VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2025 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLED CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:01 p.m.

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

Mayor Bacci advised that Mr. Bloam was running late and Mr. Schoeffler would not be in attendance.

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

Village Engineer Sciano updated council on the NCIP grant.

Mr. Bloam showed up at 5:25 p.m.; the mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss compensation of a public official. Mr. Contipelli made the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

Caucus ended at 6:16 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Contipelli made a motion to excuse Mr. Schoeffler from the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PERMITS: None.

PURCHASES: None.

MINUTES:

July 9, 2025 Council 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 July 2025 Position of Cash July 2025

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. Unger. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-47

July Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$1,443,528.75

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

ORDINANCE NO 2025-48

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S RESURFACING OF HARVARD ROAD FROM THE WESTERN CORPORATION LINE TO THE EASTERN CORPORATION LINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-49

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 248.04, 254.09, AND 256.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO NON-BARGAINING UNIT VILLAGE EMPLOYEES 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. Centa, Contipelli, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Centa, Contipelli, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-50

AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION SCHEDULE RANGES FOR NON-ELECTED VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF A BARGAINING UNIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-51

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-52

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE VILLAGE'S DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VOCON FOR THE KLIMA GARDENS 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. Centa, Contipelli, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Centa, Contipelli, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE A PROJECT MANAGER/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH STONE ROAD STUDIO LLC FOR INTERIOR DESIGN RENOVATION PROJECTS IN THE VILLAGE.

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

RESOLUTION NO 2025-54

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE A RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 5480 GRANT AVENUE FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON GRANT AVENUE.

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

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-55

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE BACCI PARK SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, 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. Centa, Contipelli, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Centa, Contipelli, Unger, Volek and Bloam voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

25-18 A Motion to authorize the bid for the Klima Gardens Improvement Project.

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Elizabeth Day, Director of Communications with the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, offered services to residents in Cuyahoga Heights.

MAYOR BACCI: Noted that this Friday, August 15, the Cuyahoga Heights football team has a scrimmage at home at 6:00 p.m. against Cleveland Central Catholic—so there will be a lot more traffic in our area that evening.

This Saturday, August 16 our Parks & Rec Director Wheaton and her staff are having an end of summer pool party from 5:00-9:00 p.m. The Kona Ice Truck will arrive at 5:30 p.m. and pizza will be available at 6:00 p.m. and free to all rec passholders attending the party. Also, note that Saturday is the last day the concession stand is open for the summer.

Sunday, August 17 is the last day the pool will be open for the season. We hope everyone had a great time this summer! However, our playground, sport courts, and splash pad will continue to be open daily from 9:00 a.m. – until sunset except for Friday nights (high school football games.)

Thursday, August 21 is the first day of school—except for kindergarten and preschoolers. Please be extra alert when driving through town.

On Monday, August 25 I will be taking our seniors to Kelleys Island for our annual outing. Hoping for good weather...fingers crossed!

Last reminder to our senior residents that the annual flu shot and blood work event will be held at Klimas on Friday, September 12. As is past practice, we will be offering a warm breakfast to our seniors. Deadline to register is August 28.

August birthday wishes to employees: (2) Kyle Scotten and Jacob Artino; (4) Brian Baciak; (11) Ted Maciewicz; (16) Keith Meriwether; (18) Richard Sweeney; (20) Matt Kontura; (21) Daniel Baucco; and (26) Zachary Bernstein.

And lastly, wishing everyone a very safe and happy Labor Day holiday.

MR. CENTA: Noted that if anyone hasn't checked out the newly remodeled rec complex, they should do so before the end of the season—it's very nice.

MR. CONTIPELLI: Nothing to report.

MR. UNGER: Nothing to report.

MR. VOLEK: Thanked Park & Rec Director Wheaton for a successful pool season!

MR. BLOAM: Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Nothing to report.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Nothing to report.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Nothing to report.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: No report.

CFO MERIWETHER: Nothing to report.

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

ASST. BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: Nothing to report.

VILLAGE ENGINNER SCIANO: Nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this council, Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. Unger that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.

Approved		Renato Contipelli Renato Contipelli (Sep 12, 2025 08-48:11 EDT)
	Mayor	Mayor and or President of Council
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		Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council

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