

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 13, 2022  
5:00 p.m.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLS CAUCUS TO ORDER**

**CFO called the Roll:** Henley, Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli

**Renato turned the meeting over to the mayor.**

Mayor Bacci wanted to review the DLZ renderings of the pool with council. The renderings are for the pool building only. The original design was more of an aquatic center look, on Monday the Mayor, Norm and Ken meet with DLZ to review the new design which has the same look as village hall and the school.

The mayor showed the renderings of the pool on his iPad. The new design would have some work out equipment, a walking area, a place for yoga and exercise classes on the second floor which is ADA approved. All current ground level areas would get an updated facelift.

Ms. Henley asked the mayor if he can elaborate on the ADA design. Mayor Bacci explained where the ramp and elevator would be located.

The council all loved the design and would like the Mayor and CFO to get a price on the design.

Mayor Bacci asked if Council does not have any further items to discuss, he would like to go into executive session on updated on all pending litigation and future property acquisitions.

Renato Contipelli made a motion to go into executive session for pending litigation and real estate matters. Seconded by Todd Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Executive Session began at 5:25 p.m.

Back on the record at 5:55 p.m.

Motion to end Caucus made by Renato Contipelli, seconded by David Volek. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Caucus ended at 5:56 p.m.

**MAYOR CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m.**

The mayor asked for a moment of silence for James Smith who recently passed away. Thoughts and prayers for his mother, Jaclyn.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None at this time.

**PERMITS:** None at this time.

**PURCHASES:**

Req 22-SD-96-A Replacing Scissor Lift and trailer Purchase from OHR Rents not to exceed \$15,000

Req-22-SD-109-A to purchase a Billy Goat Blower from Worcester's not to exceed \$10,000

Req 22-SD-113-A to purchase new post cover for Bacci Park from Emedco not to exceed \$7,000

**MINUTES:**

March 9, 2022 Council Meeting

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

Ms. Henley made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor. Motion approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Statement of Cash Position March 2022  
RITA Preliminary Report April 2022

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

**LEGISLATION:** None at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-30**

Payment of Certain Claims: \$ 925,877.22  
Payroll  
General Bills  
Transfers

Mr. Volek made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bloam. Henley, Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa and Contipelli voting aye. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO 2022-31**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY THE VILLAGE OF  
CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS IN THE IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS  
AWARDED IN 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF  
HEALTH RELATING TO SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF STORM SEWER OUTFALLS

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-33**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 444.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO  
REQUIRE ALL PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS OLD TO WEAR A HELMET  
AT ALL TIMES WHEN RIDING A BICYCLE IN THE VILLAGE

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-34**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
THE SECURITY HUT, INC. FOR SECURITY SERVICES

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for the 2022 Annual Tree Trimming within the Village of Cuyahoga not to exceed \$45,000.

Mr. Unger moved, seconded by Mr. Volek. All in favor, non-opposed. Motion approved.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:**

Our condolences to resident Jacquelyn Smith; she recently lost her son James Smith - who was also a resident. Village Hall & Service Department will be closed this Friday and next Monday for the Easter holiday. Garbage collection will be picked up on Tuesday. Our Easter bunny drive thru is this Saturday at Bacci Park from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Road construction will take place at the bottom of the hill at East 71<sup>st</sup> Street/Canal Road for a water connection project for Campbell Equipment beginning Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Signed letter from the Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens thanking the Mayor and Council for the generous contribution to the Senior Citizens.

April Birthday Wishes: (1) Deputy Chief Ken Schoeffler, (11) Marc Sherriff, (13) Joanne Socausky, (29) Amanda Domzalski, (30) Bryon Borowy.

Special birthday wishes to resident Ed Ranch who turns 96 on April 27<sup>th</sup>!

Don't forget to get out and vote on Tuesday, May 3 - Primary General Election. The polls will be open at the village hall from 6:30 am - 7:30 pm.

Wishing everyone a very happy and blessed Easter!

**MS. HENLEY:**

Wishing everyone a blessed Easter

**MR. UNGER:**

Happy Easter

**MR. VOLEK:**

Happy Easter and/or Passover

**MR. BLOAM:**

Happy Easter

**MR. CENTA:**

Happy Easter and have a safe holiday.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:**

River Sweep is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanked Angel and the village hall for getting that published to the public. He helped organized it this year and will be at held at Bacci Park between 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. They will meet at 8:45 a.m.

The mayor asked if he reached out to Madi Bacci in which Contipelli replied that he did and did not receive a call back and asked her to sign up.

Addressing the Mayor, he asked Kelly Hartman to have the concession stand open for a while so the volunteers can congregate there and have water for them. Mrs. Hartman said she would assist. Reminded everyone they still need help and that he reached out to the school for assistance. Explained to council they will walk the metro parks trail and around the back of the ball diamonds to try to clean up the collected debris imbedded in the weeds from flooding. Addressing the public, new upcoming concealed carry law, the administration, law director and the police chief are looking to see what else that can do to get signs posted about concealed carry in the parks and pool. Letting council know that the Urban Tree \$48,000 grant was turned down for the willowbrook connector this year. Let the public know about the application we did for the Raise grant for East 71<sup>st</sup> hill for \$6 million dollars and this will help with the infrastructure rehabilitation act we just passed. Mr. Contipelli asked if the Mayor or Angel can elaborate more.

Mayor Bacci explained that they coupled the E.71st St slope failure along the Willow Brook connector and crossover to 21southbound is all incapsulated. The mayor corrected Mr. Contipelli stating the minimum dollar amount of the grant is 5 million and the project is 6 million. The mayor asked Mr. Sciano if that was all incapsulated. Mr. Sciano agreed. Mayor Bacci went on to say that if the village gets this grant, it will facilitate the entire project asking again if Mr. Sciano would agree in which he did.

Mr. Contipelli said hopefully in August the village should know if the village received the grant. Mayor Bacci agreed.

Mr. Contipelli asked the mayor if the water department was able to help with grant.

The mayor replied that they went to the water department and all partners for support letters including metro and national parks, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Mayor Kurtz, Mayor Piasecki, Mayor Procuik, and the Cuyahoga Heights School District. While we did receive a letter of support from Superintendent Mr. Evans, we additionally asked for a letter of support from Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, Cuyahoga County, Congresswoman Shontel Brown. According to CFO Meriwether, they have received eight letters of support back. Mr. Sciano, Silverlode and Angel have been working on this diligently.

Mr. Contipelli noted that it would be nice to get this, Mayor agreed.

Concluded with Happy Easter

**ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:**

Nothing at this time.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS:**

Thank you for the equipment approval and Happy Easter.

Mayor Bacci mentioned to council that Service Director Sammons and his team put together the 8x8's that bordered the loop in the park and placed the bollard covers on them to help dress it up- good job on that.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI:**

Happy and healthy Easter.

**ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:**

Let everyone know that all building forms are fillable online thanks to Amanda at the village hall for doing a super job. Happy Easter

**FIRE CHIEF SUHY:**

Flushing hydrants this month and happy Easter.

**POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:**

Received information from Darnella from CEI with pricing to replacing the LED streetlighting. She priced them at \$242.00 per light and there are approximately 495 lights in the village. Turn around would be addressed and would be doing the residential streets and cross walks first. This will be costing the village \$120,000. There is a possibility that First Energy will be replacing lights anyway, so they are trying to get facts and answers straight before moving forward.

Mayor Bacci asked if there are any examples of lighting that council can see. Mr. Centa raised this question to him as well.

Chief Sturgill responded that it would possibly look like the city of Independence has on Rt 21.

Mayor requested that the next time the Chief speaks with Darnella if she can give an example comparable to a residential area, as he does not want the village to be lit up like the interstate. While the safety aspect is great, the brightness is a concern.

Mr. Centa raised concern about the cost and turnaround.

Chief Sturgill concluded with Happy Easter.

**LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:**

Happy Easter

**CFO MERIWETHER:**

Happy Easter and thanked Bohning and Silverlode for all their work on the RAISE Grant.

Mayor Bacci explains to Mr. Contipelli that the RAISE grant is much bigger than any grant they have applied for. The mayor asked Mr. Sciano to add to this.


Mr. Sciano explained that because it is federal money, the village needed to provide as much detail as possible to justify the importance of the road and how it would negatively affect the village if we don't receive it.

Ms. Henley said that she received a letter that they are replacing residents' electric meters on E.49<sup>th</sup> St. Mr. Sciano and CFO Meriwether both said that they did that last year on E.71<sup>st</sup> and finally getting to replace E.49<sup>th</sup> St.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

None.

**WHEREFORE**, there was no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:23 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed. Motion carried.

Approved   
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Mayor

Renato Contipelli  
Renato Contipelli (May 31, 2022 16:00 EDT)  
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Mayor and or President of Council

On April 9, 2022

  
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Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council

