

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2022
5:01 p.m.**

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLS CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:01 p.m.

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

Mayor Bacci made the motion to go into Executive Session for personal matters, contractual agreements and real estate matters. Mr. Volek made the motion, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed.

Executive Session started at 5:02 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:03 p.m.

Back on the record.

Caucus ended at 6:04 p.m.

MAYOR BACCI CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER at 6:09 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

PERMITS: None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Req-22-SD-109-A Change Order to purchase a Ride on Blower not to exceed \$12,000.

Req-22-SD-215-A Purchase of a new Enclosed Landscaping Trailer from Worcester Sales and Service not to exceed \$13,000.

Req-22-SD-216-A Replacement of two mini split units one for the Service Director office and one for VH Main Office not to exceed \$14,500.

Req-22-SD-242-A to approve rhino liner to be installed on 20x80 Landscape Trailer.

Req-22-SD-241-A To approve the purchase of a new 6x12 enclosed Landscaping Trailer and installation of Rhino Liner not to exceed \$11,000.

FINANCE REPORTS:

Position of Cash report September 2022
RITA Preliminary report December 2022

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

MINUTES:

November 9, 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.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-73 Tabled

Payment of Certain Claims: \$
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-76 Second Reading

Payment of Certain Claims: \$
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-86 First Reading

Payment of Certain Claims: \$
Payroll
General Bills
Transfers

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-87

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF
NORTH ROYALTON FOR JAIL HOUSING AND ANCILLARY SERVICES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-88

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 242.01, 242.02, AND 242.03 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO CHANGE
THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO ELIMINATE
REFERENCES TO CLERKS/DISPATCHERS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-89

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH N2NET FOR CERTAIN IT SERVICES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-90

AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION SCHEDULE RANGES FOR
VILLAGE EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-91

AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER
INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE 67; 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. Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley and Unger voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley and Unger voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-92

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL 702; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-93

AN ORDINANCE RENEWING THE GEORGE M. SUHY GRANT FOR A 5 YEAR GRANT CYCLE AMENDING SECTION 1495.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1495.10 TITLED SENIOR CITIZEN DOCUMENTED DISABILITY GRANT TO CHAPTER 1495 IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-94

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1608: RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE USE OF THE AUDITORIUM AND CIVIC CENTER; SECTION 1066.02: RULES AND REGULATIONS DEPOSIT FEE; SECTION 1076.06: USE OF PAVILIONS AT BACCI PARK OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE

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

RESOLUTION 2022-95

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GOVERNMENTAL LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK FOR A 2023 FREIGHTLINER TO BE PROVIDED BY BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY OR ANOTHER PROVIDER

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-96

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A SUTPHEN FIRE APPARATUS FOR PAYMENT AND DELIVERY TO BE COMPLETED IN 27 TO 29 MONTHS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-97

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD STARTING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-98

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE VILLAGE BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD STARTING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

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

MOTIONS:

A motion authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for the Willowbrook Connector Trailhead Project.

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for the Willowbrook Drive Cul-de-sac Pavement Project.

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for the Willowbrook Drive Sewer Outfall Project.

Mr. Unger moved, seconded by Mr. Volek. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for the Demolition of existing structures at 4400 East 71st Street.

Mr. Volek moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion authorizing the Administration to publish a request for proposals for new vehicle(s) purchases for 2023.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion to appoint Barbara Cash to the Administrative Assistant to the Village Hall as a full-time employee on January 8, 2023.

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion to appoint Lance Hatcher to the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department as a full-time employee on January 8, 2023.

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Henley. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion to appoint Nicholas Frye to the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department as a full-time employee on January 8, 2023.

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: None at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Please keep village resident David DeRoberts and his family in your thoughts and prayers. He lost his son Sebastain suddenly this past Sunday; he was only 29 years old. Michelle Rhome's mom, Shirley Klaas Nowak passed away on November 21; she was 91 years old. Kris Armbrust lost his father, Michael who had been battling cancer on December 1. Mr. Armbrust had just moved in this past October with Kris, Mindy and the boys. Also, Joe Kocab former Brooklyn Heights Police Chief, passed away this past Sunday after losing his battle with cancer; he was 64 years old. Please keep all the families in your thoughts and prayers.

I wanted to thank the employees of Charter Steel & MilliporeSigma who generously reached out to our office AGAIN—in helping several families in our village this Christmas holiday. Also, thank you to our Police Department for again raising money and participating in the Shop with a Cop

program. They were able to take four families from our village to the event which was held last Saturday, along with other communities who belong to the FOP George Murray Lodge. The families were able to shop at Target in Macedonia and then were treated to a pizza party.

Santa and Mrs. Claus are gearing up for Christmas and making a special stop at Bacci Park this Sunday to visit with our resident children/grandchildren. Also that evening, don't forget to turn on your lights at 5:00 p.m. We have our annual Christmas Lighting Contest in which cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

December birthday wishes to employees: Jesse James – December 8; Diane Simmons – December 15; Damon Schreiber – December 16; Michael Petti – December 19; Asst. Fire Chief Howard Selig – December 21 and Frank Trusso – December 30.

Wishing everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, and health and happiness in the New Year. Our country is in a state of inside out—take the time to be with your family. God Bless!

MR. VOLEK: Thank you to Lois and the seniors for the invite to their annual Christmas party; he and his wife enjoyed themselves. Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

MR BLOAM: Nothing at this time.

MR. CENTA: Wishing everyone happy holidays and be safe in 2023.

MR. CONTIPELLI: Wishing everyone to have a blessed holiday and for those who didn't know Joe Kocab, he was a guy who could make you laugh at any time, was an intellect, and a "by the rules" kind of guy. He was a great golfer and a pinochle buddy.

MS. HENLEY: Asked if we were having a food drive this year and could there be a SwiftReach to remind the residents? Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Schoeffler commented that yes, there will be a food drive on Sunday, December 18th and we have a reminder flyer going out with next week's Neighborhood News. Mayor Bacci stated that yes, we can have Barb send out a SwiftReach message to our residents as well. Mayor Bacci then asked Mr. Contipelli to explain further about the flyer that will be going out to our residents. Mr. Contipelli noted the flyer will include information on the food drive, our Christmas decorating contest, and the Bacci Park playground renovations. Ms. Henley then wished everyone a blessed and safe new year.

MR. UNGER: Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays. Hopefully 2023 is better for us.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. Thank you to council for their support for the new hire and new position and the new vehicles we're attempting to purchase this new year. Stay safe and don't drink and drive.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA: Merry Christmas to everybody.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Happy holidays.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: Nothing at this time.

CFO MERIWETHER: Merry Christmas and happy holidays. Thank you to council for your budget support.

ADMIN. ASST. TO THE MAYOR SCHOEFFLER: Merry Christmas.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER CASINI: Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a healthy and safe New Year, and hopefully we get snow on Christmas Eve.

VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO: Nothing at this time.


COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Barb Cash: Thank you to the mayor and council for confirming my employment.

Christina Caporuscio: Merry Christmas.

Mindy Armbrust: Merry Christmas.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Mr. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:32 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion carried.

Approved 

Mayor

Renato Contipelli
Renato Contipelli (Jan 12, 2023 08:59 EST)

Mayor and or President of Council

On January 11, 2022



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council

