

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 14, 2025

6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLED CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:25 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Schoeffler asked Mr. Contipelli if council would agree to pass all three motions on the agenda in one motion for approval during the council meeting. Mr. Contipelli asked council if anyone objected, to which everyone agreed and approved.

Mr. Contipelli asked the mayor about the motion on the moral claim. Mayor Bacci responded that resident Mrs. Weber had work done due to her basement flooding and it was determined that the issue was stemming from the street, it was then a village issue so in turn we helped pay for repairs.

Mr. Contipelli turned the meeting over to the mayor.

Mayor Bacci excused Assistant Building Commissioner LaBella from the meeting for the funeral of Mr. Vanek this evening. He also noted that Police Chief Sturgill and Police Lieutenant Grabowski were currently in Washington, DC attending the Police Memorial Week for fallen officer Jacob Derbin.

Mayor Bacci further noted that Miss Poppy & Master Poppy from American Legion Post 627 would be in attendance before the council meeting tonight. Also, our school liaison, Mr. Centa will present our village scholarships at the senior awards night ceremony on Tuesday, May 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to student residents: Nicholas Armbrust, Paige Henley and Zachary Unger. Congratulations to the students!

Mayor Bacci also advised that there would be no council workshop for Wednesday, May 28. Also, once the pool opens, instead of having a ribbon cutting for our pool complex, we will have a small get together of council members and possibly have an ice cream truck to celebrate. He also noted that Ms. Erin Stever, a representative from Congresswoman Shontel Brown's office, will be in attendance to talk to council members.

CFO Meriwether read council a report overlaying the village's finances. See the Council Report attached.

The mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss employment and housing revitalization matters. Mr. Volek made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved. Executive session started at 5:41 p.m.

Executive session ended at 6:04 p.m.

Caucus ended at 6:05 p.m.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED THE COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER at 6:14 p.m.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the passing of village resident Mr. Denis Vanek who passed away Thursday, May 8; he was 90 years old.

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

CFO Meriwether is excused from the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PERMITS: None.

PURCHASES: None.

MINUTES:

April 9, 2025 Council 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 April 2025
Position of Cash March 2025

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. 2025-22

March Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$994, 908.08

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-28 First Reading

April Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-29

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 862 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITIES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH INFINIT FOR MANAGED IT SERVICES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-31

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-32

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD DRAINAGE AND PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 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. Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli and Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa, Contipelli and Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE A DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VOCON FOR THE KLIMA GARDENS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

25-12 A Motion to appoint Kyle Scotten to the position of Full Time Firefighter.

25-13 A Motion to approve a Moral Claim to Bonnie Weber not to exceed \$1,000.

25-14 A Motion to appoint Angel Meriwether as the Village Delegate for the Regional Council of Governments as it relates to our RITA membership.

Motion to approve all the motions as prepared and place them on file. Mr. Bloam made the motion, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Noted again about the passing of Mr. Denis Vanek and to please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers; and especially for Marilyn Duszynski.

Noted that it's National Police Week. It's a week of special recognition that is paid to law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty—especially noting our loss of Jacob Derbin.

Cuyahoga Heights High School is hosting the OHSAA Division 3 District Track Meet next Wednesday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. Please note that we will have an abundance of cars and people in the surrounding areas.

Our Memorial Day parade and service will be held on Monday, May 26; step-off time is 10:00 a.m. at Klima Gardens. Afterwards, we will have food and refreshments at Klima's. Please show your support in honoring our veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. In addition, our Historical Committee will have the Kennedy House open for visitors from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Cuyahoga Heights High School Class of 2025 will graduate on Sunday, June 1; ceremony begins at noon.

The Cuyahoga Heights High School Class of 2018 will have an unveiling ceremony for Jacob Derbin's Monument on Wednesday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the flagpole in the front of the high school.

The last day of school is Thursday, June 5 and the swimming pool is set to open on Saturday, June 7.

May birthday wishes to employees: (6) Scott Reid, (7) Service Director Sammons, (12) Brad Beaulieu, (23) Gregory Gentile, (26) Kevin Stack and (28) Cory Pucci.

MR. UNGER: Condolences to the Vanek family and especially to Marylin Duszynski. We lost a good man who had many accomplishments in his profession. When my son-in-law was in town, he and Denis would birdwatch. We will miss him.

MR. VOLEK: Condolences not only to the Vanek family but to Marylin Duszynski. I also don't want to forget the Derbin and Trusso families as this is a trying month for them as well.

On a lighter note, I asked our Law Director Ben Chojnacki about legislation banning the "helicopters" falling from the maple trees that cause significant flooding and staining on our driveways.

MR. BLOAM: Condolences to the Vanek family and Marylin Duszynski. He was a good man and surely will be missed.

MR. CENTA: The Easter egg hunt was fun and it's always a pleasure to see all the kids enjoying themselves.

My deepest sympathies to the Vanek family and Marilyn. The senior club is going to miss Denis greatly.

The senior mind challenge was fun with 120 teams competing and 11 in our region. We took second place with 155 points! Special mention to his first year and youngest attendee, Mr. Renato Contipelli!

MR. CONTIPELLI: It was a fun time being the youngest member in the senior mind challenge!

RiverSweep was a huge success this year. Even with the rainy and muddy weather, we had a total of over 40 volunteers which was awesome. Thank you to our service department, Rec Director Becca and her group, and Mr. Centa.

My condolences to Denis' family and Marilyn. Denis was a dear friend who taught us about native grass and trees and enlightened many of us about what's happening around us. He will be missed.

MR. SCHOEFFLER: Condolences to the Vanek and Duszynski families. Mr. Vanek was a strong supporter of urban canopy and purchased many trees that were planted in town. Someone will need to step up and continue that legacy now that he is gone.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Condolences to the Vanek and Duszynski families. Denis kept us on our toes and was a good man.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Condolences to the Vanek and Duszynski families.


ADMIN. ASST. SCHOEFFLER TO MAYOR BACCI: Condolences to the Vanek and Duszynski families.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: No report.


VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO: No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this council, Mr. Schoeffler moved, seconded by Mr. Unger that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:33 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.


Approved 

Mayor


Renato Contipelli (Jun 13, 2025 07:08 EDT)

Mayor and or President of Council

On May 14, 2025



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council












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