

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

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

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

President Contipelli asked if council had any questions about the agenda.

Council had no questions, President Contipelli then turned the meeting over to the mayor.

Mayor Bacci requested that CFO Meriwether pass around the letter for council to read from Jaden Figard thanking the village for the scholarship money.

Mayor Bacci asked Mr. Unger that the next time he speaks with Anthony Vanni to advise him that the mayor would like to speak with him to catch him up about Bletch Court.

Mayor Bacci advised Mr. Centa that the 2024 Klima Gardens calendar opens the first working day of January and that Mr. Centa cannot promise the Senior Mind Challenge group dates until talking with the mayor's office as we are responsible for the calendar. The weekday needed most likely will be open, but just to make sure, contact my office after January 1.

Mayor Bacci emailed council about volunteering in the "Welcome Booth" with CFO Meriwether during the corn roast. As of now, Mr. Centa will cover from 3:30-4:30 p.m., Mr. Contipelli from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Mr. Unger from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We are looking for both 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. time slots to be filled. Mr. Volek offered the 6:30-7:30 p.m. time slot. Since Ms. Henley will be at the Senior Booth and Mr. Bloam will be at the concession stand cooking, Mr. Centa offered to come back during the 7:30-8:30 p.m. slot if needed.

Just like last year, Bacci Park and the road leading into the park will be closed while we set up for the corn roast; it worked out well in the past.

We received an email from Reno Contipelli that his last day will be November 11, 2023.

Mayor Bacci asked Village Engineer Sciano to give council a quick rundown regarding the Grant Avenue Resurfacing Stage 3 Plan Review.

Mr. Sciano let the council know that the plans are at 90% completion and have been sent out for final review. The county is short on money and looking for more funding. With that in mind, the project is slated for Spring/ Summer 2024. The detour will be one way—each way away from the highway heading towards East 71st Street and East 49th Street. Additional details on that will be forthcoming.

Bimbo Bakeries USA is considering expanding operations in the village and may require construction of a new facility. We will keep you posted.

As in past practice, NEORSD will be delivering letters door-to-door on Monday, September 18 to residents of East 49th Street reminding them about their Clean Water Fest on September 23 and there might be more traffic than usual.

Mayor Bacci asked council if they had any other questions, if not, he would like to go into a CIC meeting. There were no questions from council and caucus ended at 5:15 p.m.

CIC meeting started at 5:16 p.m. and ended at 5:21 p.m.

At 5:50 p.m. Cuyahoga Heights Superintendent Tom Evans was in attendance to speak to council with two items:

The Ohio School Boards Association awarded the Cuyahoga Heights Fire and Police safety forces with outstanding work done with the Cuyahoga Heights Schools. Mr. Dobbins nominated the group for the recognition.

If anyone has any questions about the upcoming school levy on the November ballot, please give him a call. There are two parts of the levy: Part 1 can only be used for maintenance work on the 80-year-old school buildings. Part 2 is for the operation funds. This levy will help fund the school for the next 6-8 years.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED THE COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Bacci then asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Stan Derbin who recently passed away.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

PERMITS: Charter Steel's two new Logistic and Personnel industrialized units, each containing 3,540 square feet.

PURCHASES:

Req 23-Dept-168-A Approval for additional modules from GovPilot not to exceed \$5,553.00.

Req 23-SD-167-A Approval for removal of vinyl siding from 901 Harvard Avenue by Southwest Companies not to exceed \$7,140.00.

MINUTES:

August 9, 2023 Council Meeting

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

FINANCE REPORTS:

Position of Cash for August 2023
RITA Final Report for August 2023

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-48 Third Reading

June Payment of Certain Claims \$1,383,140.46

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-55 Second Reading

July Payment of Certain Claims \$1,091,603.28

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-61 First Reading

August Payment of Certain Claims \$ 1,413,997.13

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-62

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. Henley, Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa and Contipelli voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Henley, Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa and Contipelli voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO: 2023-63

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN AWARD FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) EMW-2022-FG-00454 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,550.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLE EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS AND EXPENDITURES RELATED THERETO

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

RESOLUTION NO: 2023-64

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE NICKY BOULEVARD LANDFILL PROJECT TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL AND CONTINUED SITE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY

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

ORDINANCE NO: 2023-65

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1442.16(a)(1) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO UPDATE THE FEES CHARGED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR CERTAIN PERMIT AND INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

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

RESOLUTION NO: 2023-66

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LIFELINE
SYSTEMS COMPANY FOR REMOTE MONITORING SERVICES

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

RESOLUTION NO: 2023-67

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE VILLAGE'S
CONTRACT WITH D&M CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE POLICE CARPORT LOCATED AT THE VILLAGE POLICE STATION

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

RESOLUTION NO: 2023-68

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND
CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER.

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

ORDINANCE NO: 2023-69

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

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

ORDINANCE NO: 2023-70

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 1040, WATER, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO PROHIBIT THE DRILLING, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, OR USE OF WATER WELLS IN THE VILLAGE.

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

RESOLUTION NO: 2023-71

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AQUATIC RENOVATION SYSTEMS, INC. (RENOSYS) FOR PVC POOL LINER MEMBRANE INSTALLATION

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

ORDINANCE NO: 2023-72

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 254.14 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE TO USE A VILLAGE AUTOMOBILE.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion authorizing the Administration to renew the village contract with Ernestine's Cleaning Services Inc.

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

A motion authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for Bletch Court, Marcelline Court and E. 72nd "Courts Project" for Pavement Improvements.

Mr. Centa moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli to approve the motion. Henley, Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa and Contipelli voting aye, none opposed, motion approved. It was noted that this project is for 2024.

A motion authorizing the Administration to solicit proposals for Splash Pad Improvement Project

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Stan Derbin passed away on September 8; he was 77 years old. Stan was a 1964 graduate of Cuyahoga Heights High School. He came back to his alma mater in 1969 as a math teacher and coach for 11 years, then taking on the roll as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director for the next 12 years. He meant a lot to so many... teacher, coach, mentor, and friend. In fact, I spent my entire senior year in his office after Miss Simia kicked me out of her homeroom. We lost a real good guy. Please continue to keep his family in your thoughts and prayers – and especially to the Derbin and Ulery families on East 49th Street.

We had an excellent time with our seniors at Kelleys Island several weeks ago. The lake was perfect – as was the weather. Hopefully the number of seniors that attend will grow in the future.

This Friday we will be holding our annual senior citizens flu shot event at Klima Gardens. Blood work appointments start at 8:30 a.m. and flu shots start at 9:00 a.m.

Reminder that the NEORSD is having their Clean Water Festival at their 49th Street facility on Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event usually brings about 1,000 visitors to town.

The Neighborhood News is having their 100th anniversary on Sunday, September 24th at Klima Gardens from 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday, September 29 is the Cuyahoga Heights High School football homecoming game – we will be taking on Wickliffe; game time is 7:00 p.m. The homecoming dance is the following day at the high school from 7:00–11:00 p.m.

September birthday wishes to employees: (3) Eric Mackenzie; (4) Sean Coubrough; (9) Councilman Todd Bloam; (11) Magistrate Dean DePiero; (17) Debbie Reiger; (18) Bradley Unger; and (21) Justin Gvora.

MS. HENLEY: Nothing at this time.

MR. UNGER: Nothing at this time.

MR. VOLEK: Nothing at this time

MR BLOAM: Nothing to report.

MR. CENTA: Kelleys Island trip was wonderful and the glacial grooves were fabulous. The seniors all look forward to going every year.

MR. CONTIPELLI: Condolences to the Derbin family.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: 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.


ASST. BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: Thoughts and prayers go out to the Derbin family.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER CASINI: Thank you council for approvals for the structures at Charter Steel.

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. Unger that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:42 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion carried.

Approved 

Mayor

Renato contipelli
Renato contipelli (Oct 14, 2023 10:11 EDT)

Mayor and or President of Council

On September 13, 2023



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council