

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 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: Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley

Council President Contipelli asked if there were any questions about the agenda. There were none so the meeting was passed to the Mayor.

Mayor Bacci reminded everyone that on Wednesday, June 14, Diane will be taking photos and asked everyone to please arrive at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Centa, our school liaison, will be passing out the scholarships at the school on May 22 for the 2023 senior awards night.

The 2023 fire lieutenant promotional list is as follows: Bryan Rini placed first with a score of 95.035, Tom Kekelis placed second with a score of 89.300, Brian Baciak placed third with a score of 69.450 and James Henley placed fourth with a score of 60.050. The Chief and Assistant Chief will be meeting with me to discuss their final assessment. Once that has been completed tennantite promotions will be made.

The mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session for updates on real-estate, economic development and personnel matters.

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

Executive session started at 5:06 p.m.

Executive session ends and back on the record at 5:46 p.m.

Caucus ended at 5:47 p.m.

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

Prior to the Village of Cuyahoga Heights' council meeting, Mayor Bacci introduced the American Legion Post 627 Miss Poppy, Milania Budner. Milania gained her eligibility through her great-grandfather Bill Myers, a Korean War Veteran – United States Marine Corp. Also introduced from Post 627 was Master Poppy Hayden Bahr. Hayden gained his eligibility through his grandfather Larry Jones, a Vietnam War Veteran – United States Air Force

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COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

PERMITS: None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Req 23-SD-108-A Repairs to Klima roof by Champion Roofing not to exceed \$9,000.

Req 23-PD-56-A Update and installation of lights and sirens by Hall Public Safety Upfitters not to exceed \$9,900.

Req 23-FD-85-A To perform promotional exams for Fire Department Lieutenant by Ohio Fire Chief Association not to exceed \$6,700.

MINUTES:

April 12, 2023 Council Meeting

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

FINANCE REPORTS:

Position of Cash Report April 2023

RITA Final Report April 2023

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24 Second Reading

March Payment of Certain Claims in the amount of \$ 1,367,478.05
including Payroll, General Bills and Transfers.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Centa to accept the Resolution. Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli and Henley voting aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39

April Payment of Certain Claims in the amount of \$ 1,386,175.38
including Payroll, General Bills and Transfers.

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli to accept the Resolution. Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli and Henley voting aye, motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-40

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, EXEMPTING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH PARCEL FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY YEARS; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING AN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.41, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, 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. Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli and Henley voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli and Henley voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE BENJAMIN MOORE DEMOLITION PROJECT, PHASE 2 BUILDING 4

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for the Northern East 71st Street Stabilization Project located at 4400 East 71st Street and Grant Avenue.

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

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for the Flexible & Rigid Pavement Repairs to the sidewalks at the Willowbrook Connector & East 71st Street not to exceed \$50,000.

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

A motion to approve a moral claim to Mr. Strnad not to exceed \$561.60.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Asked to have a moment of silence for village resident, Dale Jeanguent, who passed away on April 26; he was 74 years old. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Excused Police Chief Sturgill and Building Commissioner Cassini from this evening's meeting.

Monday, May 15 is Peace Officers Memorial Day—special recognition is paid to law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Cuyahoga Heights School is hosting two district track meets on Wednesday, May 17 and there will be no school that day. Please note that we will have an abundance of cars and people in the surrounding areas. Also, Friday, May 19 District Finals start at 3:00 p.m. at the school.

CHHS Class of 2023 will graduate on Sunday, May 28.

Our Memorial Day parade and service will be held on Monday, May 29. Step-off time is 10:00 a.m. at Klima Gardens. Afterward, we will have a cookout at Klima's. As always, we ask that you please show your support in honoring our Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Youngsters and their parents can decorate their bikes, scooters, and wagons for the Memorial Day parade on Monday morning at Klima Gardens at 9:00 a.m. We will have everything you need to decorate.

Food trucks will be back at Bacci Park once a week during the months of June and July.

The last day of school is Thursday, June 1.

Our swimming pool will officially open for the summer on Saturday, June 3 at 12:00 p.m.

Also, our village-wide garage sales will take place on Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 am-3:00 pm.

May birthday wishes to employees: Service Director Dave Sammons – May 7; Brad Beaulieu – May 12; Gregory Gentile – May 23; Kevin Stack – May 26; Kelly Hartman and Cory Pucci – May 28.

Wishing all moms, a wonderful Mother's Day this Sunday.

MR. UNGER: A resident asked him to bring up, if the village can do anything about speed control on East 71st Street during the summer months, especially since kids are walking and riding their bikes; possibly speed bumps? Mayor Bacci stated that he will talk with Police Chief Sturgill and have more of a police presence around the residential areas on East 71st Street. As it relates to traffic calming, the noise from the speed bumps could be an issue but nonetheless, they will investigate something to slow the speeding down.

MR. UNGER: Asked if the village will blacktop the path of the Willowbrook Connector. Mayor Bacci stated that the Willowbrook Connector parking lot will be paved first. Engineer Sciano has advised that it will start in July/August of this year. Engineer Sciano commented that the project will be bid in June and ordered in July. Mayor Bacci noted that the trail itself will then be paved in the fall. Engineer Sciano further noted that the project should be completed by Thanksgiving.

MR. UNGER: Requested again for a sign to be placed at Bacci Park that all dogs must be on a leash while in the park. Mayor Bacci stated that we will make sure the sign is up. He also commented that any time there is an incident in which a dog is off the leash, please take a picture of it and send it to himself or the police so we can immediately respond to the violator.

MR. VOLEK: Happy Memorial Day and congratulations to our graduates.

MR BLOAM: Nothing at this time.

MR. CENTA: Nothing at this time.

MR. CONTIPELLI: The outcome of the RiverSweep with 120 volunteers and workers at Bacci Park was great. Thank you to the administration, Lee Ann and Christina at the village hall for helping get it set up. Also thank you Rick Centa for controlling the chaos the morning of, Service Director Sammons and Vera Heinzman and the service department team , Tony Casavecchia, Kelly Hartman, Cheri Piasecki, and Police Chief Sturgill. It was a great success!

MS. HENLEY: Noted that there is a company that was seen on TV that sanitizes garbage cans. Maybe something to think about for our village.

MS. HENLEY: Asked if the service department would pick up the unsold items after the garage sale, or should we wait for special pickup on Wednesday? Mayor Bacci stated that we will see how many participants there are and decide afterwards.

MS. HENLEY: What's the plan for a scoreboard for the ballfield? Can any fundraising be done for that? Mayor Bacci commented that our first priority is to make the softball dugouts match the baseball dugout. He further noted that the scoreboard and lights are on our wish list. The lights themselves were about \$400,000 five years ago; scoreboard might be around \$100,000 front/back.

MS. HENLEY: Happy Memorial Day and hope to see everyone at the parade.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT SAMMONS: Nothing to report.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Nothing to report.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: Nothing to report.

CFO MERIWETHER: Nothing to report.

ADMIN. ASST. TO THE MAYOR SCHOEFFLER: 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 6:27 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion carried.

Approved  _____

Mayor

On June 14, 2023

Renato Contipelli
Renato Contipelli (Jun 15, 2023 11:18 EDT)

Mayor and or President of Council



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council