

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

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MAYOR BACCI CALLED CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:00 p.m.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED ROLL CALL: Centa, Schoeffler, Unger, Volek, Bloam

Mayor Bacci asked council if anyone had any questions about the agenda; there were no questions. He advised that Mr. Contipelli would not be attending the meeting tonight.

Mayor Bacci noted that that Gus Frangos from the Cuyahoga Land Bank, who worked with us in the past on projects, unexpectedly passed away. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Unfortunately, our village was not considered for the County Road 2025/2026 50/50 Funding Program for East 71st Street; however, we will try for the next application round for 2027/2028.

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) announced their MCIP awards last Wednesday and our village was awarded \$230,240 for our courts sewer separation project (design).

Mr. Bloam asked if the Grant Avenue construction would be done before school starts. Mayor Bacci asked Village Engineer Sciano to explain what to expect. Village Engineer Sciano advised council that they are working through Thursday and Friday nights to possibly open on Monday August 26th for travel. Mayor Bacci reiterated that it's only the travel aspect, the repairs for the curbs, aprons and driveways will not be finished.

Mayor Bacci announced that before the council meeting there would be proclamations for CHS Superintendent Mr. Tom Evans and CHFD Captain Patrick Koran. In addition, the official swearing in of full time firefighter Nicholas Dalton and firefighter Thomas Kekelis III to Fire Lieutenant.

Caucus ends at 5:28 p.m.

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

A moment of silence was made for life-long village resident Mary Jane Blue who passed away on July 28, 2024; she was 67 years old. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED ROLL CALL: Centa, Schoeffler, Unger, Volek, Bloam

Mr. Centa made the motion to excuse Council President Contipelli from the meeting, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PERMITS: None.

MINUTES:

July 10, 2024 Council Meeting

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

July 23, 2024 Finance Committee 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.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

RITA Final Report July 2024
Position of Cash Report July 2024

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. 2024-50

July Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$1,461,499.33

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51 FIRST READING

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, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 246.16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENTS VIA LATERAL TRANSFER.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion to appoint Steve Germana to the full-time skilled trades apprentice position for Service Department starting on August 19, 2024.

Mr. Schoeffler made the motion to appoint Steve Germana to the full-time skilled trades apprentice position, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

Motion to promote Firefighter Thomas Kekelis III to Lieutenant in the Fire Department starting on July 21, 2024.

Mr. Unger made the motion to approve the promotion of Thomas Kekelis III to Lieutenant, seconded by Mr. Volek. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

This Saturday, August 17 our Recreation Coordinator and Pool Manager are having an end of summer pool party with pizza around 1:00 p.m. and then the Cleveland Cookie Company will be on site from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for cool treats. Sunday, August 18th is the last day the pool will be open for the season. I hope everyone had a great time this summer enjoying the pool, and I want to thank council for all their support; we have had nothing but positive comments. The splash pad, pickleball and sports court areas will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. throughout September except for Friday night home high school football games and Homecoming.

Sunday, August 25 is the last day the concession stand is open for the summer.

School begins next week; elementary, middle and high school students return on Thursday, August 22; kindergarten students start on August 26.

On Monday, August 26, I am once again taking the senior citizens to Kelleys Island for the day. Hoping for good weather...fingers crossed!

Last reminder to our senior residents that the annual flu shot and blood work event will be held at Klima's on Friday, September 13. As in past practice, we will be offering a warm breakfast to our seniors. Deadline to register is August 29.

August birthday wishes to employees: (2) Kyle Scotten; (4) Brian Baciak; (11) Ted Mackiewicz; (16) Keith Meriwether; (18) Richard Sweeney; (20) Matt Kontura; (21) Daniel Baucco; and (26) Zachary Bernstein

And lastly, wishing everyone a very safe and happy Labor Day holiday.

MR. CENTA: While at the pool, he noticed that the kids enjoy the splash pad when the bell rings for pool closings, and his granddaughter loves the splash pad as well and spends hours in that area.

MR. SCHOEFFLER: A resident asked if the Cedar Point passes will again be offered at half price next year. Mayor Bacci stated that we would offer it again, and if there was enough participation we could do a couple bus trips during the year as well.

MR. UNGER: Nothing at this time.

MR. VOLEK: Nothing at this time.

MR. BLOAM: Nothing at this time.

POLICE CHIEF BRIAN STURGILL: Wanted to advise everyone that paving was scheduled at 6:00 p.m. this evening on Grant Avenue.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: The department is coming to the end of an era with Captain Patrick Koran retiring, but the ship is headed in the right direction with this next group, and I'm very excited for Nick and Tom.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: Nothing at this time.

CFO MERIWETHER: Nothing at this time.

ASSISTANT TO MAYOR BACCI SCHOEFFLER: Nothing at this time.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: Nothing at this time.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER NORM CASINI: It has been quite an accomplishment from start to finish with the first phase of the village hall campus in such a short period of time—and everything was done very nicely.

VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO: Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this council, Mr. Volek moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:19 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.

Approved 


Mayor

On August 14, 2024

Renato Contipelli

Renato Contipelli (Sep 13, 2024 09:07 EDT)

Mayor and or President of Council



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council










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