

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

COUNCIL MEETING

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLED CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Bacci informed the council that Fire Chief Suhy was on vacation and would not be in attendance this evening.

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

Mr. Volek asked for an explanation on Resolution 2025-26 on why there is a grant administration fee and what it means. Village Engineer Sciano explained that the Cuyahoga Land Bank charges a 4% grant administration fee for all brownfield grants. In addition, the Landbank will work with the village throughout the process of the grant.

With no further questions, Mr. Contipelli turned the meeting over to the mayor.

Mayor Bacci updated council on 811 Havard Avenue.

He also advised council that the turf will not be installed at the Village Hall Campus Playground until the week of April 21—weather permitting. Everything has been pushed back by the contractor due to the weather. It will, however, be completed before the pool opens on Saturday, June 7.

The mayor also noted that the billboard behind the school will display fallen police officer Jacob Derbin for National Police Week—May 9 through 17.

Mayor Bacci commented that Parks and Recreation Director Wheaton is doing a fine job in her new position; she will start attending the monthly council meetings in May.

The mayor asked CFO Meriwether to inform council on the update she received today from the Cuyahoga Land Bank about the homes on Bletch Court. CFO Meriwether stated that the village was notified this afternoon that on Friday, April 25 at 8:00 a.m., the Cuyahoga Land Bank will be on site on Bletch Court starting the demo for asbestos abatement—removal of vinyl siding. The mayor noted that letters to the residents on the courts would be going out to inform them.

Caucus ended at 5:32 p.m.

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

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the passing of village resident, Mr. Tom Borowy.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PERMITS: None.

PURCHASES: None.

MINUTES:

March 12, 2025	Council Meeting
March 12, 2025	Finance Committee Meeting
April 2, 2025	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 March 2025
Position of Cash February 2025

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. 2025-15

February Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$1,170,969.38

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-22 First Reading

March Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL OF 2025 CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH AND SUPPORTING PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Centa, 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. 2025-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2025 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. 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. 2025-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1442.16(a)(1) AND 1442(a)(2) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO UPDATE THE FEES CHARGED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR CERTAIN PERMIT AND INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler, 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. 2025-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE A GRANT ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF A GRANT ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD BROWNFIELD GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF SAID GRANT ADMINISTRATION FEE

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-27

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE INGRESS/EGRESS AND STORM SEWER EASEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 7133 AND 7137 MARCELLINE COURT

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

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Mr. Tom Borowy passed away this past Sunday, April 6, from a long battle with cancer; he was 82 years old. He was my little league coach, and later in life we played together in a softball beer league. He was an incredible ball player, former councilman, and his personality and character will greatly be missed. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The mayor was informed earlier by Chief Suhy that there will be a tornado drill at the schools tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

Our annual Easter egg hunt will take place Saturday, April 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Klima Gardens. The event is open to all Cuyahoga Heights resident children and grandchildren 0-12 years of age. Anyone wishing to donate an Easter basket can do so by dropping it off to Lee Ann no later than tomorrow morning.

There will be no school next week for Easter break.

The village hall and service department will be closed on Good Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21 for the Easter holiday. Rubbish collection and special pick up will be delayed by one day.

Our Parks and Recreation Director, Becca Wheaton has a trip scheduled for our kids next Wednesday, April 16 to Scene 75 in Brunswick.

Our Arbor Day celebration will take place on Friday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park. We will be planting 5 memorial trees. In addition, we will be planting a tree dedicated to Lois Henley, long-time councilwoman for her collaboration with this event since its inception in 2008. Also, on Friday, April 25, you'll see more traffic in town than usual. The CVC Metro/Valley Middle School Championship Track Meet will take place at the school beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 3—the school is hosting the 68th Cuyahoga Relays...another day with a lot more traffic in town.

April birthday wishes to employees: (1) Deputy Chief Ken Schoeffler; (13) Nurse Joanne Socausky; and (30) Assistant Fire Chief Bryon Borowy.

Special milestone birthday wishes to village resident Mr. Ed Ranch who turns “99” on April 27.

Wishing everyone a very happy and blessed Easter.

MR. SCHOEFFLER: As we spoke about it in caucus regarding the East 49th Street traffic from Charter Steel trucks, he asked the mayor to give everyone an update. The mayor commented that once he speaks to Premier to ask if they extended the lease, he will then give council an update. Mr. Schoeffler thanked the mayor and wished everyone a happy Easter.

MR. UNGER: Tom Borowy was a character with so much energy and lived life to the fullest, always had a smile on his face. Mr. Unger commented that Tommy gave him the nickname “Ungy” years ago, and the last time he saw him—he still had that same energy about him. He will dearly be missed.

MR. VOLEK: Condolences to the Borowy family. Also, I am thrilled to have the Easter egg hunt at Klima’s. And just a reminder to everyone to keep in mind the upcoming ramp closures for I-480 and I-77 as well as Wallings Road.

MR. BLOAM: Nothing at this time.

MR. CENTA: Condolences to the Borowy family. Also, he mentioned the Arbor Day event to the seniors so that they would attend and celebrate the dedication tree for Mrs. Lois Henley.

MR. CONTIPELLI: A reminder that the RiverSweep sign up is underway and asked that we post it to our social media. If anyone on council would like to help with the event, please be at the concession stand at 8:30 a.m.—there will be doughnuts and water for our volunteers.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Happy Easter everyone and have a safe and blessed holiday.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Easter.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: Nothing at this time.

CFO MERIWETHER: Condolences to the Borowy family and happy Easter.


ADMIN. ASST. SCHOEFFLER TO MAYOR BACCI: Condolences to the Borowy family and happy Easter.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: Happy Easter everyone.

VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO: Nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this council, Mr. Schoeffler moved, seconded by Mr. Unger that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:15 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.


Approved 

Mayor


Renato Contipelli (May 17, 2024 08:41 EDT)

Mayor and or President of Council

On April 9, 2025



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council











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