

Village of Chauncey Council

November 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Tamara Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The pledge was observed by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL: Taken by Tamara Hawk

Seat 1 – Connaught Cullen, Absent

Seat 2 – Debbie Gibson, Absent

Seat 3 – Karla Dellinger, Present

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present

Seat 5 – Michael Kraus, Present

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Absent

Mayor – Tamara Hawk, President Pro Tem, Present

Village Administrator – Present

Village Solicitor – Present

Fiscal Officer – Present

With the absence of three council members; there was not enough for a quorum. Mayor Hawk decided to proceed with the agenda items that would not require a vote. The meeting will be continued on Thursday November 20th 2025 at 5:30 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No quorum

APPROVAL OF BILLS: No quorum

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORTS FROM FISCAL OFFICER: No quorum

Fiscal Officer Kevin Simons requested to be excused for personal reasons.

NEW BUSINESS:

James Young from Poynter's Business Solutions presented two proposals for copy services. Poynter's is located on Columbus Road and offers copy and IT services in the area. He presented two proposals each including: fax, copy, print, color, black & white, letter/legal page size, delivery, setup, wireless, toners, labor, and parts with a service agreement.

Bizhub C250i

Purchase price: \$3,449.00

Annual service agreement (1,200 black and 300 color prints per month): \$435.50

60 Month FMV (lease) including service agreement - \$105.62

Black overages: 0.014 (1.4 cents)

Color overages: 0.065 (6.5 cents)

Overages billed annually

Bizhub C3321i (demo unit)

Purchase price: \$1,884.00

Annual service agreement (1,200 black and 300 color prints per month): \$488.88

60 Month FMV (lease) including service agreement - \$89.90

Black overages: 0.01713 (1.713 cents)

Color overages: 0.06727 (6.727 cents)

Overages billed annually

Mr. Young passed literature of the options to council. No decision was made as there was no quorum.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Hawk touched on data centers and the disadvantaged they bring to the area. Albany recently passed legislation prohibiting data centers within the village. She states that they drain both water and electric resources from residents and villages. She warned the newly elected members of council present at the meeting to take careful consideration if they are approached during their term. Mayor Hawk did encourage them to ask if the company would re-cycle the water they would use and if they would be bringing their own source of electricity (diesel generators).

The mayor reported that Angie Verity had resigned from both the BZA and the Planning Commission and that Councilwoman Nagy's appointment would end at the end of the year. A member of council would need to take her place and also fill Verity's vacant seat.

Upon attending the Mayor's Partnership for Progress meeting recently she learned of new Cybersecurity guidelines that will need to be in place by June 2026. She stated that MPP has resources to assist in setup; assessment of our current situation; and help write policy. She said that there are plenty options for free assistance. James Young of Poynter's interjected that his company also offers this service.

She brought up the visitor's center that ORCA is building and requested new members to keep it on their radar. Evelyn asked about the insurance for the building as it will be on village property. Tammy also requested Solicitor Robe look into the question of ownership of the building should something happen to ORCA in the future.

Mayor Hawk attended meetings with ORCA, MPP, SOPEC and the Athens Planning Commission and it was determined that proxies could be sent to these meeting when the newly elected mayor was not able to attend. She mentioned at the SOPEC meeting that SOPEC has "Do Not Knock" legislation to stop door to door solicitation of energy options. Registration is required for this and can be done on the SOPEC website. Frank Campbell asked if this type of legislation would prevent kids in the community from selling products such as girl scout cookies and school fundraisers. Solicitor Robe stated that it could depending upon how it is written. Mayor Hawk will speak with Jessica at SOPEC about this matter.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 2025-06 An Ordinance Allowing for a 3% Inflationary Increase for Sewer Rates over the next 3 Years. (2nd Reading) This ordinance would set rate increases each year for the next three years; 2026 - \$18.05, 2027 - \$18.59, 2028 - \$19.14.

Reading could not take place due to lack of quorum.

RESOLUTION 2025-22 A Resolution to Enter into a Contract for the Employment of a Solicitor (Jonathan E. Robe). (2nd Reading) The contract would begin January 1, 2026 and end December 31, 2026.

Reading could not take place due to lack of quorum.

RESOLUTION 2025-23 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with a Prosecutor. (2nd Reading)

Reading could not take place due to lack of quorum.

RESOLUTION 2025-21 A Resolution Accepting the Reasonable Accommodation Policy and 504 Grievance Policy. (2nd Reading) These policies are required by the American with Disabilities Act in order to procure OWDA funding.

Reading could not take place due to lack of quorum.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No report was given by the solicitor

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Transportation and Utilities – Dylan Skees, Chair – None, Chair absent

Planning and Development – Evelyn Nagy, Chair – Reaching out to organizations about economic development in Chauncey's future and how to best involve the community in these conversations. She has connected with RCAP about training opportunities for council in the economic growth areas. Evelyn brought up the issues in Green Meadows mobile home park, housing conditions, rent costs, and the possibility of developing a resident organization to speak to legal aid and the state about the park management.

Parks and Recreation – Connaught Cullen, Chair – None, Chair absent

Finance and Personnel – Mike Kraus, Chair - None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Chris Russell reported that he discovered an issue with the streetscape design at the intersection of Main and Converse. The project calls for narrowing the intersection and he is concerned that as a designated Truck Route this would cause a host of problems for large trucks making the turn. He is in contact with Joe Johnson at Designing Local to find a suitable solution.

Work at 44 Converse is ongoing and fill should be added in the next day or so. This will clean up the area and start the process of creating a parking lot.

Concrete is being poured on Main Street both the roadway and sidewalks. Evelyn Nagy asked about what could be done about the vulgar graffiti being drawn in the setting concrete. Mike Kraus asked about the corner of Nye and Ellis as it appears the sidewalk has been damaged or not replaced properly. Chris will look into both issues.

Paving will begin Monday November 17 weather permitting and should be completed before Thanksgiving. This will include all of the upper end of town and the lower end excluding Spring and Smith Street. Sewer lines are still being installed along these streets and they will remain gravel until spring paving starts up.

Solicitor Robe was asked to prepare and send a letter to the railroad in an effort to speed the boring process up that is costing the village money each day and holding up the completion of Phase II of the sewer project. This delay has used up all contingency funds that would have been used for storm water improvements.

He asked about the stars that have been installed along the street in previous years. They are in disrepair and they may interfere with the streetscape work. He suggests waiting for next year to purchase new ones as the streetscape will install light poles with electric service. He cautions that these types of decorations are costly

and would need to be introduced to the budget for 2026. Frank Campbell suggested bringing this matter before the fire department for possible funding.

Green Meadows has a contractor moving water meters and lines to the line installed along the roadway through the park several years ago. This will help Chris in his meter read duties by having them in a more central location. This will also alleviate the need for him to walk behind homes and through yards.

COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Evelyn Nagy introduced the Welcome Ohio Grant available. This is a biannual grant for villages to create affordable housing. Houses are built, then sold for \$150,000-\$160,000. The monies from the sales must be used to build additional homes in a circular process of building-selling-building. She states that Nelsonville is working on legislation for tiny homes. The tiny homes would be built/installed on a permanent foundation. Nelsonville is also introducing legislation for DORA (designated outdoor recreation area) that allows for alcohol to be purchased at one location and transported to other locations in a designated area during a specified time frame.

Evelyn also reported that the bike path is NOT OPEN currently and encourage residents to wait until it is complete to utilize it.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Frank Campbell, Mayor Elect stated that he is excited to get started at the beginning of the year. He encouraged the newly elected council members to introduce themselves.

No other public comment was made

NEXT MEETING DATE:

This meeting will be continued on Thursday November 20, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the regular meeting location at 22 Birge Dr.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL



Evelyn Nagy, President of Council

RECORDED BY



Roxanna Chiki, Village Clerk