Director Jonathon Greenberg – May 7; Brad Beaulieu – May 12; Kevin Stack – May 26; Kelly Hartman and Cory Pucci - May 28.

As always, 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:

This afternoon, we had a business advisory meeting with the school. We want to encourage and promote students to tour facilities of local businesses to get them into good paying jobs. We had a very good turnout from the business community, and they are looking to get started again after the last year of Covid 19.

Mayor Bacci said we pushed our kids so hard to go to college, and our trades suffered. These are good jobs that students can get right out of high school. Hopefully this program continues to grow, and thanked Mr. Centa for his report.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Nothing at this time.

MS. HARRIS:

Nothing to report.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley's granddaughter called the bug guy that is hired by the Village to get rid of carpenter ants in her house. After calling a couple of times and not getting the problem resolved, they called Orkin, and they fixed the problem. This also happened to a couple of other residents, and they also had to get an outside exterminator to fix the problem. She doesn't feel we are getting our money's worth out of the current exterminator.

Ms. Henley related these problems to the Mayor. He informed Council that he took up this issue with Service Director Sammons, and he has handled it. He has had a discussion with the exterminator, and if we get any more complaints, we will address them. If someone is getting an unsatisfactory result from the exterminator service the Village provides, we need to know so we can document and address the vendor.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:

Flags will be flown at half-mast for the Police Memorial Week. He also told Council that he had the pleasure of meeting some new residents from Willowbrook. The father and daughter are retired Police Officers from the Cleveland Police Department, and the brother is also looking to retire from the department in the near future.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

We currently have workers in the evening working on the pool and the Town Hall. Mr. Casini has also offered to help us work on the roof at the Service Department. Mayor Bacci said that is the original roof, and we are going to put a band aid on it to fix it. The Service Department also needs a new parking lot and driveway, but we are not fixing this issue at this time.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Nothing at this time.

CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER

Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

The Law Department will be working with the Building Department to review the regulations concerning chickens in the village. You will likely see legislation at the next Council Meeting.

CLERK UNGER:

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

On lower E.71st Street, the Water Department brought in an outside contractor to find the leak, and as of today, we have no firm results. We have always had a leak at the lower part of the street, but since 2017-2018 the leak was found at a higher level of the street. There is no way to know all the damage until we turn off the water completely. There is also damage even higher than the crossover level, and at this point we are at the mercy of Cleveland Water to help us solve the problem.

Mayor Bacci said we are trying to work with them on their schedule which is overwhelming the amount of work they have to contend with, but we need to get this fixed. No activity doesn't mean we aren't concerned, or making calls to try to resolve this issue. It is a huge concern to all of us, and we will continue to be reasonable with them, and hopefully we will see something soon.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Prior to this meeting, I was issued a drawing for a new structure at Charter Steel. This information will be given to Council for approval to proceed at the next Council Meeting.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Centa that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.