

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
November 8, 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: Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Henley, Unger

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

Council had no questions, turning the meeting over to CFO Meriwether.

CFO Meriwether stated that she and the mayor would like to have a meeting with the Economic Development and Public Works committees in February or March of 2024 to go over a capital plan for the new year.

President Contipelli asked Law Director Chojnacki about Ordinance No. 2023-84 that includes income tax and if he can explain more about that. Law Director Chojnacki responded that the amended House Bill Chapter 883 requires municipalities to change the manner of how they collect income tax. This bill requires all companies to allocate their employees to work remotely and it is out of the village's hand.

Council President asked if there were any other questions from council, there were none, and turned the meeting over to Mayor Bacci.

Mayor Bacci announced that at 5:45 p.m. this evening, he will be swearing in Firefighter Bryan Rini who is being promoted to Lieutenant and formerly swearing in full-time Firefighter Frank Marcelli.

Mayor Bacci advised council that the conceptual drawing for the pool was given to council last month and will be placed on hold for the next year due to the numbers. He also passed along to council a new exhibit of the campus which includes a reconfiguration of the splash pad and parking lot along with a conception of the stairway going down to Bacci Park. The mayor went on to explain the exhibit to council and asked CFO Meriwether to advise everyone of her communications with Silverlode. CFO Meriwether advised council that the village applied for another \$75,000 Supplemental Grant and \$50,000 NatureWorks Grant for the playground; we are waiting to hear back if we have received the grants. Mayor Bacci advised council that anytime money is being spent, the village is trying to pull from every resource that we can such as grants. Grant requests for playground and parks are available to everyone year-round. President Council Contipelli asked if the parking lot will be redone with the splash pad.

Village Engineer Sciano briefed council on the playground timeline and how the village can move in tandem with the splash pad by using our own infrastructure to move quickly and have limited impact on next year's season.

Mayor Bacci spoke about how he, CFO Meriwether and Village Engineer Sciano have been in communications with Thompson Aluminum Casting on how they can enclose their corner courtyard, with all their material on it, with a building of some sort to encase the property.

Mayor Bacci updated council on the pickleball courts and advised that Village Engineer Sciano mapped out a section of the park where it will be convenient and not in the way of our hay wagon ride at the corn roast.

Mayor Bacci also briefed council on the updates at Benjamin Moore, the homes on Grant Avenue, 901 Harvard, the FOP/Toscana Hall and the Collecchi property.

Caucus ended at 5:36 p.m.

At 5:45 p.m. Mayor Bacci swore in Firefighter Bryon Rini to Fire Lieutenant and ceremonially swearing-in Firefighter Frank Marcelli.

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

Mayor Bacci called for a moment of silence for Mrs. Bernice Suhy who recently passed away on November 2. He asked Ms. Henley to talk about Grandma Suhy when it was her turn to talk.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

PERMITS: None at this time.

PURCHASES:

Req 23-SD-178-A Approval for plow part repairs for S6 & S7 not to exceed \$7,000.00.

MINUTES:

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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:

Position of Preliminary Cash for October 2023
RITA Final Report for October 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. 2023-81 First Reading

October Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers

ORDINANCE NO: 2023-82

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE 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, 2024; 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: 2023-83

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NON-EXCLUSIVE PER DIEM LEASE AGREEMENT FOR JAIL HOUSING AND ANCILLARY SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON

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.

ORDINANCE NO: 2023-84

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 883 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX TO ADOPT UPDATES TO CONFORM TO HOUSE BILL 33

Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Mr. Unger, 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: 2023-85

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ZARNEY ORIGINALS, LLC FOR MARKETING AND WEBSITE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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: 2023-86

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE TWO VEHICLES FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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 Engineer Sciano to prepare plans and specifications and solicit proposals and/or advertise for bid as applicable for the multiple phases of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights Campus Improvements including but not limited to the following packages: demolition, utility improvements, pavement improvements, splash pad infrastructure and plumbing, splash pad surface, fencing and gates, pickleball court, lighting and electrical improvements and restoration and landscaping.

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

A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for the semi-annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for the Flexible & Rigid Pavement Repairs for the remainder of the 2023 Season not to exceed \$50,000.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Condolences to Fire Chief Suhy and his family and the Hartman family for the loss of Mrs. Bernice Suhy. Visitation will be held at Ferfolia Funeral Home in Sagamore Hills this Sunday from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Happy Anniversary to Frank and Kim Schoeffler for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on November 10.

Veterans Day is this Saturday November 11—this day is to honor our military veterans and their service to our country. If you see a Veteran, please thank them. God Bless our Veterans!

In observance of Veterans Day, the village hall and service department will be closed on Friday November 10.

There is also no elementary school this Friday, November 10 for “Records Day”.

Best wishes and good luck to our Cuyahoga Heights Football team as they advanced in the playoffs and will be playing Kirtland this Friday at 7:00 p.m. at Nordonia High School.

Back by popular demand, Laura Merhaut and Miss Wendy will be at the village hall to host another Village “Swag” Craft Night on Wednesday November 28. Please RSVP by November 17 to participate.

Don’t forget to sign up your children and grandchildren for the Santa Claus extravaganza on Sunday, December 17 at Bacci Park from 11:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Deadline to register is Monday, December 4.

Birthday wishes to village employees: (1) Patrick Koran & Tom Nova; (2) Robert Stewart; (10) Tom Kekelis; (13) Carl Smith; (27) Councilman Bob Unger; and (28) Mark Hine.

Our village hall and service department will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

MR. VOLEK: Happy Thanksgiving everyone and thank you for participating in the election.

MR. BLOAM: Happy Thanksgiving and congratulations to everyone.

MR. CENTA: Thank you to everyone who came out to vote.

MR. CONTIPELLI: Offering my condolences to Chief Suhy.

MS. HENLEY: Bernice was Chief Suhy’s grandma, and Jim and I were friends with George and Bernice—she was a spectacular lady and lived a good life. Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving and thank you for voting.

MR. UNGER: Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for voting.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Go Redskins!

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Congratulations to everyone, condolences to Chief Suhy and thank you council for approval of the two service vehicles.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Thank you for the condolences and congrats to our two promoted firemen.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: Nothing to report.

CFO MERIWETHER: Nothing to report.

ADMIN. ASST. TO THE MAYOR SCHOEFFLER: Nothing to report.


ASST. BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: Congratulations to all and condolences to the Suhy family.

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 6:12 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion carried.

Approved 

Mayor

Renato Contipelli
Renato Contipelli (Dec 15, 2023 11:06 EST)

Mayor and or President of Council

On November 8, 2023



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council