

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLS CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Contipelli asked council to look at the agenda and if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Contipelli then let council know that he would like to continue as President of Council.

Motion made by Mr. Unger, seconded by Mr. Bloam. No Objections. Mr. Bloam closes the nominations.

Mr. Contipelli turned the meeting over to the mayor.

Mayor Bacci sent a letter to Ms. Gallucci, Executive Director of NOACA, pertaining to the ODOT grant for the multi-purpose trail. The village is unable to perform the project and any public funds earmarked for this project be distributed in whatever manner NOACA deem necessary.

The mayor made the motion to go into Executive Session for purposes of appointments for personnel, disciplinary action for personnel and follow up on economic development and possible real estate purchase. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Session started at 5:05 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 5:26 p.m.

Back on the record.

Mr. Contipelli asked if there was anything else to add for Caucus.

CFO Meriwether stated that Mindy was printing out the paperwork for 2 moral claims for council's packet.

Caucus ended at 5:30 p.m.

At 5:40 p.m., before the council meeting, Mayor Bacci welcomed friends, family, and all fire department personnel from the village and surrounding communities. The mayor then administered the oath of office to Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department's newest full-time firefighter, Nick Frye. Mr. Frye has been working for the village in a part-time capacity for the past 3-1/2 years. In addition, the mayor swore in Bryon Borowy as Assistant Fire Chief. Mr.

Borowy has been on the department since October, 1994. And lastly, the mayor presented Assistant Fire Chief Howard Selig with a proclamation acknowledging Mr. Selig's upcoming retirement on January 27 after 33 years/9 months of service.

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

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

CFO Meriwether will accept nominations for president of council for the 2023 year.

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

Mayor Bacci asks if there are any other nominations. There are none.

Mr. Bloam made the motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Volek. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Congratulations Mr. Contipelli.

Mr. Contipelli thanked everyone.

COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

PERMITS: None at this time.

PURCHASES: None at this time.

MINUTES:

December 14, 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, none opposed, motion approved.

FINANCE REPORTS:

Position of Cash report October 2022
RITA Preliminary report January 2023

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-73 Third Reading

September Payment of Certain Claims: \$ 1,345,483.03

Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

Motion to accept the Resolution as a final approval. Mr. Contipelli made the motion to accept the Resolution as a final approval, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed, Resolution approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-76 Third Reading

October Payment of Certain Claims: \$ 794,394.65
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

Motion to accept the Resolution as a final approval. Ms. Henley made the motion to accept the Resolution as a final approval, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed, Resolution approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-86 Second Reading

Payment of Certain Claims: \$
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01 First Reading

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO
 AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF ROETZEL & ANDRESS
FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2023
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW
DIRECTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Unger moved, seconded by Mr. Volek 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. 2023-03

 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2023 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR
GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE

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, 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. 2023-04

AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROVAL AND GRANTING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO APPLY, MAINTAIN, AND REPAIR STANDARD LONGITUDINAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND ERECT REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE AND USE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATION.

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, 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. 2023-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE “PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION” (“PIPE”) PROGRAM

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, 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. 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A FREIGHT LINER AND HOOK LIFT SYSTEM FOR PAYMENT AND DELIVERY TO BE COMPLETED IN 12 TO 24 MONTHS

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, 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.

MOTIONS:

A motion to approve a moral claim for Diane Spence not to exceed \$300.00.

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger to approve the moral claim. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion to approve a moral claim for Willie Jones Jr. not to exceed \$200.00.

Mr. Unger moved, seconded by Mr. Volek to approve the moral claim. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion to appoint Zachary Bernstein to a Laborer II at the Service Department as a full-time employee on January 8, 2023, with conditional education and certification(s).

Mr. Volek moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam to approve the appointment. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Mr. Bernstein thanked everyone for the opportunity and the appointment.

A motion to appoint Keith Meriwether to a Laborer I at the Service Department as a full-time employee on January 8, 2023, with conditional education and certification(s).

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Centa to approve the appointment. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: None at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Mayor excused Mr. Unger from the meeting for a funeral.

Congratulations to Howard Selig for his retirement as Assistant Fire Chief and congratulations to Bryon Borowy for stepping in as Assistant Fire Chief, and congratulations to Nick Frye and Zach Bernstein.

In case you didn't hear, Don Harter Valley View resident and former Valley View Service Director passed away on January 6th after recently being diagnosed with cancer. Don was 67 years old and had worked for the Village of Valley View for 43 years. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

I would like to thank council for supporting the re-appointments of Mrs. Sandi Sturgill as Pool Manager and Mrs. Kelly Hartman as Concession Stand Manager for the 2023 season.

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

Yesterday we received information from the County that there was a delay in mailing out property tax bills. Residents should be receiving them by Friday the latest. In addition, the County will push back the collection date, but nothing has been formally announced.

Since it is an odd year, we will be holding our Arbor Day event this April, and information will go out to our residents in the next newsletter at the end of this month. Please note that the event will

be held on Friday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park *instead of April 21 as noted in the 2023 village calendar*. We will continue to keep the fee at \$200.

Since there is NO school on Monday, Recreation Coordinator Vera Heinzman planned a trip for all (young and old) to North Olmsted for an “Artist for a Day” – paint it yourself pottery experience. I was happy to hear that 4 of our senior citizens will be partaking in the event and we have about 15 participants in total.

January birthday wishes to employees: Councilman Renato Contipelli – January 9th; Councilwoman Lois Henley – January 12th; Reno Contipelli – January 13; Jimmy Henley – January 16; and Brian Fragua – January 19th

MR BLOAM: Congratulations to everyone.

MR. CENTA: Congratulations to all the new hires, all re-appointments and promotions and well-deserved retirement to Mr. Selig. Happy New Year to everyone and have a safe year.

MR. CONTIPELLI: Thanked council for their support this year. He stated that they are a great group to work with and he looks forward to working again with them this year, as well as the administration. Congrats to Bryon Borowy on his appointment. Wished Cuyahoga Heights Superintendent Tom Evans a speedy recovery. Condolences to Don Harter and his family. For those on council who last year asked about RiverSweep, there will be a planning meeting at the Flat Iron Café at the end of March, and he will update everyone before then.

MS. HENLEY: I can’t believe I have a son retiring already! Hope everyone has a healthy and happy New Year.

MR. VOLEK: Congratulations to the new hires and promotions – well deserved! Chief Sturgill-congratulations to your men as they did a fine job this week.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Nothing to report.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT SAMMONS: Thank you to council and the mayor for the appointment of Zach. He is a fine young man who comes from a good family, and who I think will do a fine job for the village. Also, thank you for everything that was approved last month, as I wasn’t at the meeting.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Congratulations to all the new hires as well as to Asst. Chief Selig. He was an asset coming in as a young chief; seniority was an asset to help me become a better chief, so I thank him for that. I’m also excited to have Bryon step in as assistant chief and Nick Frye to add some youth to the department.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: Nothing to report.

CFO MERIWETHER: Congratulations to everyone and to Zach.

ADMIN. ASST. TO THE MAYOR SCHOEFFLER: Congratulations to all and best wishes to Howard for a happy and healthy retirement.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: Congratulations to all the new hires. Happy New Year to all and congrats to Howard on his retirement.


BUILDING COMMISSIONER CASINI: Wishing everybody a healthy and safe new year.

VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO: Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mindy Armbrust: Congratulations to everyone and especially Zach.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:19 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion carried.

Approved 

Mayor

Renato Contipelli
Renato Contipelli (Feb 9, 2023 16:40 EST)

Mayor and or President of Council

On February 8, 2023



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council

