

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 12, 2022  
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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLS CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:09 p.m.**

**MAYOR BACCI CALLED ROLL CALL:** Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Volek

Council President Contipelli excused Ms. Henley and Mr. Unger for caucus and asked council if there are any questions about the agenda.

Mr. Volek asked if the service department transit van on the agenda was going to be purchased with the grant money. Mr. Contipelli replied yes.

Mayor Bacci explained that the quote for the hardware originally given to the service department from the Ford dealership was from a member of the dealership who was not authorized to give government quotes, which is why it is adjusted. It still surpassed the quotes from other dealerships by \$8,000-\$10,000.

Mr. Contipelli asked Village Engineer Todd Sciano to give an update on the trail and the Nicky Boulevard Stabilization and Storm Sewer project.

Mr. Sciano stated in reference to the trail—at the last meeting, council authorized the change order to put the grindings in; we timed that up with the buildings coming out of the parking lot, “Phase 2” and the second half of the service department parking lot improvements. In addition, most of the trees have been planted on the lower plateau of the hill. We have stopped the work for now but will continue with some sort of storm sewer/rock channel protection coming out the inside of the trail to catch the drainage, as well as cleaning up the top of the hill, and which should be useable soon.

Mr. Contipelli noted it looked great.

Mr. Sciano noted it turned out nice and the trees were a good addition.

Mr. Contipelli mentioned that a resident asked him if the grass on the hill was going to be cut or would it be left alone. Mayor Bacci answered that there will be no cutting; however, there might be a few seasonal trimmings if it gets out of hand. It was noted that the properties near the hill can do so if they please.

Mr. Contipelli asked Mr. Sciano where he sees the Nicky Boulevard Stabilization/Storm Sewer Improvements project at—by spring of 2023?

Mr. Sciano stated that the pump station parts are in and they are waiting to schedule a time in the next 60 days to have them installed. Right now, as you look south to the railroad—to the east there's a gap and we are starting a second mound to the west. In the middle, there is a pump station that's currently staged to come out. From there, the pile is almost flat and the next step is to fill the void between the two mounds. In the spring, planting of another row of trees will take place.

Mayor Bacci said that with the success of the Easter Bunny drive-thru and the Halloween drive-thru, we are contemplating a Santa Claus drive-thru instead of visiting each home. A nice theme and setup would be at Bacci Park.

Mayor Bacci asked to go into executive session to discuss two real estate matters.

Mr. Bloam made the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

Executive session began at 5:22 p.m.

Mr. Centa made the motion to go out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Back on record at 5:52 p.m.

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

**MAYOR BACCI CALLED ROLL CALL:** Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Unger, Volek

Ms. Henley is excused for an illness.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None at this time.

**PERMITS:** None at this time.

**PURCHASES:** None at this time.

**FINANCE REPORTS:**

RITA Preliminary report October 2022

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

**MINUTES:**

September 14, 2022      Council Meeting

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-73**

Payment of Certain Claims:           \$ TBA  
Payroll  
General Bills  
Transfers

Law Director Ben Chojnacki stated the Resolution was on first reading.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-74**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PREVIOUS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 T705-U4X 350 HIGH ROOF TRANSIT VAN FROM LIBERTY FORD

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-75**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH STRYKER MEDICAL FOR A PROCARE LIFEPAK AND ANNUAL ONSITE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:** A motion to appoint Richard Mischak to the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department as a full-time Police Officer

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. Unger to make the appointment. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Unger and Volek voting aye for the appointment, motion approved.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:** Happy belated anniversary to Council President Renato Contipelli and his beautiful bride, Michelle! They celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 9. Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who assisted us with the corn roast. And thank you to our council members for their continued support. The weather was perfect, we had a very large crowd with attendance well over 1,000 people. I also understood that our senior citizens did very well at their booth. Everything turned out perfect!

Please be advised that there is no school this Friday—NEOEA Day.

Our Halloween Drive-Thru will take place on Monday, October 31 from 4:45-5:45 p.m. at Bacci Park. Village residents and village grandparents must register their children. We are putting out a reminder with the Neighborhood News next Wednesday. Council, if available, please help us out that evening. Afterwards, trick-or-treat will take place in town from 6:00-8:00 p.m. If you wish to pass out candy, please leave an outside light on so children know they are welcome.

Don't forget Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. in the basement of our Village Hall. Exercise your right to vote!

October birthday wishes to employees: (2) Law Director Ben Chojnacki; (4) Councilman Dave Volek; (11) Steve Harris; (15) Nick Frye; (23) Tyler Selig; (24) Mindy Armbrust and (29) Vera Heinzman.

**MR. UNGER:** The corn roast was wonderful, and nine of my grandkids attended—they had a great time! Congratulations to everyone who worked on this event. Dustin Bellanger and Josh Smosarski from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District traveled to New Orleans this week for the Wastewater Olympics and took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the nation.

**MR. VOLEK:** What a fantastic corn roast, and the changes that were made were very well received—especially the band being closer to the beer tent.

**MR BLOAM:** Nothing at this time.

**MR. CENTA:** The State of Ohio school testing was done and Cuyahoga Heights placed 20<sup>th</sup> in the State with over 800 schools. They also finished 6<sup>th</sup> in Cuyahoga County.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:** Congratulations to Dustin and Josh! Also urged everyone to get out and vote in the upcoming election—it's an important election for Ohio.

**FIRE CHIEF SUHY:** Nothing to report.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS:** Nothing to report.

**POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:** Thank you for the approval of Cadet Mischak, he is a good fit. He is a former Cuyahoga Heights alumnus who resided in Brooklyn Heights. His uncle, Jeremy

Dzik is a Sergeant in Brooklyn Heights. Cadet Mischak is former Army military that played both college and U.S. Army hockey; he's a great hockey player—and he was stationed at the Mexico border before leaving the Army.

Thanks to Detective Lucas and Lieutenant Mackiewicz for the fantastic job training the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. With it being safety week, they practiced active shooter response and did a nice job.

**LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI:** Nothing to report.

**CFO MERIWETHER:** Nothing to report.


**ADMIN. ASST. TO THE MAYOR SCHOEFFLER:** Nothing to report.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER CASINI:** The old Cuyahoga Foundry property—it's new owners, Lutsk Express are doing a beautiful job rejuvenating the entire building and property. Also, the former Rural Metro building on Canal Road is shaping up and looking great—Metals of Honor are the new tenants that will be occupying the building.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO:** Nothing to report.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

**WHEREFORE,** there is no further business before this Council, Mr. Volek moved, seconded by Mr. Unger that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:14 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion carried.

Approved   
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Mayor

Renato Contipelli  
Renato Contipelli (Nov 14, 2022 08:24 EST)  
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Mayor and or President of Council

On October 12, 2022

  
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Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council