

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 11, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

Council had no questions and the meeting was turned over to the mayor.

Ryan Collins from FirstEnergy was in attendance and introduced himself to council. Mr. Collins informed council that he is the liaison for the area and is available for email and phone calls if anyone in the village has questions.

Mayor Bacci asked to go into executive session for the purposes of potential lease of property 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 5:08 p.m.

Executive session ends and back on the record at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Bacci had Village Engineer Todd Sciano come in and talk about the request for a proposal for the splash pad by the pool. Village Engineer Sciano explained that the RFP on the agenda shows an assortment of ways to put in a new splash pad that includes all the ideas from council including access for utilities, ADA compliance, and safety. Mayor Bacci noted that the issue we are having is building it in a timely fashion to try and have it completed before the pool season opens in June. Mr. Contipelli asked when council would need to approve the bid by? Engineer Sciano responded that if it's approved in November and the job is awarded in December, they then can start doing the foundation in March and start the job in April.

The Mayor reminded council that we are cancelling the workshop on Wednesday, October 25.

Caucus ended at 5:55 p.m.

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None at this time.

**PERMITS:** None at this time.

**PURCHASES:**

**Req 23-Dept-183-A** Approval for replacing appliances at Village Hall not to exceed \$9,500.00.

**Req 23-Dept-189-A** Approval for structural study at East 71 Street and Grant Ave by Sixmo not to exceed \$15,00.00.

**23-Dept-190-A** Approval for structural and foundation study of Village Hall Campus Area by Sixmo not to exceed \$20,00.00.

**23-Dept-191-A** Approval for Willowbrook Connector Trail Improvements not to exceed \$20,00.00.

**MINUTES:**

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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 for September 2023  
RITA Final Report for September 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. 2023-73**

September Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$ 2,748,234.69

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

**RESOLUTION NO: 2023-74**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM, 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. 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. 2023-75**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK GROUP, INC. FOR THE LEASE AND SERVICE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS

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: 2023-76**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MILL CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-77**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 CUYAHOGA COUNTY MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Unger moved, seconded by Mr. Volek, 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.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-78**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1495.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY WHO IS ENTITLED TO A SENIOR CITIZEN/DOCUMENTED DISABILITY GRANT UNDER THE GEORGE M. SUHY GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Volek moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam, that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance 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.

**ORDINANCE NO: 2023-79**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT THE INTERSECTION OF WILLOW PARKWAY AND GRANT AVENUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Centa, that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance 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. 2023-80**

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE WILLOWBROOK CONNECTOR TRAIL PAVEMENT AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 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. 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:** None at this time.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:** Happy belated Anniversary to Council President Renato Contipelli and his bride, Michelle! They celebrated their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary this past Monday. Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who assisted us with the corn roast. Even though we had crazy weather we still had a large crowd! And it was funny to see Ms. Henley running around with the megaphone! We already reached out to the school and the next corn roast is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2024.

You will see a lot more traffic in the area tomorrow morning, Thursday, October 12 between 7:30-9:00 a.m. The Elementary School is holding their Grandparents Day event.

Please be advised that there is no school this Friday – NEOEA Day.

Also, this Friday at 7:00 p.m. the Cuyahoga Heights football team will be playing against Trinity at home – game time is 7:00 p.m.

Our Halloween Drive-Thru will take place on Tuesday, October 31 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park. Village Residents & Village Grandparents must register their children. We just put a reminder notice in the Neighborhood News today for our residents. Council, if available, please help us out that evening and be there by 4:15 p.m.

Afterwards, trick-or-treat will take place in town from 6:00-8:00 p.m. If you wish to pass out candy, please leave an outside light on so children know they are welcome.

Don't forget Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. The polls will be open from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the basement of our village hall.

October birthday wishes to employees: (2) Law Director Ben Chojnacki; (4) Councilman David Volek who turned 60; (11) Steve Harris; (13) Andrew Heinzman; (15) Nick Frye; (23) Tyler Selig; (24) Mindy Armbrust; (28) Mike Dentkos; (29) Vera Heinzman.

**MR. UNGER:** Nothing at this time.

**MR. VOLEK:** Congratulations to the CIC on a nice and clean audit.

**MR. BLOAM:** Nothing to report.

**MR. CENTA:** Everyone enjoys the corn roast.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:** No workshop this month. The corn roast was great. And thank you to Mill Creek for their partnership.

**MS. HENLEY:** Everything went well at the corn roast and thank you all for your donations to the senior citizens. Thank you Mayor for the leftover chicken and corn that we took to the Misson. And thank you to Angel, Lee Ann, and the entire group for everything.

**POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:** Heads up to residents to keep an eye out for scams. An East 49<sup>th</sup> Street resident had a scam/home invasion happen this afternoon right before the council meeting. Suspects were posing as gutter salesmen and did get away but with the help of the flock cameras the police department was able to get images of the car. Nothing was stolen, nobody was hurt, but if anyone sees anything out of sorts, call the police and don't let strangers inside your home, and stay safe.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR 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.

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


**ASST. BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA:** Nothing at this time.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

NOPEC Relationship Manager, Tony Ramos stopped by to update the village on the Gas and Electric Aggregation programs. After speaking with Mayor Bacci in the spring this year, he wanted to return and update council that 80% of the customers returned as customers and that 234 residents are currently signed up for the Electric Program and 135 residents are signed up for the Natural Gas program. What was interesting was the customers that initially opted out of the programs are starting to see their high bills in the months after signups and weren't happy with it, so they signed up again. He also noted if anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact him.

**WHEREFORE,** there is no further business before this council, Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Henley that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:22 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion carried.

Approved   
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Mayor

Renato Contipelli  
Renato Contipelli (Nov 15, 2023 11:49 EST)  
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Mayor and or President of Council

On October 11, 2023

  
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Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council