

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL  
July 11, 2011**

Members present: Evans, Lutz, Milko, Patton, Subel, Williams  
Also present: Mayor Brick, Himes, Bloom

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Steven Patton.


**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ANTI-POACHING PROTOCOL**

Mayor Brick explained that Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald is proposing an anti-poaching agreement, where communities would agree not to solicit businesses in other Cuyahoga County communities with offers of financial incentives to move their operation.

Mayor Brick said if they have any suggestions to modify the protocol they could send them in to Mr. FitzGerald and he would collect the suggestions from different communities throughout the county and then modify the protocol. He would then return it to us and we would then be able to decide if we wanted to adopt the anti-poaching agreement or not.

There was lengthy discussion and several suggestions were made.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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Steven Patton, Council President  
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## Cuyahoga County mayors gather to hear about anti-poaching agreement



Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald

By JAY MILLER  
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At a meeting this morning with about 30 mayors and other city officials, Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald described to them a plan he hoped they would sign that, he said, would minimize competition among communities for existing businesses.

If they sign on to what Mr. FitzGerald described as an anti-poaching agreement, the communities would agree not to solicit businesses in other Cuyahoga County communities with offers of financial incentives to move their operation.

"We are not well served if our economic strategy as individual cities is to take away from our neighbors," Mr. FitzGerald said at a late morning press conference. "It makes more sense to work together cooperatively."

Mr. FitzGerald said the stick he would use to gain agreement from the county's cities is the money the county doles out for economic

development. That money would include the \$100 million economic development fund he expects to be able to create by the end of 2011.

The county executive said he hoped to have an agreement in place by the end of September.

While he said communities that don't sign the anti-poaching agreement still could be eligible for county financing, signatories would have an edge when the county makes decisions from among otherwise-comparable projects competing for the same dollars.

The agreement also would ask that when a business approaches a community about a possible relocation, the mayor who receives the inquiry would agree to notify the mayor of the community that would lose the business and give that community an opportunity to begin conversations with the business about remaining where it is.

The anti-poaching agreement would not include tax-revenue sharing, which is often part of anti-poaching agreements elsewhere. Revenue sharing would require the community that gains a new business at the expense of another signatory to the anti-poaching agreement to share in the income or property tax that flows from the new business location.

Describing tax sharing as "the elephant in the room," Mr. FitzGerald conceded that it would be difficult at this time to get support for an agreement that includes tax sharing.

Mr. FitzGerald said he also would like the communities to participate in a "business one-stop" program for companies that want to expand or locate in the county. It would be both an office and an electronic portal that can offer assistance to companies on possible sites and sources of public financing across the county.

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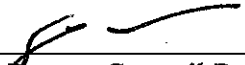
Members present: Patton, Williams, Lutz, Milko, Evans, Jacobs  
Also present: Mayor Brick, Bloom, Himes, Zupan, Brosius, Rogoff, Trace, Byron,  
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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Steven Patton.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

David Bloom reviewed the Village's financial situation through July and answered questions. Mayor Brick said he is already working toward the 2012 budget in terms of decreasing expenditures and increasing revenues.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Steven Patton, Council President  
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