

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2022
5:10 p.m.**

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLS CAUCUS TO ORDER

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

Council President Contipelli introduced Brian Thunberg from RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency).

Mr. Thunberg introduced himself to council as the village's contact and government liaison for RITA—noting that RITA and Cuyahoga Heights have partnered for almost 50 years. He commented that the Regional Income Tax Agency and the board of trustees wishes to recognize and thank the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for its participation and the founding of RITA. Mr. Thunberg presented the proclamation to Mayor Bacci and the administration of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.

Ms. Henley asked how many communities are with RITA. Mr. Thunberg responded that currently they have over 380 municipalities in 78 counties and are expecting to add 3 more in October and some slated in 2023.

Mayor Bacci asked about projections for the year. Mr. Thunberg stated that in 2022 we are projected to be up, due to corporate net profit taxes, but we need to be cautious moving into the future. The mayor thanked Mr. Thunberg for joining us this evening and for the proclamation on behalf of the village.

Mr. Contipelli asked CFO Meriwether about the change order on the trail being \$139,000 and if it includes the \$75,000 grant. CFO Meriwether responded that the grant money filters through federal funding and must be in ADA compliance so the grant money will be utilized for the storm sewer and trail head, not the lower half of the trail, but yes, the grant money will be used.

Mayor Bacci mentioned that issues with the trail behind the properties and the ADA compliance was brought up through NOACA who had stalled the project. Engineer Sciano feels the money will be a good fit for the storm sewer in the total cost. The mayor stated that the new trail renderings look amazing and how taking the homes down transformed the trail from what it used to be. He also commended Fabrizi and his son, who are currently working on the site for their outstanding work.

The mayor passed around pictures that our building department took of the Faragone property on East 49th Street and how they utilized the fencing on their north side to finish off their backyard with a gate to go into the Nicky Boulevard area, and how great it looks.

The mayor advised that we placed “temporary” barriers at the 7210/7212 Bletch Court area for protection so that no one drives over the hill.

He also noted that we continue to have activity at the Hillside and Benjamin Moore sites—although there is interest, we are being very cautious as to what type of business will commit.

The mayor then asked Engineer Sciano to talk about the East 71st Street hill issue. Engineer Sciano spoke of wrapping up the trail in the current phase. The crack on the street will be patched again, and the patch on Grant Avenue will be done as well, within the next few weeks.

Mr. Contipelli asked if there is still water coming out at the bottom of the East 71st Street hill. Engineer Sciano responded yes, about 500 gallons a day. The mayor asked if he could continue to get confirmation that it is in fact, city water utilized by NEORSD for testing.

Mayor Bacci advised that he will be sending out an email asking if council members are able to work the “Welcome Booth” at the Corn Roast for an hour. Duties include greeting guests, handing out the event schedule, checking-in students for community service hours, as well as giving them their volunteer shirt. He noted that Mr. Contipelli is excused as he is attending his niece’s wedding, and Mr. Bloam who will be cooking all day at the concession stand. He also noted that Bacci Park will be closed beginning Monday, September 26 until the corn roast. We are shutting the road down while we set up for the event. The food truck on Wednesday, September 28 has already been scheduled at Klima Gardens.

Mayor Bacci mentioned that Cleveland-Cliffs Cleveland Works Community Open House will be held on Tuesday, September 27 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at their USW Local 979 Hall at 3421 Independence Road if anyone is interested in attending.

He also commented that the quote for the playground is lower of the quotes, and asking council’s approval not to exceed \$ 190,000. Ms. Henley asked the current state of the playground. CFO Meriwether let the council know that per the service department, the playground is around 25 years old and failing. The grant that will be used requires ADA compliance so that is the reason of the higher price. The company that gave the quote does include removal of the old playground, grading, mulching and annual maintenance. Mayor Bacci and council all agree that Bacci Park is wonderful and have received so many compliments from residents and non-residents who visit.

Mayor Bacci and Mr. Contipelli both talked about the softball dugouts needing to be updated sooner or later. Also, upgrades needed at the park include a flagpole and possibly seal coat the ring road.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to go into the CIC meeting, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

Mr. Chojnacki needs a motion to accept the January 12th minutes of the CIC. Motion made by Mayor Bacci, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

Resolution authorizing all actions and requisites to effectuate the transfer of the Nicky Boulevard landfill. Mr. Volek made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

Caucus ended at 5:51 p.m.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

PERMITS: None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Req 22-SD-194-A to replace refrigerator cooler for kitchen at Klima Gardens from Accurate Refrigeration Service Corp not to exceed \$6,000.

Req 22-PD-83-A to approve payment of Police Academy Training to Cuyahoga Community College not to exceed \$6,300.

Req 22-SD-196-A to approve repairs to S6-Salt Truck from Rush Truck Centers not to exceed \$6,500.

Req 22-ENG-19-A 30 feet flexible payment repair for intersection at Grant Avenue and Willow Parkway not to exceed \$18,937.

Req 22-ENG-20-A - 3 guardrail end treatment replacements on East 49th Street not to exceed \$7,500.

FINANCE REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position June 2022
 July 2022
 August 2022

RITA Preliminary report July 2022
 August 2022

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

MINUTES:

August 10, 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, none opposed, motion approved.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-60

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO SERVICE DEPARTMENT
PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – PHASE 1

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-61

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE 5047 EAST 71ST STREET
DEMOLITION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-62

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE ORDER
FOR THE 2022 CORN ROAST

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-63

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND AMENDEDMENTS OF THE
CUYAHGOA COUNTY 2022-2027 ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-64

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
BIG TREES, INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF TREES FOR THE
WILLOWBROOK CONNECTOR TRAIL

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-65

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AN ASSISTANCE TO
FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY THROUGH ITS E-GRANT SYSTEM FOR A MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR
WITH AED MODE, AND FOUR YEARS OF MAINTENANCE FOR USE BY THE
VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO
EXPEND ALL FUNDS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE AND MAINTAIN SAID EQUIPMENT
OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-66

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNT AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND
CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-67

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SNIDER RECREATION, INC. FOR THE BACCI PARK PLAYGROUND UPDATE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-68

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MINUTE MEN HR FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION SERVICES AND MANAGEMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-69

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE OF SCOPE TO SERVICE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PHASE 1

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-70

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-71

Payment of Certain Claims: \$597,497.98

July Payroll
July General Bills
July Transfers

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-72

Payment of Certain Claims: \$ 799,943.33
August Payroll
August General Bills
August Transfers

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

OTHER BUSINESS: None at this time

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Several residents who lived in the village at one time recently passed away: Mrs. Clara Pallini—she was 91, and Lidio “Lee” Collecchi III—he was 40, and left behind a wife and 3 children. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers. Also, keep in your prayers to service department employee Rick Henley who is undergoing chemo treatment on his throat.

Even though it rained, we still had a great time with our seniors at Kelleys Island two weeks ago. We had a good meal and the trip was overdue for a few of our seniors—and I will try to keep this tradition going! We will also be spending time again with our seniors this Friday at our senior citizens flu shot event at Klima Gardens.

This Friday night the Cuyahoga Heights High School homecoming football game takes place at 7:00 p.m. against Trinity, and the homecoming dance is Saturday at the high school.

Reminder that NEORSD is having their Clean Water Festival at their 49th Street facility this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It usually brings in about 1,000 visitors to town.

Also, this Saturday the 2nd annual “Hope Ride” (for Cleveland Missing Children and Adults) will be riding through East 49th Street to Canal Road around 10:00-11:00 a.m. (about 200 motorcycles.)

We were informed by Superintendent Tom Evans that they are bringing back the senior citizens dinner at the school and it will be held on Wednesday, October 19.

September birthday wishes to employees: (3) Eric McKenzie, (4) Sean Coubrough, (9) Councilman Todd Bloam, (11) Magistrate Dean DePiero, (17) Debbie Reiger, (18) Bradley Unger, and (21) Justin Gvora

And lastly, our village hall and service department staff are working diligently on the Corn Roast—see you on Saturday, October 1.

MR. CONTIPELLI: Thank you to Silverlode Consulting and Chief Suhy for assisting with the FEMA grant. Our village has secured about \$1.8 million in grants since 2010 with the help of Silverlode.

MS. HENLEY: Thank you Mayor Bacci from the seniors for the Kelley’s Island trip, as well as for the corn, peaches, plums and watermelon you donated for our senior citizens annual picnic.

MR. UNGER: Nothing at this time.

MR. VOLEK: Thank you to Kelly Hartman and residents for another food truck season at Bacci Park—we have two more weeks to go. The turnout for the entertainment was good; however, the food trucks weren’t well attended due to the frequency of them. Maybe next year we cut it back with the food trucks so we get more people to come. Also, the addition of the tables helped for people to spread out.

MR BLOAM: Nothing at this time.

MR. CENTA: Thank you mayor for the Kelley’s Island trip; it was a great time.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Nothing at this time.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER CASINI: The project at Charter Steel is completely under roof now.

ASST. BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: Update on Lutz Express, the old Cuyahoga Foundry, they have done a great job renovating and improving the building. He passed photos around for council to see the current work being done. He noted that they are looking at October for a move-in date.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: Nothing at this time.

MAYOR BACCI: Noted that there has been some residents inquiring about the Grant Avenue patch job—this is just a temporary fix to get us until 2023, so please bear with us.

CFO MERIWETHER: Nothing at this time.

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

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Nothing at this time.


VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO: Service Department Director Sammons and I will be attending the Cuyahoga County public works council meeting next Wednesday in support of the Grant Avenue project.

Mayor Bacci explained to council that at our last meeting with Pernel Jones, Cuyahoga County Council President, when we asked for his help on our shortcomings, he pledged to move the village up with funds to help move the Grant Avenue resurfacing project along.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Village resident Josh Bloam who lives on East 71st Street is concerned about the public parking lot being so close to his house. Mayor Bacci stated that it was duly noted and we will keep him updated as we move forward.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:31 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion carried.

Approved 

Mayor

Renato Contipelli
Renato Contipelli (Oct 18, 2022 08:38 EDT)

Mayor and or President of Council

On September 14, 2022



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council