

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 11, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLED CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:15 p.m.**

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

Mr. Contipelli asked council if there were any questions on the agenda.

Mayor Bacci advised that earlier this month, Governor DeWine announced \$86.1 million in Brownfield Remediation Grants and the Nicky Boulevard Landfill Redevelopment was awarded \$4,211,880.00. This project involves soil remediation, leachate system improvements, and site grading at the former Nicky Boulevard Landfill and will prepare 10 acres for industrial and commercial redevelopment, addressing environment concerns and creating opportunities for economic growth in Cuyahoga Heights.

Caucus ended at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PERMITS:** None.

**MINUTES:**

November 13, 2024      Council Meeting  
November 13, 2024      Finance Committee 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.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

RITA Final Report November 2024  
Position of Cash Report November 2024

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. 2024-71**

November Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$ 2,006,099.29

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-72**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-73**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 254.20 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE LIMITED EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO PERMANENT PART TIME EMPLOYEES.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-74**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE 2025 NORTH ROYALTON JAIL BED LEASE RATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-75**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE “PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION” (“PIPE”) PROGRAM**

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

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-76**

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 254.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE BOND AMOUNTS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

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

**OTHER BUSINESS: None**

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:** I wanted to take a moment to thank the employees of Charter Steel, JSI Janitorial LLC & MilliporeSigma who generously reached out to our office and helped several families in town this Christmas. Also, thank you to our Police Department for again raising money and doing Shop with a Cop which will help several families in town.

Santa & Mrs. Claus are gearing up for Christmas and making a special stop at Bacci Park on Sunday, December 22 to visit with our resident children and grandchildren. Please note that registration is required for this event. Council members, as a reminder of the email I sent you on December 5, if any of you would like to assist us that day, please be at the pond pavilion by 10:45 a.m.- please park in the softball field parking lot.

Also, on Sunday evening, December 22—don't forget to turn on your lights at 5:00 p.m. We have our annual Christmas Lighting Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

December birthday wishes to employees: (8) Jesse James; (15) Diane Simmons; (16) Damon Schreiber; and (30) Frank Trusso. Happy birthday to all!

I am completing my 17<sup>th</sup> year, and I want to thank council, our department heads and staff for everything they do for me. Please know that I truly appreciate it because without your support, we couldn't do all the many positive things that we do for this town—our home. Thank you!

Wishing everyone a merry and blessed Christmas, and health and happiness in the New Year.

**MR. SCHOEFFLER:** I received a couple of calls from residents about the mess at the south end of the railroad passing which I relayed to the mayor. The mayor replied to Councilman Schoeffler to assure the residents that since our talk, Chief Sturgill and his men will shut the project down. NEORS, who is running the project, understands that the residents and surrounding businesses and anybody passing through needs a clear roadway.

Mr. Schoeffler wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy holidays!

**MR. UNGER:** Merry Christmas and happy holidays! I am very happy to be a part of this team.

**MR. VOLEK:** Having worked in a community for 30 years that did a lot of talk and no action, it has been a pleasure over the last 12 months to see the mayor's vision coming together in all the projects. Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

**MR. BLOAM:** I agree with everything Mr. Volek said.

**MR. CENTA:** In agreement with Mr. Volek—this community is amazing! Merry Christmas and have a happy and safe new year.

**MR. CONTIPELLI:** Many residents have said nothing but good things about how the outside of Toscana looks. With that being said, this is my fourth decade on council and this has been a great partnership between legislative, the law, the engineering and service departments and administration—even though there are disagreements at times, but we all have the same vision of our forefathers who started and couldn't finish. Merry Christmas!

**POLICE CHIEF STURGILL:** Wishing everyone and safe and merry Christmas and happy New Year.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SAMMONS:** Wishing everyone and safe and merry Christmas and happy New Year.

**FIRE CHIEF MIKE SUHY:** Wishing everyone and safe and merry Christmas and happy New Year.

**LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI:** Our original council packet included two MOU's for NEORS; however, one of the pieces of legislation did not make it on the agenda. There are two options, I can read the caption, give it a number and wave it or wait until January's meeting. Council all agreed on the first choice.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-77**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONTINUE TO APPOINT AND COMMISSION POLICE OFFICERS OR SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS TO SERVE THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO MEMORIALIZE THAT INTENT

Mr. Volek moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam to amend the agenda and to add this Ordinance to the agenda today. Schoeffler, Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, and Contipelli voting aye to amend the agenda. Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Centa that the Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. Schoeffler, Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, and Contipelli voting aye, motion carried. Schoeffler, Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, and Contipelli voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

**CFO MERIWETHER:** Merry Christmas and healthy and happy new years to everyone.


**ASSISTANT TO MAYOR BACCI SCHOEFFLER:** Merry Christmas.


**ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA:** Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all!

**VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO:** Have a very blessed holiday.


**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

**WHEREFORE,** there is no further business before this council, Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Centa that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.

Approved   
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Mayor

  
Renato Contipelli (Jan 9, 2025 09:22 EST)  
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Mayor and or President of Council

On December 11, 2024

  
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Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council











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