

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2025
5:02 p.m.**

COUNCIL MEETING

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLED CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:02 p.m.

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

Mr. Contipelli asked the council if there were any questions on the agenda. There were none.

Mr. Contipelli also asked council to resume his position as Council President. The mayor asked if there were any other nominees for Council President. There were none. The mayor then asked for a motion to nominate Mr. Contipelli for Council President. Mr. Bloam made the motion to nominate Mr. Contipelli for Council President, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed.

Mayor Bacci spoke to council about the Charter Review Committee and how last year, the idea of council wanting to change the committee to meet from 4 years to 10 years. Law Director Ben Chojnacki confirmed that council can vote on the change during council meetings.

Mayor Bacci also noted that pool staff will be needed this year as Sandi Sturgill will not be returning as pool manager. If council has any recommendations for that position, please let his office know. During the February council meeting, I will be asking Kelly Hartman to return as Concession Stand Manager.

Mayor Bacci also mentioned that we will be holding our Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 25 at Bacci Park. Information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

And lastly, as council knows, the village has ordered a new fire engine; however, it will not arrive until the spring of 2026. The mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property matters. Mr. Contipelli made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property matters, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

Executive session started at 5:50 p.m.

Executive session ended at 5:56 p.m.

Mr. Contipelli asked if there was anything else to be discussed.

Mr. Volek asked about the American Legal Ordinance changes and if there was anything else concerning the state laws. Law Director Chojnacki, along with the mayor, responded to Mr. Volek that there is nothing of substance with these changes. The village updates ordinances to stay in compliance, when the state laws change year-to-year.

Mr. Contipelli asked the mayor to explain the upcoming council workshop agenda. Mayor Bacci advised council that Mr. Contipelli brought a matter to his attention regarding village homeowners

located on Willowbrook Drive, East 71st Street, East 72nd Street and Bletch Court as it pertains to their property concerns with erosion.

Caucus ended at 5:59 p.m.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED THE COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Bacci asked for a moment of silence for Howard Combs Jr. who passed away on January 9.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PERMITS: None.

MINUTES:

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| December 11, 2024 | Council Meeting |
| December 11, 2024 | Public Works Meeting |
| December 11, 2024 | Finance Committee Meeting |

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

RITA Final Report December 2024
Position of Cash Report December 2024

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

December Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$ 1,554,803.46

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PEST MANAGEMENT INCORPORATED FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH STONE ROAD STUDIO, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES—EXISTING POOL BUILDING/LOCKER ROOMS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A 2025 VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-72 TO FINALIZE AND CORRECT THE VILLAGE'S 2024 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES SO AS TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 25-01** A motion to appoint Braden Susnik, as a full-time Cadet of the Police Department starting January 20, 2025.
- 25-02** A motion authorizing the CFO to approve a Change order of PO 2024001007 to SNS Grounds Maintenance for the final turf phase of VH Campus Improvement Project not to exceed \$96,000.
- 25-03** A motion authorizing the CFO to approve a Change order of PO 2024000418 passed March 2024 changing from Blanket vendor to Paladin.
- 25-04** A motion authorizing the CFO to approve a Change order of PO 2024000416 passed March 2024 changing from Blanket vendor to Milano Electric.
- 25-05** A motion authorizing the CFO to approve a Change order of PO 2024001006 passed November 2024 changing from Blanket vendor to The Henry Thompson Company.
- 25-06** A motion authorizing the CFO to create a purchase order for Pool House upgrades for windows, doors, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, locker rooms and office areas. Not to exceed \$100,000.

Mr. Schoeffler made the motion to bundle all 6 motions into one approval, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Again, condolences to the Combs family. Howie was a long-time resident and was involved very much in the community at one time. Please keep his mom and sister Jennifer in your thoughts and prayers.

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

January birthday wishes to employees. Councilman Renato Contipelli celebrates his 65th birthday tomorrow, January 9th...congratulations! (3) Nicholas Mroczynski; (16) Jimmy Henley who will turn 50; (19) Brian Fragua and (19) Peter Mannarino.

MR. BLOAM: Congratulations to Council President Renato Contipelli! Thank you to everyone for doing their job.

MR. CENTA: Happy New Year!

MR. CONTIPELLI: Thank you to all my colleagues, I am humbled by your support. There will be an upcoming workshop on January 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

MR. SCHOEFFLER: Nothing to report.

MR. UNGER: Nothing to report.

MR. VOLEK: Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Nothing at this time.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Nothing at this time.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: Nothing at this time.

CFO MERIWETHER: Nothing at this time.

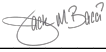
ASSISTANT TO MAYOR BACCI SCHOEFFLER: Nothing at this time.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: Nothing at this time.


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 6:15 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.


Approved 

Mayor


Renato Contipelli (Feb 15, 2025 09:15 EST)

Mayor and or President of Council

On January 8, 2025



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council











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Final Audit Report

2025-02-13

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