

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2021
7:00 PM**

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

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

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 Approvals

Req 21-SD-461-A Snowplow and Truck Repairs for truck S6 & S7 by Iron Hawk not to exceed \$9,500

Req 21-ENG-33-A for Nicky Blvd for ground water monitoring, compliance and hydrological not to exceed \$25,000

MINUTES:

November 10, 2021 Council Meeting

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position November 2021
RITA Preliminary report December 2021

Mr. Bloam 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. 2021-69

Payment of Certain Claims: \$1,359,646.27
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers.

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. 2021-70

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-71

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Ms. Henley 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. 2021-72

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL LEASE-TO-OWN FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH FIRST CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASING CORP. FOR FOUR NEW 2022 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT UPFITS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Henley 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. 2021-73

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 234.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE PERMITTED SOURCES OF MONIES TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND

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. 2021-74

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE PROMOTION OF KENNETH SCHOEFFLER TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, OHIO

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-75

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. Centa 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. 2021-76

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE VILLAGE BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD STARTING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 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, 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. 2021-77

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S 2022 SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Ms. Henley 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. 2021-78

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2022 CUYAHOGA COUNTY MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Henley 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. 2021-79

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO STUDY POTENTIAL UPGRADES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL POOL

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-80

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND A CHANGE OF SCOPE TO THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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. 2021-81

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE "PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION" ("PIPE") PROGRAM

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. 2021-82

AN ORDINANCE CLARIFYING THE PREVIOUS AUTHORIZATIONS OF ALL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

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:

Present Councilwoman Cheryl Harris with her Proclamation—retirement as a councilwoman. Served 12 years. (2010-2021)

We will not be having an Inauguration in 2022 like we did in 2018— COVID. Hopefully, we will bring it back in the future. The 3 elected council members will be sworn in at the first council meeting—January 12.

I wanted to thank the employees of Charter Steel & MilliporeSigma who generously reached out to our office AGAIN—in helping out several families in our village this holiday season.

Also, thank you to our Police Department for again raising money and participating in Shop with a Cop. They are taking 9 children from our village to Target this Saturday—afterwards they are having a pizza party with our neighboring communities Brooklyn Heights & Valley View—who also will be participating in the program with kids from their villages.

Santa & Mrs. Claus are gearing up for Christmas and making a special stop in the Village on Sunday, December 19th beginning at 11:00 a.m. for our resident children/grandchildren. While we are out with Santa, anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items may do so by leaving it on your front porch by 11:00 a.m.

Also, that evening -- don't forget to turn on your lights at 5:00 p.m. -- we have our annual Christmas Lighting Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place.

December birthday wishes to employees: Jesse James – December 8; Wendy Heinzman – December 14; Diane Simmons – December 15; Damon Schreiber – December 16; Michael Petti – December 19; Howard Selig – December 21 and Frank Trusso – December 30. Happy birthday to all!

Wishing everyone a very Merry & Blessed Christmas...and health and happiness in the New Year.

MR. BLOAM:

Thanked Mr. Schoeffler for his time served on Council. I'm sure you will run again and be back on Council. It was great working with you and I'm sure we will do it again.

Ms. Harris, it has been an honor and privilege to have worked with you. We have been together since 2010, and I will miss you greatly. I appreciate your friendship and thank you for everything you have done for Council and the community.

MR. CENTA:

Thanked Mr. Schoeffler for being a part of our team. When I talk to my friends about how well we work together, they are in awe, and want to know more about our community.

We are like a family, and at times, family members disagree, but we always work it out.

When I first ran for Council, I reached out to Ms. Harris for guidance, and she was always there for me, and I will never forget that.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Told Mr. Schoeffler that for six years, he was a good effective Councilman, and now he has a few years to reflect on where he is at. Just get back out there, and I'm sure we will see you on the ballot in the next two years.

Ms. Harris, it has been an honor and pleasure. This is a difficult job, and you gained a lot of respect from me in 2010 when we had to make a lot of tough decisions. Over the years, it was tough, we worked as a team, no one had a private agenda, and now we are moving the community forward in a positive way.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MS. HENLEY:

Ms. Henley told Mr. Schoeffler time goes quickly, and he will be back before he knows it. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thanked everyone for making her experience on Council a good one. We no longer have the fights and diversity of the past. Now her time on Council is enjoyable. Mr. Schoeffler said that is because we work together as a team.

MS. HARRIS:

Ms. Harris acknowledged that her time in politics has been quite a ride, sometimes bumpy, sometimes not. But what she enjoyed the most, is getting to know more of the residents at a different level, sometimes good, sometimes not.

This Council and Administration has worked well together, and she would never have wanted to give up being a part of this. Every department and employee she has had to work with have all been friendly and helpful, and this says a lot about the employees and departments.

Ms. Harris thanked everyone, and explained that she is not going away, contrary to popular belief, she will not be moving to Florida.

She thanked her children for coming to her last meeting, and thanked everyone else in the audience.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

It's been a great six years on Council, and hopefully in the future, I will be able to come back. Thank you to Todd and Cheryl for being there with him the whole time, he appreciates it. We have a great school system that everyone talks about, but our community is equally as great.

Mayor Bacci thanked Matt for his service.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:

Thanked Mr. Schoeffler and Ms. Harris for their service to the community. Told Mr. Schoeffler that he will be back, and he will come back stronger in the next election. Thanked Ms. Harris for always handling yourself with dignity and class, and we will miss you.

Have a safe and happy New Year, and don't drink and drive.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

Thanked Mr. Schoeffler and Ms. Harris for their service and support over the years. It was a pleasure working with both of them, and also with Mr. Unger who is now going to move to Council.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

Thanked Mr. Schoeffler and Ms. Harris for all the support they have given the Fire Department over the years.

We are applying for a new grant for a Life Tech Monitor that costs over \$50,000.00, and we are working with Silverlode on that grant.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah.

LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Thanked Mr. Schoeffler and Ms. Harris for their exemplary public service.

Merry Christmas.

CLERK UNGER:

Thanked Ms. Harris and Mr. Schoeffler for all their support over the years. He explained that all of us have lost a political race at some point in our careers, and he is sure Mr. Schoeffler will be back. Looking forward to his new position as a Councilman.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Thanks to Ms. Harris and Mr. Schoeffler for their service on Council, and best wishes to both of them. She is so proud of Ms. Harris and all she has accomplished during her tenure on Council.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Thanked Mr. Schoeffler and Ms. Harris for all of their support over the years, and wishes them the best.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:

Thanked Mr. Schoeffler and Ms. Harris for their support of the Building Department over the years, and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Have a safe and healthy holidays.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

Thanked Mr. Schoeffler and Ms. Harris for their service. Wished Ms. Harris a healthy and happy retirement.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mr. Volek thanked Ms. Harris for all of her support over the last couple of months. Thanked Mr. Schoeffler for his service, and wishes him well in the future.

Congratulated Mr. Ken Schoeffler for his promotion in the Police department. He thinks he will be a great compliment to Chief Sturgill.

Merry Christmas to everyone, and see you in January.

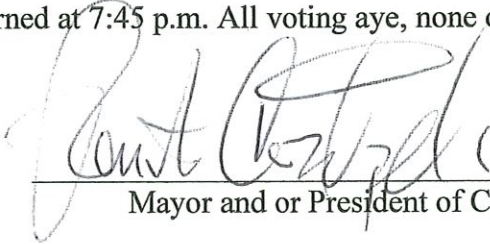
Ms. Harri's daughter, Erin said that her mom is a natural leader, and brings happiness to everyone. It has been a tough twelve years, and she is happy her mom is retiring. You did an awesome job, and we love you.

Ms. Harri's son Steven thanked Council for the pumper and the Power Cot for the department. They are game changers in our department with less manpower. These pieces of equipment let us do our job faster and better.

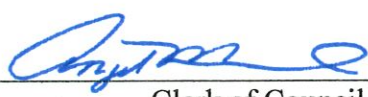
On behalf of our family, we are very proud of our mom for the work she has done on Council. The one thing he knows is that even though we might not agree on everything, my mom always put the community first. The residents and employees are all well taken care of, and sometimes they don't see that you have had to make some very hard decisions, and we are very proud of the work you have done over the last twelve years, and we love you very much.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.

Approved 
Mayor.


Mayor and or President of Council

On January 12, 2021


Clerk of Council

