

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD August 7, 2018 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on August 7, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by two boy scouts earning their Citizenship badges.

Present at roll call:

Councilmen:	Blados, Foote, Lasky, Presot & Walsh
Mayor:	Procuk
Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
Law Director:	Dowling
Engineer:	Henry
Police Chief:	Algeri
Fire Chief:	Asst. Chief Lasky
Service Director:	Hatgas
Bldg. Commissioner:	Monaco
Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
Recreation Dir:	Kryznovek

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you note from the Foote family for our help with the funeral of Mary Ann Foote.
- Thank you from APL for the donation made in Mary Ann Foote's memory in accordance with the family's request.
- Note from Nick Celebreeze that he will not run for re-election. (*attached*)
- Thank you from The Greater Cleveland Safety Council to Mayor Procuk for acting as Rick Click the Safety Clown again this year at Safety Day at the Zoo.
- Letter from Martin Hoke of Rhino Systems explaining their move to Brooklyn after six years in Brooklyn Heights. This move will take place over two years. (*attached*)
- Letter from Cuyahoga County Board of Health explaining the rate hike per capita over the next two years. 2019 will go up from \$4.12 to \$4.74 per capita and in 2020 from \$4.74 to \$5.45 per capita. The total increase for villages and townships is \$30,000. (*attached*)
- Final Open "House for Cuyahoga Greenways will be in two locations on Sept. 5th at the Cleveland Public Library on Superior from 12 to 1 and at the Hofbrau Haus at 1550 Chester.
- The NOACCA dues are being increased. **MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to pay NOACCA \$199 for 2019 plus the increase of \$67. Second by Mr. Lasky Motion carried 5-0**
- Cuyahoga Heights Centennial Celebration steps off with a parade on Friday, Aug. 10th at 1 pm with plenty of activities planned for Saturday Aug. 12th.

AUDIENCE

- Lisa Gearo - 5066 W 6th St – here to discuss the crime spree that has been happening in our area. Would like to propose security cams at 8th & Tuxedo, 8th and North, 8th and Wexford and Schaaf Road and Tuxedo to help keep this element out.
- Lyndie Schuckert – 623 South Street – asked what is being done about it.
- Chief Algeri explained that there was an incident in late July where a male approached a home, knocked on the door and a six year old boy answered. The male told him he would show him his puppy if he came outside. The boy closed the door and went to get his mom. By the time she got to the door the male was gone. POLICE WERE NOT CALLED and found out about this through the grapevine two days later. The next day a vehicle matching the description was seen on North and was investigated. The occupant was not in the area on said day and the police had no further investigative leads.
- Chief Algeri said that at 11:50 pm last Thursday officers observed a car pull into a driveway across the street. It looked out of place so they kept an eye on it. Saw three people go behind the house. They investigated the vehicle and found out it was stolen. While searching the area

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- the police found out that a resident 6th and Tuxedo had given the couple a ride to 55th and Woodland at 1 o'clock in the morning. The third person fled into Parma and a search was conducted with other Mutual Aid and was not located. At 6:30 that afternoon a handgun was found in the yard next door to where the car was left. It also was stolen and the police are still investigating that.
- On Saturday, unlocked cars had been gone through on 5th, 6th, North and probably a couple other streets. All vehicles were unlocked, no break-ins, no houses entered and no reports were requested. Some change taken. Officers investigated as much as they could, checked with the Plain Dealer lady, talked with neighbors and on Sunday one of our officers talked with a resident who has security cameras and in checking the tape he found the incident. On Monday he called the police and gave them a copy of the video. It appears that the perp is wearing gloves. He also unscrewed the motion light, not at all fazed by it or the camera and continued to the second vehicle.
- Mayor Procuik said that identifying DNA is a possibility in solving a case but the police must be notified immediately. Lisa Gearo said that it took six hours for a police officer to show up at their house after they saw the video. Chief Algeri told them that the detective was on other cases and that the call came in at 9:00 Monday morning, two days after the video was taken so at that point there was no rush.
- Lyndie Schuckert again asked "what are we doing as a community"? Chief Algeri said we have stepped up patrols and encourage you and your friends "not to wait two days to call the police when something like this happens".
- Chief Algeri said that the Cleveland Crime Lab will not do DNA testing for trespassing. He has been made aware of a few apps for neighborhood notification that he will be looking into, but we have no policy on neighborhood watch programs. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, CALL.
- Councilman Blados asked about the incident of last Thursday and the couples involved explained the situation.
- Kim McNeilly said that last summer her daughter's car was broken into. They smashed her window to gain entry so it isn't just unlocked vehicles.
- Crystal Blasinsky said that her young son was home alone and received a text message "I'm watching you, I'm outside your house, go in". She called the police and she said the officer told her that it looked like a scam phone number. She filed a report but said she never heard anything and there was no follow-up. Chief Algeri said he was unaware of this and would speak with her after the meeting.
- Patty Tommer asked how long do you wait to call the police and Chief Algeri responded "that no one knows your neighborhood better than you so you call when you feel uncomfortable with the situation".
- Mayor Procuik told the chief to get quotes for cameras and Chief Algeri asked about the costs to monitor them.
- Chief Algeri said that our officers cover 1.6 square miles averaging about 80 miles per shift and special attention is given to problem areas. We have a minimum of two officers on duty on all shifts.
- If the city runs a neighborhood watch it has to be policy driven but the residents can form a neighborhood watch program themselves.
- Retired Chief Kocab said "if you see something, say something". It's that simple.
- CALL 216-741-2700 to reach the police.
- Lisa Gearo said that street lights are also an issue. At North St. & W 7th there is no light and it is extremely dark. She said the neighbors there have no issue with having a light put in. Another resident said that 8th and Tuxedo is very dark and would like to see that addressed as well.

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- Liz Novy (Tuxedo Ave) sent an email to Chief Algeri regarding several technical ideas to keep the area safe and Chief Algeri said he appreciated the email. He said there is a lot of good information and he will investigate it further.
- Mayor Procuik will have Councilman Walsh call a Safety Committee meeting to discuss the findings on the cameras and street lighting.
- Chief Algeri does post on the Village Face Book page when he has accurate and complete information.
- Lyndie Schuckert said we feel secure and teach our kids to feel secure in our village.
- Jason Sciano (712 North St.) – asked where the posts are put and is there a follow-up as to what happens with a case. He would like to see status reports to incidents that happen for some sort of closure. He also asked the number of officers on duty at all times. Chief Algeri said we went from seventeen to thirteen officers including him. We used to have three-man shifts but that has been cut back to two-man shifts now. Jason remembers the presence and interaction being greater..
- Councilman Lasky asked (the audience) what are the consequences or repercussions to calling the police. If you see something that doesn't look right call the police. Don't feel stupid – it could be nothing but there are no consequences or repercussions.
- Councilman Walsh said the more engaged we are with the police, the less crime we will have.
- Detective Tulcewicz said that it takes six months to a year for a crime to go thru the judicial system.
 1. DNA is quite an extensive process...he is still waiting for DNA results on the carjacking case.
 2. Cuyahoga County is tied up with heroin overdoses (2nd most cases in the state) and these cases are a priority.
 3. We are allowed to submit two items of DNA on a non-violent crime and three items for a violent crime (this carjacking).

In the last 1 ½ years, we had four stolen cars in the village and all of them had the keys or FOBS in them.

- The carjacking vehicle was recovered in Cleveland but the plates were traced to Compton, California.
- Kim McNeilly asked if there is a common time frame that the crimes are being committed and Chief Algeri said any time after dark.
- Diane Sciano (W. 6th St) asked if we would see any of these crimes in the Breeze police blotter and Chief Algeri said yes, but not the felony (white collar) crimes that the detective is working on.
- Claire Dugas (719 Tuxedo) told her story of being carjacked. She related that the police were responsive and calming. She said this is something that changes your life forever and we should all be more vigilant. She checks her surroundings, never sits in her car, calls home and lets them know her time of arrival. She has become more aware of everything.
- Holly Zak (706 Tuxedo) can we have staffing at the playground. Mayor Procuik said he would like to try that again next year. Finances have prohibited it.
- John Bridges (W. 5th) - What is being done moving forward. Chief Algeri said special attention is being given to the area.
- Mayor Procuik suggested a dummy car parked in the area to deter crime.
- Lyndie Schuckert suggested redistributing finances by looking at salaries. She said that young families are not going to want to move here if we have crime. Clerk/Treasurer Frank told her that last year we had two cars broken into while at a football game at the Broadview Heights Rec Center in broad daylight.
- Lyndie Schuckert said that as a school board member she makes \$125 a meeting (roughly \$4,000 a year) and that our five council members make \$10,000 a year...Councilman Walsh

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- corrected her and said it is \$13,000 a year. She said the Mayor has a car and why is Tim Clymer still employed? Mr. Frank said he is paid out of his pocket.
- Councilman Walsh asked Chief Algeri how many of our officers are set to retire and Chief Algeri said that five can retire today. We passed a ½% tax increase so that we can hire additional officers. We currently have thirteen full-time and 6 part-time officers but we would need to hire additional full-time officers.
- Crystal Blasinsky asked if the police could acknowledge the kids by waving or saying hello to make them comfortable and not be afraid to contact them.
- Mayor Procuk said waving is mandatory.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Hatgas will email First Energy in the morning to get information of putting in street lights.
- There is a small parcel of land (about 15' wide) that the village maintains at the corner of Schaaf and Shady Ridge Lane. It has no value for the village and Mr. Relovsky is willing to maintain it if the village wants to give it to him. Mr. Foote said that is reasonable and Mayor Procuk said we can do whatever is needed to make it happen.
- Two Service Department workers will attend the Sensible Salt Conference on Sept. 11th in Chagrin Falls.
- Kimble will distribute the new garbage cans on August 31st and they will send out letters outlining the collection agreement. Pick-up begins at 7 am on Friday morning.
- We are working with Honeywell to get all three buildings onto the computer so we have control.
- There is a parcel on Van Epps Road that could be used as a possible salt storage area if we were to erect a secure holding building. It was given to the village in 2013 from the land bank. It could also be sold.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Baseball / Softball season ended in mid-July with two of our teams advancing to the championship round.
- Attended the post-season Rec. Directors meeting
- Soccer Season is underway
- Basketball registration will be in October with games beginning in December.

SOCCER

- Mr. Shadd is in Pennsylvania with his family.
- 105 players in the league
- Games will begin on Sept. 8th and run through October 27th.
- We may be absorbing as many as fifteen Valley View kids
- Limit twelve to fourteen on a team

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Thank you to Denise Kirsh for donation of a used upright freezer for the pantry. Thanks also to Service Department for picking it up and to Mike Florjancic for putting in an outlet for it.
- Thank you to all who supported the Art in the Park program – Mayor & Council, Supervisors Sheila Sopata and Darcy Bundus, six student helpers who amassed 207 community service hours, the drivers and the Service Department
- Submitted the grant for the 2019 Art in the Park program with the Art & Culture program
- Submitted the grant to replace the caravan
- Purchased back packs and school supplies for 25 kids through the Project Hope program
- Cuyahoga Heights has approached us regarding a possible involvement between us with Art in the Park.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Rescind the motions of July 3rd for Warren Fire Equipment and Advantage Equipment
Mrs. Presot moved to overrule or repeal the requested motion of July 3, 2018. Second by Mr. Walsh motion carried 5-0
The motion carried and an ordinance will be voted on tonight.
- The Department will participate in the Cuyahoga Heights Centennial Celebration this weekend
- Chagrin Valley Dispatch meetings are ongoing.

POLICE CHIEF

- Request a motion to pay for the Taser Assurance Plan for eight Tasers.
MOTION: Mrs. Lasky moved to pay Axon Enterprises \$1,480 for the Taser Assurance Plan. Second by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0
- It looks like Brooklyn will be joining the Dispatch Center bringing the total number of cities to nine.

Safety Committee meeting will be on September 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

ENGINEER

- The Valley Belt construction is set to begin in September. They will let the businesses know that there will be construction.
- We have the plans for Einheit Electric. Mr. Foote asked about the dirt being brought in and Nino said that they asked if they could begin the project prior to all the permits being issued. They were given permission with the understanding that if there are any plan changes that have to be made, it would all be on them. They are anxious to get started because they are paying rent elsewhere and want to be finished by November.
- The stream restoration bid was accepted by the NEORSD and will begin in mid-September.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

- Residential inspections:
 - 5145 W 4th
 - 5134 W 7th
 - 5131 W 6th
 - 5707 Lancaster
 - 3041 Belmont
 - 702 Tuxedo
 - 4329 Dorset
- No Rental inspections
- Commercial
 - ICE Building - Visiting Nurse Association – received the drawings and construction should begin construction soon. 10,000 square feet
 - ICE Building - National Weather Service – 3,000 square feet – adding 16 parking spaces, walkway & driveway, 5' wide sidewalk, new elevator & new generator, fenced in area on the southwest corner with a 20' x 30' shed to house boats.
 - They will require several variances
 - The shed and elevator will go to the ARB

LAW DIRECTOR

- We have the Job Creation Agreement ordinance for the VNA on the floor tonight.

CLERK / TREASURER

- First RITA drop for the month is \$27,000 above what was budgeted.
- Met with each department head and would like to meet quarterly

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- Handed out the expense reports. Would like each department head to go over them and return to Mr. Frank by the end of the week. He would like to have the budget wrapped up by Thanksgiving
- He will bring Dana Bundus in as part of the budget process.
- Mr. Frank would like to build up the Capital fund
- He expects to have the credit cards soon and is working on a policy for the department heads
- We have entered into a contract with GovPayNet to accept credit cards on court day. This may work for the Sports Illustrated sports sign ups also. We pay zero fees for this service.
- County appraisals are out and it is good. Our values are up 17%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- VNA will be the largest employer to ever move into Brooklyn Heights
- No movement on the Geis property
- Hope Bridge has suspended all negotiations on the five properties they were considering.

MAYOR'S COURT

• Income for July	\$ 7,726.00
• State of Ohio	(1,546.00)
• Indigent Driver & Alcohol	(42.00)
• Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System	(120.00)
• BROOKLYN HEIGHTS	\$ 6,018.00

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Clerk/Treasurer gave a good report. We are up \$37,000 over last year at this time but that is not due to the half percent tax increase but more due to the new businesses that have moved in.
- If our police officers are going to be tied up on a long call, perhaps we should think about then calling in a reserve officer so that someone is still patrolling.....just a thought.

Clerk / Treasurer Frank and Joe Presot have been working on cleaning out the papers in the basement. Joe attended an Auditor of State Public Records Request seminar on July 29th to learn how to handle a Public records request and/or records retention.

There are forms to be completed and submitted to the Ohio History Connection so they can determine what can and cannot be disposed of.

There are some historical documents that he would like to frame and hang on the walls of council chambers.

The goal is to clean house and get things filed like a library and go digital.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Ordinance committee met to discuss the fence ordinance and review the ordinance regarding trailers, campers & boats. They will be working to get everyone who owns one in compliance. Those who have to go to the ZBA or ARB, they will work with them to get them In compliance.
- Parks, Playground and Community Service committee met to discuss the improvements to pavilion #1 and the parking areas at pavilion #1. Work to begin in September
- Safety committee will meet on Sept. 4th at 6:30 to discuss the Neighborhood Watch and cameras.

Councilman Foote said he attended the Ethics presentation in Parma on July 24th and felt it was very well done. He would like to attend next year if they have it.

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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 55-2018- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 882.04 OF THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mrs. Presot

- This ordinance will be considered for final approval at the next meeting of council
- 2ND Reading

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Presot, Walsh, Foote, Blados, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 55-2018 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 58-2018- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TIM CLYMER AS THE ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER FOR THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Lasky, Blados, Foote, Presot, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 58-2018 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 59-2018- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 33.01(F) OF THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Foote, Walsh, Blados, Presot, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 59-2018 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 60-2018- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WARREN FIRE EQUIPMENT AND ADVANTAGE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR EQUIPMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Walsh, Lasky, Foote, Blados, Presot

Nays: None

Ordinance 60-2018 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 61-2018- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOB CREATION INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION (VNA)

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Presot, Walsh, Foote, Blados, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 61-2018 is adopted 5-0

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ORDINANCE 62-2018- AUGUST PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Foote, Blados, Presot, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 62-2018 is adopted 5-0

There being no further business to come before the council, it was moved by Mr. Lasky seconded by Mr. Walsh that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer



Dear Friend,

I am writing today to inform you that I will not be seeking re-election this November as State Representative.

Serving as Representative for the past seven years has been the highlight of my professional life. The support, passion, and commitment of my neighbors, colleagues, and friends have been a grounding force even in the most difficult of times in Columbus. Working together we have achieved a great many accomplishments that are moving our region and state forward to a brighter future. I have been so privileged to not only take this journey with you all but to also have you share in the journey with me as my family and my children have grown.

Today, it is my commitment to my family; my wife Niki, and our children, Izabella and Luka, that is at the center of this decision and the next phase of my life. While I have reached new professional heights, my wife's career as a physician is also flourishing with an expanding practice. Seeing our children grow often times from 120 miles down the road in Columbus has been difficult — as it would be for any parent. So, at this pivotal time in Ohio's future, I feel it best to pass the torch to the next generation of leadership for our District.

Please know that you have my word that I will continue my unwavering commitment to you, and Ohio, through the end of the year as Representative — and always, as a person who loves this community. Even though I am stepping down from the Ohio House of Representatives next year, I intend to remain deeply involved in building a better and brighter future for all of Ohio. I look forward to the new opportunities that greet my family and I and the hard work that will follow in ensuring that your children and mine live in a more prosperous Ohio. Thank you again for this extraordinary opportunity.

Forever yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "N. Celebrezze".

Nicholas J. Celebrezze

2344 Canal Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Paid for by Friends of Nicholas J. Celebrezze, Mark E. Dottore, treasurer.

Mike Procuk

From: Martin Hoke <MRHoke@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Mike Procuk
Subject: Relocation Notification and THANKS!
Attachments: Relocation Notification - RhinoSystems Inc..pdf

Dear Mayor Procuk,

Please find attached our formal relocation notification, which I'm told is a statutory requirement.

On a more personal note, allow me to thank you and your entire team – Fire, Police, Parks, Administrative – for the fine services and support you've provided RhinoSystems over the past six or so years. We're very appreciative of the outstanding job you do running an excellent community. The little jewel that is especially important to my wife, Maria, and I is Tuxedo Park – a truly extraordinary oasis that we've enjoyed on literally dozens of occasions!

Wishing you every success,

Kindest regards,

Martin

Martin R. Hoke

President

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Nasal hygiene will be to the 21st century what oral hygiene was to the 20th!

July 30, 2018

Hon. Michael S. Procuk
Mayor of Brooklyn Heights
345 Tuxedo Ave.
Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131

Re: RhinoSystems, Inc. Relocation of Employees

Dear Mayor Procuk:

This letter is to inform you of operational moves that RhinoSystems, Inc. will make in 2018 to consolidate operations from our Brooklyn Heights, Ohio site to Brooklyn, Ohio.

Currently we employ 17 people at 800 Resource Drive, Unit 12. During the course of the next two years we will transition these jobs to One American Way in Brooklyn, Ohio.

The estimated date these jobs will end in Brooklyn Heights is 12-31-2018.

New jobs in Brooklyn will be posted and open for anyone in Brooklyn Heights who would like to apply.

We have enjoyed our time in Brooklyn Hts. and wish you and the community every success.

Sincerely yours,



Martin R. Hoke
President
RhinoSystems, Inc.

Cc: David Goodman, Director, Ohio Development Services Agency

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

YOUR TRUSTED SOURCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

August 2, 2018

Mayor Michael S. Procuik
Village of Brooklyn Heights
345 Tuxedo Avenue
Brooklyn Heights, Ohio 44131

Dear Mayor Procuik,

The purpose of this letter is to provide some background on the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) sections that describe the relationship between villages and townships and local health departments and to also provide information on our per capita rate plans for public health services in 2019 and 2020.

Chapter 3709.01 of the ORC stipulates that "The townships and villages in each county shall be combined into a health district and shall be known as a "general health district." Since 1919, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health has provided public health services to the 21 villages and townships in the county.

Due to recent legislative developments we have important information that we need to share about the necessity for renewal rate increases for 2019 and 2020.

There are multiple time relevant statutory requirements from the State of Ohio that all local health departments must meet to continue operation. These new mandates will necessitate additional resources that can't be addressed with our existing grant or general funds. They include the following:

- Ohio local health departments must be accredited by the national Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) by 2020 or risk losing access to state and federal funding.
- Accreditation requires health departments to submit evidence demonstrating that they meet over 100 measures across 12 domains with significant infrastructure investment to create and maintain this new capacity in order to address this mandate.
- Accredited health departments must pay accreditation fees to PHAB, implement continuous improvement strategies, provide annual reports on progress and seek reaccreditation every five years.
- Health departments must conduct health status assessments with hospital systems in their county every three years starting in 2020.
- In order to synchronize the IRS reporting cycles for hospitals among the multiple hospital systems in Cuyahoga County, we need to conduct health status assessments in both 2018 and

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again in 2019 to align with all the hospital reporting timelines by 2020 and for future 3 year cycles.

- Health departments must create and implement comprehensive health improvement plans in coordination with hospital systems, based on these county health assessments, every three years.
- Countywide health improvement plans must be monitored and evaluated throughout the process.

All of these new, long term requirements will serve to improve the health status of citizens in your community and throughout Cuyahoga County and come with significant additional capacity building, operations, monitoring and maintenance costs. Concurrently, the Board of Health must assure the maintenance of our surge capacity to identify, evaluate and respond to a wide range of disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies in your community while providing an extensive portfolio of services for residents. A comprehensive list and description of our programs and services is included with this communication for your review.

In addition to these new requirements, the Board of Health made necessary building infrastructure efficiencies and system replacement and repairs to its facilities, with amortized debt service to cover the costs of the work. Collectively, all of these new requirements and investments will allow us to better serve the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

The Board of Health public health services provided to villages and townships are based on a per capita population rate. **For 2017 and 2018, our per capita rate has been \$4.12.** The rate is calculated, based on the 2010 Census population levels. This represents your total cost for public health services and still stands among the lowest rates for health districts in the State of Ohio.

The following are comparison per capita rates from local health departments in Ohio:

Cuyahoga County	\$ 4.12
Toledo-Lucas County	\$ 7.30
Dayton/Montgomery County	\$20.10
Summit County	\$ 5.96
Columbus	\$26.95
Cincinnati	\$ 5.82

We have worked diligently for decades to provide quality public health services to our communities while controlling costs and diversifying funding sources. For many years, we have worked hard to maintain half of our budget coverage through state, local and federal grants, which defrayed costs for delivery of services to your community. Like other governmental agencies in the community, we faced staff reductions during the economic downturn. We tightened our belt and deferred increases to our city contract rate during those years.

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Given the combined scope of the mandates, serial reductions and elimination of several grant programs and the implementation of important infrastructure investments in our facilities, we find it necessary to increase our per capita rate in 2019 and 2020 to assist with closing the gap.

On August 22nd, our Board plans to raise our per capita rates for 2019 and 2020. For 2019, the Board plans to increase the current per capita rate of \$4.12 to \$4.74. In 2020, the rate increases from \$4.74 to \$5.45. As noted above, these increases would still place our per capita rate below the current rates for local health departments servicing other urban centers in Ohio. We have also requested and received support from the Cuyahoga County Executive and the Cuyahoga County Council to assist with a portion of our total costs for infrastructure over time.

These rates reflect our need to address deficits, meet new requirements and make necessary infrastructure investments to best serve the citizens in communities throughout Cuyahoga County. **The total cost for the increase in our per capita rate for 2019 will be approximately \$30,000 for all of the villages and townships combined. Chapter 3709.28 of the ORC describes the process for the apportionment of village and township property taxes for public health services.**

We are available to discuss these issues with your community at your request. I have also requested an opportunity to speak about this issue at the next Mayors and City Managers meeting on September 27th. Please contact me with any questions that you may have about the details of this communication.

Sincerely,



Terry Allan, MPH
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