

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 14, 2023  
5:00 p.m.**

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

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

Council President Contipelli asks council if there are any questions about the agenda for tonight's meeting. There are none.

Council President Contipelli turns the meeting over to the mayor.

Mayor Bacci asked Village Engineer Todd Sciano to go over a couple of updates on current village projects.

Village Engineer Sciano: Willowbrook Connector: The village secured a grant for the overlook area of the top portion of the parking lot; it will be awarded at the July council meeting. This will include fencing, parking lot and light landscaping just for the top portion of the hill. The bid is for June; project to be completed by mid-September of this year.

Willowbrook Pavement Trail and Storm Sewer: This project will run down the trail from the top to the bottom portion of the hill. The top of the trail will be bid in August, awarded at the September council meeting, and completed by the end of this year.

The sidewalk was fixed along the front of the hill on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street which will be the entrance of the Willowbrook Connector. Once that is fully completed, the village's service department can come in and finish with landscaping. Ms. Henley asked why it is called Willowbrook. Mayor Bacci responded because it is adjacent to Willowbrook Drive and connects the village to the park.

Mr. Contipelli asked if there were any more developments on the issue with the East 71<sup>st</sup> Street hill. Engineer Sciano responded that they reached out to the Cleveland Water Department for an update and they responded that the 42" water main repair on Harvard Avenue has to be done first. Mayor Bacci agreed and stated said that until the water department repairs the issue on Harvard, they then can start with repairs on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street. This may be a good thing if the issues on Harvard are affecting East 71<sup>st</sup> Street.

Pickleball Courts: In talking briefly, the job is splitting into a couple pieces to get it completed for this year. The contractor for the asphalt is on tonight's agenda. This contractor will dig, prep, and pave the lot; the asphalt will be done by July 15 and sit for 30 days. The next contractor is the acrylic contractor. He will schedule work to be painted by September and will be ready to use this fall. Items that won't be done, but will still be functional, are the walkway, lighting, and fence around the courts.

A flyer from Cuyahoga County was given to Police Chief Sturgill with information concerning the 2024 Re-Pavement Program for Grant Ave. Construction will start in 2024 and take the entire year to complete with 2-way traffic near the I-77 ramps and 1-way traffic away from the I-77 ramps, such as away from East 49<sup>th</sup> Street and towards East 71<sup>st</sup> Street. The program is funded by the county. With the village having no control over the project, concerns for traffic are noticed and we requested the work be done at night. We have not heard back from the county yet if that will happen.

Nicky Blvd: Site has drastically changed since last check-in with 30% of the material placed. Held off on filling the top. There is a slight setback with finishing the residential portion because of the railroad and their permits.

Hillside Project: Independence has been on the site for the last three months filling with dirt. At this point, we are stopping. We now are planning how to fill towards the south end residential side.

Klima Gardens Rear Parking Lot: The back lot needs to be re-paved; a mill and fill project coming to fruition this fall.

Partial Reconstruction of the Parking Lot at the Village Hall: This was a 2022 project that was finally completed by Valley View Cement Contractors recently.

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session for employment and real estate matters.

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

Executive session started at 5:35 p.m.

Executive session ends and back on the record at 5:54 p.m.

Caucus ended at 5:56 p.m.

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

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

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A thank you note from American Legion Auxiliary Unit 627 for the Poppy donations during the May council meeting.

A thank you note from the Brauer Family for bringing back the Easter Egg hunt.

**PERMITS:** None at this time.

**PURCHASES:**

**Req 23-PD-63-A** To purchase Police Vests on a 5-year cycle not to exceed \$6,500.

**Req 23-FD-87-A** To Repair FD 2481 oil leaks by Valley Ford not to exceed \$5,600.

**Req 23-SD-40-A** Change Order for Willowbrook Connector Property Line Markers Project not to exceed \$6,112.

**MINUTES:**

May 10, 2023 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.

**FINANCE REPORTS:**

**RITA Final Report May 2023**

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-42 First Reading**

May Payment of Certain Claims

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE SO AS TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-44**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Henley, 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. 2023-45**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NATUREWORKS GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGREEING TO OBLIGATE THE FUNDS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger, 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. 2023-46**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A HEALTHY TREE CANOPY GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD TREE PLANTING PROJECT AND AGREEING TO OBLIGATE THE FUNDS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-47**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE BENJAMIN MOORE DEMOLITION PROJECT, PHASE 2

Mr. Volek moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam, 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.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A motion authorizing the Administration to prepare plans and specifications and to allow the mayor to sign all grant applications for the pavement and utility replacement in the Courts Pavement Replacement 2024/2025 project.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Centa, to approve the motion. Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley and Unger voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.

A motion to approve a change order for Req 23-FD-52-A to Verroco Construction not to exceed \$27,800 for the Fire Department Kitchen Remodel.

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli, to approve the motion. Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley and Unger voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order to North Coast Paving Company not to exceed \$50,000 for Early Action Site & Pavement Improvements associated with the Pickleball and Gaga Ball Courts

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Henley to approve the motion. Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley and Unger voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.

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

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger to approve the motion. Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley and Unger voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

#### **MAYOR BACCI:**

Thanked everyone who attended our Memorial Day service – paying homage to the brave men and women who gave their lives for this country. Also, thank you to council, department heads and staff for being in attendance. And a special thank you to Veteran, Ms. Vera Heinzman for speaking and again presenting the “memorial wreath.”

Several of my neighbors stated they had a good turnout with shoppers during the village-wide garage sale on June 3<sup>rd</sup>—hopefully, everyone else who participated made a little money.

Our annual village shred day will take place on Saturday, July 8 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Gateway Recycling located at 4233 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a free service provided to our residents. We

will also have several service department employees on site to help residents carry their boxes/bags of documents.

Also, on July 8 our Recreation Coordinator put together an event for our residents—an afternoon at Progressive Field to see the Cleveland Guardians take on the Kansas City Royals. The trip is sold out! She is also working on a trip for our kids in town at the end of the month.

Opening day at our pool was a great success...the attendance reached over 100 on both Saturday and Sunday!

It's never too early — Save the Date for our annual corn roast which will be held on Saturday, October 7.

Special milestone birthday wishes to Mr. Frank Schoeffler who celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 10.

June birthday wishes to employees: (1) Bryan Rini; (3) Michael Cuthbertson; (6) Anthony Kotar; (8) Stanley Schab; (11) Viktor Zsigmond; (15) Patrick Goldsworth & Josh Eleniss; (23) Bob Krajewski & William Malovrh.

And lastly... I would like to wish all the Dad's a very happy Father's Day on June 18.

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

**MR BLOAM:** Nothing to report.

**MR. CENTA:** The tire blow-out on the village van while travelling on I-77 was handled beautifully. The Senior Mind Challenge has 6 regions and 75 teams throughout northeast Ohio that our seniors participated in for the second year. We won our region and advanced, then placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition. Shout out to our members Robyn Nobili, Barb Bartczak, Diane Leciejewski, Norman Merhaut, Delores Len, Noel Centa and myself.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:** Nothing to report.

**MS. HENLEY:** Nothing to report.

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

**CHIEF STURGILL:** Nothing to report.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT SAMMONS:** Thank you to Bobby Santiago for cooking at Klima Gardens after the Memorial Day parade.

**FIRE CHIEF SUHY:** The stock EPI Pen boxes have all been filled and are located next to the AED's at the village hall, pool, Klima Gardens, and concession stand.

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

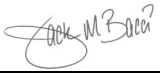
**CFO MERIWETHER:** Nothing to report.

**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, Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Henley that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:17 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion carried.

Approved  \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Renato Contipelli  
Renato Contipelli (Jul 16, 2023 09:46 EDT) \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor and or President of Council

On June 14, 2023

  
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Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council