

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 11, 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: Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Schoeffler, Unger

Mayor Bacci informed council that Village Engineer Sciano would not be in attendance this evening and if there were any questions or concerns, to please let him know so he could reach out to the engineer.

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

Mr. Volek inquired about Motion 25-15 Sewer Project at Rear Parcel of Hillside Property. CFO Meriwether stated that the motion will be removed from the floor and agenda due to the absence of the engineer from tonight's meeting. Mr. Volek then asked about a target date for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant. CFO Meriwether stated the village just submitted the grant application for the workout stations at Bacci Park/Willowbrook Connector, and we won't know until the spring of 2026 if we received the grant or not.

Mr. Schoeffler noted the low RITA income tax shown on the May report and if we are anticipating an uptick? CFO Meriwether responded that the first RITA payment of June was \$2 million, and we are about \$750,000 in net profit tax which puts us back on track.

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

The pool opening went better than anticipated other than building materials not being in stock—which was out of our control. Recreation Director Wheaton and her crew, along with village hall staff, and the service department did an amazing job. He noted that he had received many compliments over the weekend from residents of Brooklyn Heights, Valley View, and even our own residents appreciating the money spent, time, effort and freshness of it all. One of our residents also stated that they are excited to see the future of Toscana Hall and Klima Gardens after seeing the renovations at the pool. The mayor thanked council for supporting these projects.

There was discussion pertaining to grass cutting services. The Mayor noted that the ordinance which was passed in 2008 was to foster home ownership in the village; however, as members of council, they have the ability to change the policy. It was noted that this item would be further reviewed.

Mayor Bacci updated everyone about the two new builds on Bletch Court. He also noted that there was a meeting this past Monday with our fire chief, building department and law director, along with their engineer and contractor. The meeting went well and framing was scheduled to start soon.

CFO Meriwether advised council that the Cuyahoga Land Bank called and requested a meeting on site at the Bletch Court property to discuss the slope and grade, along with the retaining walls. Village Engineer Sciano and Assistant Building Commissioner LaBella will meet with the Land Bank next week with a plan, and the process should start within 30-60 days.

CFO Meriwether gave council an update on our records retention schedule. In addition to June RITA income tax, performing annual transfers in June moving funds from our general funds to pensions and capital projects funds, and pool house renovations change orders which were passed during the finance meeting.

Caucus ended at 5:46 p.m.

Before the council meeting, Mayor Bacci formally administered the Oath of Office for Firefighter Kyle Scotten.

Additionally, the mayor presented retired firefighter Stanley Schab with a proclamation for his 33 years of service with the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED THE COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER at 6:17 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PERMITS: None.

PURCHASES: None.

MINUTES:

May 14, 2025 Council Meeting
May 14, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting

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.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

RITA Final Report May 2025
Position of Cash April 2025

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. 2025-28 Second Reading

April Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$1,141,900.95

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-34 First Reading

May Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-35

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1490.11 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT THE PLACEMENT OF GRASS CLIPPINGS
OR THE TRIMMINGS OF TREES, SHRUBS, WEEDS, OR OTHER PLANTS
ON SIDEWALKS AND/OR THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A
NATUREWORKS GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGREEING TO OBLIGATE THE FUNDS
REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-37

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET
INFORMATION OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026; SUBMITTING THE
SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-38

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1076.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CLEARLY AUTHORIZE VILLAGE STAFF TO REMOVE INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS FROM VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Mr. Contipelli asked why the staff is authorized and not the security or the police. Law Director Chojnacki responded that this Ordinance is giving village staff the authority first, if needed, and if the issue escalates, the police will be involved.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

25-15 Motion to approve Sewer Project at Rear Parcel of Hillside Property.

**25-15 removed from agenda.*

25-16 Motion to approve the updated Public Records Retention Policy.

25-17 Motion to approve a change order for PO# 2025000409 to DiFranco Plumbing for pool house updates and repairs, do not exceed \$150,000.

Motion to approve 25-16 and 25-17 as prepared and place on file. Mr. Centa made the motion to bundle the two motions into one approval, seconded by Mr. Bloam. Mr. Schoeffler abstained, motion approved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Thanked everyone that attended our Memorial Day service and ceremony. Our service department did a great job in getting the grounds ready and thank you to our police and fire departments for their support and attendance.

The annual village wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Currently, we have 12 homes that are participating.

Our annual village shred day (*aka Lois Henley memorial shred day*) will take place Saturday, July 12 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Gateway Recycling located at 4233 East 49th Street. This is a free serve

provided to our residents. We will also have several service department employees on site to assist residents.

June birthday wishes to employees: (1) Bryan Rini; (2) Jason Martin; (3) Michael Cuthbertson; (6) Anthony Kotar; (15) Patrick Goldsworth; (17) Councilman Matthew Schoeffler; (20) Mark Chase; and (23) Bob Krajewski.

Lastly, wishing everyone a very blessed Father's Day this Sunday!

MR. VOLEK: Noted that NOPEC rates are going up. Also wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

MR. BLOAM: Nothing to report.

MR. CENTA: Nothing to report.

MR. CONTIPELLI: Nothing to report.

MR. SCHOEFFLER: Asked if there was a way for our mobile devices/tablets to be more user friendly for our online services. CFO Meriwether noted that we were working on this issue.

MR. UNGER: Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Our department has been advising our youngsters about our helmet laws. Information on this issue will be in the next newsletter.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Advised that the fuel island at the service garage is currently being worked on but you can still get fuel.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Nothing to report.


LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: No report.

CFO MERIWETHER: Happy Father's Day.


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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this council, Mr. Volek moved, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:28 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.


Approved 

Mayor


Renato Contipelli (Jul 16, 2025 08:43 EDT)

Mayor and or President of Council

On June 11, 2025



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council











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