

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
March 8, 2023  
5:00 p.m.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLS CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:05 p.m.**

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

Mr. Contipelli asked council if there were any questions about the agenda.

Mr. Volek asked CFO Meriwether about the revenue from 2022.

CFO Meriwether replied that there was an influx of net profit tax for 2022 that we did not get this year, but our income tax revenue is right on track.

Mayor Bacci commented on the following items to council:

The continued progress at the Benjamin Moore site, as well as activity at the Hillside site and Nicky Blvd.

Scott Broski from the Northeast Ohio Sewer District called and confirmed that the water is City water which confirms our suspicions. This now helps with how we can move forward with the problem on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street.

We are getting demo grants for the two homes on Marcelline Court, and watching a possible foreclosure on Bletch Court.

Continuing to move forward with the purchase of the FOP with no issues; time frame was agreed with the remainder of 2023.

Diane VanNostran will be here prior to caucus on Wednesday, April 12 to take our group photo, as well as single head shots of all elected officials, CFO, Law Director, Engineer & Building Commissioner. A reminder will be sent out the week of.

Asked Public Works to take a look at the information that was given to them for the village hall kitchen renovation. The kitchen has not been updated since the late 1980's and we are getting quotes to renovate.

On the agenda next month will be information about tax abatements on new builds in town.

We have been looking into putting a pickleball area in Bacci Park.

Conversations with our building department, village engineer, CFO and staff that a letter from the village hall will be mailed out to the residents in the near future filling them in on all projects within the village.

Received positive feedback on the Easter Egg hunt and are moving forward with the event.

Council was given an of outline of the updated George M. Suhy Grant program. The building department will be putting together a booklet on the grant for residents for a clearer understanding.

Mr. Unger advised that a resident inquired about lifeguard class reimbursements if they work at our pool. CFO Meriwether responded that the village has a policy that if a lifeguard has worked 30 days at the pool, they are to fill out a form, turn it in and will be reimbursed 50% or up to \$90. The village can adjust the amounts if needed.

CFO asked to have a CIC meeting.

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

Caucus ended at 5:39 p.m.

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None at this time.

**PERMITS:** None at this time.

**PURCHASES:**

**Req 23-FD-52-A** Approval to update the Kitchen at the Fire Station by Verroco Construction not to exceed \$24,000.

**Req 23-SD-44-A** Change Order Purchase a John Deere Gator TS not to exceed \$11,000.

**Req 23-SD-85-A** To Liftgate for S-1 Pickup Truck from Best Truck Equipment not to exceed \$6,100.

**Req 23-SD-84-A** To get body work done on S3 to remove rust and maintain vehicle from Valore Truck not to exceed \$6,200.

**Req 23-PD-52-A** To purchase new tasers from Axon Enterprise not to exceed \$5,481.

**MINUTES:**

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

**FINANCE REPORTS:**

Position of Cash report February 2023  
RITA Preliminary report March 2023

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19**

February Payment of Certain Claims:	\$ 1,090,180.70
Payroll	
General Bills	
Transfers	

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1072.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES  
TO CLARIFY WHO IS A DISABLED PERSON ENTITLED TO  
VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING SERVICES

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. 2023-21**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT  
NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2023  
ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT

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. 2023-22**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1495.05 AND 1495.10 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GEORGE M. SUHY GRANT PROGRAM PERTAINING TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH A DOCUMENTED DISABILITY

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. 2023-23**

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS

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 and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A motion authorizing the CFO to sell the 2015 Ford Sedan on Gov Deals.

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

A motion to approve a moral claim for Frank Sieminski not to exceed \$212.42.

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

A motion authorizing the CFO to issue a purchase order to Brennan Heating & Cooling for replacing the HVAC Ten Ton Heat Pump at Village Hall not to exceed \$35,250.

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

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:** Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 12 — that means summer is around the corner!

Arbor Day memorial tree application deadline is Monday, March 27. Our annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 1 at 11:30 a.m. at Klima Gardens. The event is open to all Cuyahoga Heights resident children and grandchildren 0-12 years of age. Hope to see you there!

March birthday wishes to employees: (8) Police Chief Sturgill; (11) Joe Wallace; (12) CFO Angel Meriwether; (15) Jeremy Grabowski; (18) Jeff Baciak; (25) Barb Cash & Tracy Deal; and (26) Jimmy Berdysz.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy St. Patty's Day next Friday, and a very happy and blessed Easter holiday.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:** Reminder that RiverSweep will be coming up on May 6 at Bacci Park. More information will be out in flyers that will include how to sign up. Happy Easter!

**MS. HENLEY:** Have a blessed Easter everyone, and a safe St. Patrick's Day.

**MR. UNGER:** Nothing to report.

**MR. VOLEK:** Nothing to report.

**MR BLOAM:** Nothing to report.

**MR. CENTA:** Happy Easter and have a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day.

**POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:** Nothing to report.

**ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA:** Nothing to report.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT SAMMONS:** Thank you to council for the Gator approval. Also, I will not be attending the Arbor Day event so Mr. Baciak will be handling it.

**FIRE CHIEF SUHY:** Thank you for the kitchen; it has been 25 years..

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

**CFO MERIWETHER:** Nothing to report.


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

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER CASINI:** Nothing to report.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

**WHEREFORE**, there is no further business before this council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:13 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion carried.

Approved   
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Mayor

Renato Contipelli  
Renato Contipelli (Apr 14, 2023 17:09 EDT)  
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Mayor and or President of Council

On March 8, 2023

  
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Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council