

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole**  
**February 12, 2018**

**Members:** Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, Chair  
Mr. Brillhart  
Mr. Gorbach  
Mr. Iona  
Mr. Iula  
Mr. James  
Mr. Miller  
Mr. Pallotta  
Mr. Colavecchio  
Mrs. Pyke  
Mr. Reilly

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. All members were present.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Walters stated that there are two vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Sandy Locascio was appointed and confirmed to the Planning Commission by Council a few weeks back. He has appointed Mr. Ed Caruso for her unexpired term ending 12/31/20. Mr. Caruso lives at 650 Roanoke Avenue in Cuyahoga Falls. He's a long-time resident and, also, a business owner and partner with Lakeshore Logistics, Inc. He has been the President of Little League and involved with youth sports and youth counseling. He has a diverse background and, most importantly, has a passion for Cuyahoga Falls.

Mr. Miller stated that he has gotten to know Mr. Caruso over the past couple years. He's a great person. He's a great neighbor, and he does a lot of things for the community. Mr. Miller stated that he is very happy to endorse this appointment, and he thanked Mayor Walters for appointing him. Mr. James stated that he has known Mr. Caruso since he was two years old. He's good stock and a good Fallsite. He welcomes him to the Board of Zoning Appeals and knows he'll do a great job. He thanked Mr. Caruso for stepping forward to fill this position. Mr. Caruso thanked Council and the Administration.

Mayor Walters stated that the next appointment is a position that was vacated by Paul Baker, who resigned his position on the Board of Zoning Appeals. That term expires 12/31/18. Mr. Ben Levensger is present tonight. He lives on 8th Street in Cuyahoga Falls. He is the president and owner of Downtown Redevelopment Services. He has a Master's degree in City and Metropolitan Planning, a degree in Landscape Architecture, and a very diverse background in planning and zoning and, certainly, for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Like Mr. Caruso, he also has a great passion for Cuyahoga Falls, as they all do.

Mr. James moved to approve the Mayor's appointments, second by Mrs. Pyke. Motion passed (11-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.