

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2021
7:00 PM**

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Before the meeting, the Mayor asked Council to go into Executive Session for pending litigation and acquisition of property.

Motion was made by Mr. Contipelli, and seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Schoeffler and Mr. Sciano were excused from the Executive Session.

Ms. Harris made the motion to move back into the Caucus, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor calls the meeting to order:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

From Thea Guilfoyle, Director of Community Services for Brooklyn Heights:

A letter of appreciation and thanks for allowing their Art in the Park Program participants and supervisors to enjoy the Cuyahoga Heights pool, and commended the staff for being professional and friendly.

Ms. Harris made the motion to accept the communications and place them on file, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Finance Approval Req 21-ENG-24-A E 71st at Rt21~I-77N Corridor Water Samples not to exceed \$15,000

MINUTES:

September 8, 2021 Council Meeting

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position September 2021
RITA Preliminary report October 2021

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-61

Payment of Certain Claims: \$769,760.52
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

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, 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. 2021-62

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER
INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZARNEY CREATIVE FOR MARKETING SERVICES

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, 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. 2021-63

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S 2022 ROAD PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

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, 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:

None at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

The Mayor wanted to thank Service Director Sammons, Assistant Director Baciak, Wendy, Mindy and their crew for putting on a top shelf event in the Corn Roast. We put on an event that is admired by every person from this town to everyone in the school district. Hats off to the Police and Fire Departments, they did a great job. Ms. Lee Ann, Ms. Wendy, Angel, Christina, Amanda, and even Kenny got in on the action and helped us out this year. He also thanked Council for their support. Everyone had a great time, and the fireworks were phenomenal.

It was great to see the kids put their phones away and have some fun outside. Thank you to all the employees and volunteers who put their heart and soul into this event to make it such a success!

In addition, our flu shot event for our seniors last month went very well! It was good to chat with our elders—and many of them stayed and ate breakfast while socializing with their neighbors.

Happy belated anniversary to Councilman Renato Contipelli and his bride, Michelle! Last Saturday they celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes!

In lieu of our Halloween party that was scheduled for Sunday, October 24th, we will again have a Halloween Costume Drive-Thru on Halloween, Sunday, October 31 from 4:45-5:45 p.m. at Bacci Park. This is open to resident children and grandchildren ages 0-12. We have sent out information twice to our residents—deadline to register is October 22nd.

Trick-or-Treat will take place in town on Sunday, October 31 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you wish to pass out candy, please leave an outside light on so children know they are welcome.

Don't forget Election Day is Tuesday, November 2. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. –

7:30 p.m. in the basement of our Village Hall. Exercise your right to vote!

Milestone birthday wishes to residents: My big sister, Laura Merhaut turns 70 on October 21 and Cindy Arvay turns 60 on October 25th. Best wishes!

October birthday wishes to employees: (2) Law Director Ben Chojnacki; (11) Steve Harris; (15) Nick Frye and (24) Mindy Armbrust.

MR. BLOAM:

Corn Roast was great. If possible, can we get a screen door for the concession stand to stop the bees from coming in? The Mayor asked if one of those magnetic screens work. Mr. Bloam said that would work.

Mayor Bacci thanked and congratulated Mr. Bloam for all the work he put into the drum line for many years, and is sad that he will be retiring from the drum line next year. He has done an awesome job with the students.

MR. CENTA:

Mr. Centa said that the Corn Roast was a great family event, and thanked everyone that played a part in making it happen.

Informed us that this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so please make sure to get tested early.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Corn Roast was great, it was probably the best attended in years. Both residents and nonresidents told me they had a wonderful time.

Ten years ago we had a vision to reinvent the north side of E.71st Street. Recently we purchased the Benjamin Moore Building, and we have seen some huge improvements in that property.

Another possibility for improvement is with the Allega Company. They are looking at purchasing the land just past the North American property to possibly build a new building. Also, the Cuyahoga Foundry property is to be purchased, and is being developed. This has been an eyesore for many years, and it would be great to see that parcel fixed. Also, the Hillside property is being looked at for development by Sam Messina and his group, so we could see some huge improvements for the whole north end of E. 71st Street. Thanks to the Mayor and Council for the vision to make this happen. Wished everyone good luck on Election Day!

MS. HENLEY:

Thanked all of her colleagues, the Mayor and Clerk for all of their donations for the seniors at the Corn Roast. We ended up making 800 dollars.

She is looking forward to the Fire Department getting a new electric cot for carrying patients. This will take away the possibility of dropping a patient while moving them to the ambulance.

MS. HARRIS:

The Corn Roast was a wonderful event. The pies from Miles Farmers Market were incredible. Thank you to everyone that helped to make this event happen.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Told the Mayor that he had many comments from residents that they were glad the fireworks went off earlier. The Mayor said the clouds helped it get darker earlier.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:

Would like to bring a representative from First Energy to give Council information on a program to replace all street lights with LED lights.

Mayor Bacci told Chief Sturgill to have her come next month before the Council Meeting at 6:00 pm to address Council with her ideas and options for the village.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

The Service Department roof work should commence this Friday.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Nothing at this time.

CFO MERIWETHER:

Thanked all employees that helped with the Corn Roast. Thanked Mayor Bacci from getting away from the hay maze and going to the corn maze. Mayor Bacci said it was Ms. Mindy's idea, and we are glad that it worked out so well.

LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Great Corn Roast.

CLERK UNGER:

Great Corn Roast.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Great Corn Roast.

The kids loved the corn maze so much better than the one from last year with the bales of hay. Mayor Bacci said we will continue with this next year, and it is much less expensive.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

We are working with the Service Department and the Building Department to fix the leaks at the pool, and to investigate where they are coming from. We are working with a company called Raindrop for splash pads and other various surface features. We are also looking into the possibility of doing a second floor recreation facility which might have a track and exercise facility.

Mayor Bacci said we hope to have something for Public Works and Council for their approval in November to get these studies done. We must fix the leaks at the pool, but all the other ideas we have for the pool that could make it a four seasons building so that folks could utilize it in the winter months possibly with a heated area will be some of the options we will be looking into. At a minimum we need to update the office, locker room, and the aesthetics. How it will work is all the aesthetics to the pool will be done in the spring, while any structural improvements would be done in the fall after the pool closed.

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 Mr. Schoeffler that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.