

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA  
JANUARY 12, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

After Executive Session, Mayor Bacci was sworn in by CFO Meriwether. Councilmen Bloam and Volek were sworn in by Mayor Bacci as was Deputy Chief Schoeffler.

**MAYOR CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Jason Cowling. He suddenly passed away last Thursday; he was 45 years old and leaves behind his wife, Vanessa and two children Ariel & Jared.

Deepest condolences to Jim and Robyn Nobili. Jim lost his older brother David suddenly on December 16<sup>th</sup>; he was 77 years old. And to Rick and Mary Ann Cockrell. Mary Ann lost her Mom, Mary Frizek on New Year's Eve; she was 88 years old. Please keep all the families in your thoughts and prayers.

**ROLL CALL: Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek**

Motion to excuse Bob Unger from the meeting.

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

Motion to accept the nomination for President of Council.

Mr. Bloam made the motion to nominate Mr. Contipelli, seconded by Mr. Centa.

No other nominations.

Motion to accept the nomination.

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

Mayor Bacci congratulated Mr. Contipelli for the role of Council President for 2022. Mr. Contipelli accepted and thanked Mayor Bacci and Council.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None at this time.

**PERMITS:** None at this time.

**PURCHASES:**

Req 21-VH-1431-A

To Planet Technologies for annual email services not to exceed \$8,000.

Req 21-SD-338-A

To Resort Furniture for replacement of pool chairs not to exceed \$6,700.

Req 21-SD-466-A

To Sohar's for new scag mowers not to exceed \$18,000.

**MINUTES:**

December 8, 2021                      Council Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes as prepared and place them on file.

Mr. Centa made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, Mr. Volek abstained. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Statement of Cash Position December 2021

RITA Preliminary Report January 2022

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01**

Payment of Certain Claims: \$1,909,837.00  
Payroll  
General Bills  
Transfers

Motion to approve the Resolution:

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

**ORDINANCE NO 2022-02**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ENGINEER FOR THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FOR 2022 AND 2023, FIXING COMPENSATION THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT DEAN DEPIERO TO SERVE AS MAGISTRATE FOR THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS MAYOR'S COURT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04**

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05**

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE PROSECUTOR, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF A BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND ARCHITECT FOR THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2022 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH FIRE FORCE INC./EAGLE EMERGENCY FOR ONE EW30 WASHER EXTRACTOR

Motion to approve the Resolution:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 237 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE VILLAGE CLERK

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2022-10**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 883.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO PROVIDE THAT 5% OF THE MONTHLY NET INCOME TAX FUNDS COLLECTED BY THE VILLAGE ARE DEPOSITED INTO THE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND.

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

Mr. Contipelli asked Ms. Meriwether if we suspended this last year? Ms. Meriwether stated that we did suspend this due to COVID and we are just reinstating it.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11**

AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION SCHEDULE RANGES FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

Motion to amend the agenda to include Ordinance Nos. 2022-12 and 2022-13.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12**

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS CURRENT ELIGIBITIY LIST THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 220.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE START TIME FOR REGULAR MEETINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to approve the Ordinance:

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:**

Mayor Bacci started by saying he hoped everyone had a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year! He also wanted to thank those who generously gave and helped out families in our community this past Christmas—the employees of Charter Steel and MilliporeSigma for adopting several families in town and providing them with a wonderful Christmas. To our residents who graciously donated food during Santa’s visit—we were able to help out several families, as well as assisting the Food Bank at Holy Name. To our Cuyahoga Heights Police Department for participating in the “Shop with a Cop Program.” They were able to help out several families in town. And lastly to Bryon & Deanna Borowy, John Deliberato and Norman and Laura Merhaut for donating gift cards which also helped out families in town. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS!

We received some great news in December. We were approved for funding through NOACA's Section 5310 Program—which is a mobility grant. We hope this will assist us in getting a new van for our seniors. However, we haven't yet received the award letter.

January birthday wishes to employees: (9) Councilman Renato Contipelli; (12) Councilwoman Lois Henley; (13) Kelli (Stack) Jachym and Reno Contipelli; (16) Jimmy Henley; and (19) Brian Fragua.

**MR. BLOAM:**

Mr. Bloam called for a Public Works meeting for next month at 5:00 pm. Congratulations to Mr. Contipelli, Deputy Chief Schoeffler, and happy birthday to Ms. Henley.

**MR. CENTA:**

Mr. Centa congratulated Mr. Contipelli on being Council President, as well as congratulating Deputy Chief Schoeffler—and welcoming Mr. Volek and Mr. Unger.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:**

Mr. Contipelli thanked Council for their support and Mr. Bloam for doing a great job. Congratulations to Deputy Chief Schoeffler and welcome to Mr. Volek and Mr. Unger. There will be no workshop in January and he will call one, when needed. He asked Mayor Bacci to update the council on some economic development going on in the Village.

Mayor Bacci informed Council that Joshen Paper was bought and sold. No update on what will become of the property; however, he will continue to update Council and the residents. The building is marketable because of the location, and he believes there will be no issues with keeping a business in that building. Nook Industries was also sold, but we don't know of any business changes. The Cuyahoga Foundry property keeps moving forward, and Expert Crane has outgrown their facility and looking to relocate.

**MS. HENLEY:**

Ms. Henley thanked everyone and congratulated everyone. She noted that Holy Name wanted to say thank you to the Mayor and all the residents who donated.

**MR. VOLEK:**

Mr. Volek started by wishing congrats to Mr. Contipelli and Mr. Schoeffler. He thanked the residents for having their vote of confidence in him, and he will do the job to the best of his abilities. He looks forward to working with everyone during the next four years.

**POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:**

Congratulations to Mr. Volek—and to Deputy Chief Schoeffler who he has worked with for 23 years. Mr. Schoeffler is very organized so it should compliment his style. Thanks to all those that donated to Shop with a Cop, and very special thanks to Don Giancursio, R&T Roadside Service and Ohio Bulk for their extra donations.

**FIRE CHIEF SUHY:**

Congratulations to Council, Deputy Chief Schoeffler and happy birthday to Ms. Henley. Also thanked Council for the approval of their washer and the extension of the candidate list.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS:**

Congratulations to Council, Deputy Chief Schoeffler and happy birthday to Ms. Henley and Mr. Contipelli. Weather permitting in January, we will start repairs on the leaks at the pool. The roof at the service department was in very bad shape so we are having work done; the contractor will come back to finish the job when weather permits.

**ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:**

Noted that Mr. Sammons is doing a great job with the projects at the service garage. Commended Mr. Bloam on a great job as council president, congratulated everyone and happy birthday wishes to Ms. Henley.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:**

Congratulations to all and thanked council for his appointment of his 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> year. Also, there is no need to announce his birthday next month. In 2021 the building department had 106 permits and \$282,154.00 in fees collected—mostly commercial. Contractor registrations added up to \$12,500. This was the top year since he’s been here. Mr. Casini shared a visual aid in reference to Charter Steel and the changes of the property. With help from the Village, Chartel Steel was able to reclaim the property with clean fill which will lead to new opportunities and capital outlay.

**ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:**

Congratulations to all. Thanked everyone for his reappointment. Nicky Boulevard is coming along and he would like Council to take a field trip in the spring. The Hillside property is moving along—a lot of activity. He stated that this Council and Administration has a lot of vision for the properties around town and he’s hopeful they will start to take shape this year. Mayor Bacci said if everything takes off like we want, it would be a great rebound from the past few years due to COVID.

Mr. Sciano further noted that we continue to work with the Cleveland Water Department (CWD) regarding the work on East 71<sup>st</sup> and the water mains. The active water main break is still leaking and CWD is going to start the repair at Harvard Avenue and will move down the road as they go. It’s going to be a long, slow process but once this is fixed we can move forward with other projects that have been put on hold. Cracks are coming out of Willowbrook and another spot in the road. There are also cracks in the crossover.

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

She is very proud of Deputy Chief Schoeffler.

**CFO MERIWETHER:**

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Schoeffler, happy birthdays all around and thank you to Council for the approval of putting the 5% in the Capital Outlay for future projects.



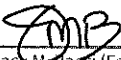
**LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:**


Congratulations all around and happy birthhdays. Thank you for the appointment of Law Director. The CFO and I spoke with NOPEC in regards to the Green Energy Program and we will share more information at the workshop next month.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

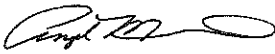
Deputy Chief Schoeffler thanked everyone.

**WHEREFORE**, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Volek that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed. Motion carried.

Approved   
Jack M. Bacci (Feb 15, 2022 08:41 EST)  
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Mayor

  
Renato Contipelli (Feb 15, 2022 08:45 EST)  
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Mayor and or President of Council

On February 9, 2022

  
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Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council