

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 9, 2024  
5:00 p.m.**

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

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

Mr. Contipelli asked that a motion be made during the council meeting to excuse Mr. Schoeffler from the meeting.

The mayor discussed the following future upgrades at Klima Gardens, swimming pool, Toscana, and Bacci Park.

Caucus ended at 5:26 p.m.

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

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PERMITS:** None.

**MINUTES:**

September 11, 2024      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.

September 11, 2024      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 September 2024  
Position of Cash Report September 2024

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.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-62**

September Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers \$ 1,708,643.73

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

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-59**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO  
ESTABLISH AN OPT-IN NATURAL GAS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 4929.27(A)(1), OHIO REVISED CODE, JOINTLY THROUGH  
NOPEC AS A NOPEC MEMBER

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

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-63**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND  
GOVERNANCE FOR THE NOPEC OPT-IN GAS AGGREGATION  
PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING AND  
IMPLEMENTING AN OPT-IN GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM AS A  
NOPEC MEMBER, 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. Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa and Contipelli voting aye for suspension of the rules, motion carried. Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa and Contipelli voting aye for the adoption, motion approved.

## **RESOLUTION NO 2024-64**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 JOHN DEERE 344 P-TIRE COMPACT WHEEL LOADER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A motion to designate Melinda Armbrust and Christina Caporusco as the designee of the Village Council and the Mayor for the purposes of receiving Open Meetings Act and Public Records Act Training.

Mr. Bloam made the motion, seconded by Mr. Centa. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**MAYOR BACCI:** Happy Anniversary to Councilman Renato Contipelli and his bride, Michelle! They are celebrating their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary today. Best wishes and congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who assisted us with the corn roast. What a beautiful day we had, the weather was perfect, we had a ton of people and we ran out of food! The addition of the kick ball game was a success- and I didn't hear any legitimate complaints! Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 4, 2025 for our next corn roast.

Tomorrow morning the Elementary School will be holding their annual Grandparents Day event. You will see increased traffic in the area between 7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

Tomorrow night, the Cuyahoga Heights football team will be playing Beachwood at home. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

There will be no school this Friday for NEOEA Day.

Our Halloween Drive-Thru will take place on Thursday, October 31 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park. Village residents and grandparents must register their children. We just put a reminder in the Neighborhood News today. Council, if available, please help us out that evening – be there by 4:15 p.m.

The pickleball/sport courts will close for the season on Friday, November 1.

Don't forget Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Village Hall.

October birthday wishes to employees: (2) Law Director Ben Chojnacki turned 40; (4) Councilman David Volek (11) Steve Harris; (15) Nick Frye; (23) Tyler Selig & Alyssa Brahler; (24) Mindy Armbrust; (28) Mike Dentkos; and (29) Vera Nall.

**MR. UNGER:** Corn Roast was fantastic and everyone did a great job! My grandchildren who range from 3 to 12 years of age all had a great time!

**MR. VOLEK:** Corn Roast went very well and my one-year-old twin grandkids loved the fireworks!

**MR. BLOAM:** Everyone did a great job!

**MR. CENTA:** Agreed with everyone that the Corn Roast was great! It really takes a village to pull it off and everyone that attended was in awe!

**MR. CONTIPELLI:** Corn Roast was a great time and everyone including the volunteers did a great job! He also noted that we will be cancelling this month's council workshop.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SAMMONS:** Thank you to council for the approval of the loader. Our old loader was twenty years old and it served its purpose.

**FIRE CHIEF MIKE SUHY:** This Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m, the school PTO is having their Trunk or Treat event in the back lot of the elementary school.

**LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI:** Corn Roast is always the highlight with my family. Thank you to all for your hard work!

**CFO MERIWETHER:** Great job everyone at the corn roast! It was well attended and everyone had a great time!

**ASSISTANT TO MAYOR BACCI SCHOEFFLER:** Agreed with CFO Meriwether—great job!

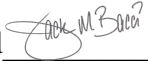
**ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA:** The Willowbrook Connector looked nice lit up during the corn roast!

**VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO:** Agreed with Mr. Labella about the Willowbrook Connector; it looked great!

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Elizabeth Day, Director of Communications of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities was in the audience and shared information about the program and what is offered to those who qualify.

**WHEREFORE,** there is no further business before this council, Mr. Unger moved, seconded by Mr. Volek that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:16 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.

Approved   
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Mayor

Renato Contipelli  
Renato Contipelli (Nov 14, 2024 09:29 EST)  
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Mayor and or President of Council

On October 9, 2024

  
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Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council











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