

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

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 14, 2021**

Before the meeting, the Mayor asked Council to go into Executive Session for employment matters.

Motion was made by Mr. Schoeffler, and 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. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor Bacci asked for a moment of silence for Ms. Henley and her family on the loss of her son Ronald.

**Mayor calls the meeting to order:**

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

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to excuse Ms. Henley from the Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**PERMITS:**

None at this time.

**PURCHASES:**

Nothing for June 2021.

**MINUTES:**

June 9, 2021                      Council Meeting

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Statement of Cash Position June 2021  
RITA Preliminary report July 2021

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-33**

Payment of Certain Claims: \$843,746.44  
Payroll  
General Bills  
Transfers

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS FOR THE PROVISION OF MUTUAL AID LAW ENFORCEMENT 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, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE AND EXECUTION OF A TEMPLATE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PROVISION OF MUTUAL AID LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO USE WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Mr. Contipelli asked Chief Sturgill if any other Departments are looking to use mutual aid. Chief Sturgill said we are always looking, but no new departments have asked at this time.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Centa that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ACCEPT PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE "RENEWAL RATES" FOR THE 2021-2022 PLAN YEAR

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-38**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ACCEPT MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO'S "INSURED RENEWAL RATE" FOR THE PERIOD EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-39**

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

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-40**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION AWARD OF ONE LUCAS CHEST COMPRESSION AND EXTERNAL POWER SUPPLY.

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, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-41**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD STARTING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

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, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ACCEPT DELTA DENTAL'S "RENEWAL RATES" FOR THE PERIOD EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-43**

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS PROPOSALS TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS.

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-44**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC., AND/OR TERIK ROOFING, INC. FOR REPAIRS TO THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT ROOF

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

July, 2021 meeting, Public Works motions:

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for 2021 annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for the Joint & Crack Sealing for the 2021 season. Not to exceed \$25,000.

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

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for the annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for the Flexible & Rigid Pavement Repairs for the 2021 Season. Not to exceed \$95,000.

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

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for 2021 sewer video, jetting, and light cleaning. Not to exceed \$50,000.

Mr. Centa made the motion, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for 2021 Catch Basin & Sewer Repair. Not to exceed \$50,000.

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

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for 2021 Sidewalk Improvements. Not to exceed \$75,000.

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

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

### **MAYOR BACCI:**

Mayor Bacci thanked Council for passing all the legislation up to and including the work needed for the Service Department roof.

I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to Councilwoman Lois Henley on the loss of her son Ron— unexpectedly on July 1; he was 51. Please keep Lois, Howard and Rick, as well as her entire family, in your thoughts and prayers.

We also lost a very good friend of our Village, Kelly Knauss. Kelly was the granddaughter of Mayor Klima, and was always at the pool. She was in her late fifties, and she will be missed by many of our residents that knew her.

I hope everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

The village-wide garage sales took place on June 26<sup>th</sup> — we had about 26 participants. Unfortunately, I heard from several residents – they didn't have a lot of "foot traffic" as well as participants like in past years.

Last Saturday we held our annual village shred day at Gateway Recycling. About 12-15 residents stopped by with their shredding which equaled out to about (4) 95-gallon tote containers. This event too – participation was lower than in past years.

Milestone birthday wishes to resident Tony Casavecchia, and who also works for us as Park Patrol, celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 1. Congratulations!

July birthday wishes to employees: David Lukas & Christina Caporuscio – July 2 -- who also share a birthday with me! Rick Henley - July 5; Jude Kaliszewski - July 14; Tony Dorris & Joseph Kappa - July 17; Bob Guilfoyle - July 23; and Fire Chief Michael Suhy – July 27.

**MR. BLOAM:**

As most of you know, I try not to talk unless I have something important to say. So at this time I want to make a statement publically so it gets in the minutes.

I want everyone to know my disappointment with the Chair of the Charter Review Committee disrespected my choice for the Charter Review Process.

I chose Michael Cimperman because he is a great kid. He is the future of this village, he is invested, he owns a house, and he is educated. We are trying to get younger people involved here, and this does not help the process. Unfortunately, it doesn't make a great impression on him. He is a good kid, and I wanted him to get his feet wet on the Charter Review Committee and then possibly running for Council.

This attack on him by the chair of the committee was a shit show, and does not make a good impression on a young kid, and doesn't make him want to get involved in anything else for the village.

**MR. CENTA:**

I agree with everything Mr. Bloam said. I also got my feet wet on the Charter Review Committee before running for Council.

I also participated in Shred Day. He thinks the participation was down this year because people had a lot of time to do their shredding during the year.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:**

Mr. Contipelli wanted to offer his condolences to Ms. Henley and her family on the loss of her son Ronald. Ron made you laugh as much as he made you mad, and he will be missed.

He also wanted to thank the members of the Charter Review Committee who dedicated their time as residents, and putting up with a shit show.

Most of the members have some very thick skin, and although Michael has thick skin, I'm hoping he takes this as a learning lesson of how bad politics can be in this town. Hopefully he will learn that most people are better than that, and this town deserves better than that.

As far as the Chair of the Charter Review Committee, Mr. Dave Domzalski, I am very disappointed. Mr. Domzalski has professed to be some type of a leader, or wants to be some type



of leader, but he has shown a lack of leadership in doing a basic Charter Review. I shouldn't be surprised, because I have seen a lot of things happen being involved in a family filled with politics. But Mr. Domzalski tried to use this committee for his own political purposes, and I am deeply disappointed. He tried to push on the committee things that no one wanted to discuss, and he used it as a weapon to get back at people currently serving in politics in our village, including myself and this administration. But as we all say, sometimes you give a man enough rope, they hang themselves.

So I challenge Mr. Domzalski to run for Mayor, because I will be the first one to walk around this town and tell everyone that he lacks leadership skills to do the job, and that he just wants to combat people and not really listen to them.

**MS. HARRIS:**

I agree with everything Mr. Contipelli and Mr. Bloam said. It is not surprising about Mr. Domzalski's attitude. I am disappointed in him and his attitude, because we have people here that are trying to do the best for our village. I have read the Minutes of the meeting, and Michael Cimperman did a great job as Secretary of the Committee, and I want to thank him and all the other members for doing a great job.

Happy birthday Mayor.

**MR. SCHOEFFLER:**

Thanked Chief Sturgill for working with the MetroParks to clean up and get a handle on the park on E.49<sup>th</sup> Street.

He asked Chief Suhy if they were still working on the grant for a power cot for the Fire Department, and asked if we get any break in the Workers Comp bill if we have one. Chief Suhy said he is still working on it, and CFO Meriwether said that we don't get a break in the costs from Workers Comp if we have a power cot.

He thanked everyone that worked on the Charter Review Committee. Everyone had differences of opinions, and I'm glad the majority of the people on the committee acted appropriately and worked to get the things done for our village.

**POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:**

Nothing at this time.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:**

Thanked Council for supporting the legislation to repair the roof at the Service Department.

If anyone has any ideas or insight into what we can do to improve the pool, please let me know. Mayor Bacci said that we are going to get some help from a consultant, Mr. LaBella and Mr. Sciano are also going to be involved.

**FIRE CHIEF SUHY:**

Thanked Council for their support in obtaining the grant, and also thanked everyone that supported his golf outing.

**CFO MERIWETHER:**

The Finance Committee met today, and worked on future projects and costs.

**LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:**

Nothing at this time.

**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.

**ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:**

Nothing at this time.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Ms. Laura Merhaut gave Clerk Unger a copy of a letter concerning the Charter Review Committee as a public record. She also thanked Mayor Bacci for appointing her and said that it was a pleasure to serve.

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