

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

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLS CAUCUS TO ORDER

Mayor called the Roll: Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger, Volek

Law Director Ben Chojnacki – not in attendance

Village Engineer Todd Sciano – not in attendance

Mr. Contipelli turned the meeting over to the mayor.

Mayor Bacci mentioned the email that was sent from the Derbin family pertaining to Grant Avenue where it merges onto 77 south. The mayor stated that he doesn't believe there is a pothole after checking twice and doesn't believe that a "mill and fill" will be sufficient since Grant Avenue is slated to be repaired in 2-3 years per Cuyahoga County Council President Pernel Jones. The mayor advised council if they wanted to respond back to the Derbin family, to let them know about the future reconstruction.

Update on the East 71st Street hill: On July 12, 2022, the Cleveland Water Department was on the scene doing a new test to see where the leak is. Service Director Dave Sammons was also there and asked why they were there and please get off the grass. Our Village Engineer Todd Sciano had recently placed a 5-gallon bucket at the bottom of the hill to test how much water is coming from the hill. In a 24-hour period, 500+ gallons are coming out, not counting what is coming out northbound on Route 21. Mayor Bacci contacted the former director of the sewer district, Julius Ciaccia for advice about the issue and directed the mayor to contact Ms. Bonnie Teeuwen, the City of Cleveland's Chief Operating Officer and she is looking into getting answers for the village. This issue could be known as negligence and will need to involve our Law Director Ben Chojnacki. The mayor said once Mr. Chojnacki returns from Europe, he will be in touch with him about moving forward. The mayor also mentioned that our school has a water issue in the catch basin by the stadium and there is a visual slope where the bleachers sit. With the water issues at the school and the hill, there is definitely an issue that needs to be fixed soon. Mayor asked Mr. Bloam to show council the pictures that were on his phone of East 71st southbound that Mr. Sciano sent him to show how Fabrizi has patched the road and how it slopes.

Mr. Contipelli asked when the two houses on Bletch Court would be coming down. Mayor Bacci responded that they were slated to be taken down at the beginning of July; however, that has changed to mid-July to late July.

Caucus ended at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

PERMITS: None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Req 21-VH-1323-A

To replace and install mini splits at VH from Brennan Heating & Cooling. A Purchase Order Adjustment from \$15,000 to \$25,000 to include the CFO mini split unit.

Req 22-SD-140-A

To purchase replacement tables with umbrellas for the Pool from Uline not to exceed \$17,000.

MINUTES:

June 8, 2022 Council Meeting

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

Mr. Bloam made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor. Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position June 2022

RITA Preliminary Report July 2022

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 approved.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-49

Payment of Certain Claims: \$ 1,321,328.59
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Henley that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger and Volek voting aye

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-50

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., THE CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-51

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CHARTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. AND AUTHORIZING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-52

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF NORTH COAST PAVING FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS—PHASE ONE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 901 HARVARD AVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: None at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Hope everyone had a great 4th of July holiday!

We received a thank you card from village resident Hailey Toth for awarding her with the scholarship from the village. “Mayor Bacci & Cuyahoga Heights Village—Thank you so much for awarding me the scholarship from the village. I am really thankful to have this opportunity to be able to help support me in my college adventure. Being able to grow up in this city is something I am thankful for every day, so being able to have the scholarship from here makes me think that you all are proud of me too. Thanks again!”

Last Saturday we held our annual village shred day at Gateway Recycling. He asked Ms. Henley how it went. She stated that it went quite well and she had two helpers from the service department assisting with her that morning.

Our recreation department had 24 resident children attend “Swings-n-Things” last Friday in Olmsted Township—heard that the kids had a great time! Unfortunately, they were 45-minutes late getting back in town because they were short-staffed at the ice cream counter. But the kids didn’t mind because they got ice cream! Also, our recreation director is putting on an “end of the summer pool party” for our resident children on Saturday, August 13—details are forthcoming. And then on Tuesday, July 26 our rec director in collaboration with our police department is having a bike safety program and foam party for our kids at Klima Gardens.

July birthday wishes to employees: (2) Christina Caporuscio & David Lukas who also share a birthday with me, (5) Rick Henley, (17) Tony Dorris, (18) Nicholas Mancini, and (27) Fire Chief Michael Suhy.

The Primary Election is Tuesday, August 2—the polls are open at the village hall from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Exercise your right to vote!

MR BLOAM: Nothing at this time.

MR. CENTA: Nothing at this time.

MR. CONTIPELLI: Nothing at this time.

MS. HENLEY: Nothing at this time.

MR. UNGER: Nothing at this time

MR. VOLEK: Congratulations to Joe Menkhaus and his family. Joe was ordained as a Catholic Priest on May 13, 2022 and has been assigned to St. Bernadette Church.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Nothing at this time.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER CASINI: Nothing at this time.

ASST. BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: The response from our residents about the exterior maintenance letters that were mailed out at the end of May have been great. Many of our residents are using the George M. Suhy grant for assisting with the work done to their homes.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Nothing at this time.


POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Congratulations to Tyler Selig for graduating from the OSP Academy last week.

CFO MERIWETHER: Nothing at this time.

ADMIN. ASST. TO THE MAYOR SCHOEFFLER: Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Jessica Alvis, a resident of Garfield Heights, is interested in politics and has attended Maple Heights and Garfield Heights council meetings and trying to visit other surrounding communities as well. She noted that this council meeting has been the liveliest of them all and thanked everyone.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:16 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed. Motion carried.


Approved 

Mayor


Renato Contipelli (Aug 12, 2022 08:08 EDT)

Mayor and or President of Council

On August 10, 2022



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council