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Village of Chauncey Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER – The council meeting was called to order by Amy Renner at 5:33pm

PLEDGE TO FLAG - Observed by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL - Taken by Fiscal Officer:

Seat 1 – Diana Burritt, Present
Seat 2 – Connaught Cullen, Present
Seat 3 – Tammy Hawk, Present
Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present
Seat 5 – Resigned as of 3/16/22
Seat 6 – Karla Dellinger, Present
Mayor – Amy Renner, Present
Solicitor – Johnathan Robe
Village Administrator – Chris Russell, Present
Guest – Jessie Powers, Peter Kotses

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to approve bills made by Karla Dellinger seconded by Connaught Cullen, AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the February 10th, 2022, council meeting minutes made by Connaught Cullen seconded by Diana Burritt with changes to page 4 for Karla's name from a C to a K, AIF

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officer would still like to schedule an informal meeting to answer any questions/comments in regard to the financial statements for council/solicitor/mayor.

Motion to approve the January 2022 finances by Tammy Hawk seconded by Connaught Cullen AIF

Motion to approve the February 2022 finances by Tammy Hawk seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF

Fiscal Officer is working on a Financial Statement guide to help current and future council members understand the financial statements. Unfortunately, that has been put on the back burner for the audit.

2020 and 2021 Audit - Fiscal Officer is finishing up any request by the auditing team, which is Perry and Associates, CPA. Fiscal officer has been in communication with audit team regarding what all information they will need copies off. Once auditors set a date for items to be picked up, Fiscal Officer will meet for the firm to pick up. Fiscal Officer believes that they will pick up sometimes before the end of March per communications.

We received \$125.00 from Nancy Wemer in memory of Becky Wemer for village Christmas lights.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-11 Authorizing Participation in OneOhio Regional Governance

OneOhio is an origination through the state to help with the Opioid outbreak. The Village of Chauncey will receive about \$ 200.00. Village needs to pass a resolution to be able to receive funds from OneOhio as part of a settlement. Resolution is declared an emergency due to the timing of receiving the funds. Evelyn Nagy introduced; Diana Burritt seconded. Motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency made by Tammy Hawk and seconded Evelyn Nagy. AIF

Connaught Cullen = Yes

Diana Burritt = Yes

Tammy Hawk = Yes

Evelyn Nagy = Yes

Karla Dellinger = Yes

Connaught Cullen made the motion to adopt, seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF

Resolution 2022-12 Plum St. Expansion Project Contract with DLZ

Sewer expansion to extend to the trailer court. Village received some funds for the project. Waiting on the county commissioner to finalize the rest of the funds. Need to be passed on emergency due to the timing of the rest of the sewer project being almost final. Resolution is declared an emergency. Tammy Hawk introduced; Diana Burritt seconded. Motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency made by Tammy Hawk and seconded Karla Dellinger AIF

Connaught Cullen = Yes

Diana Burritt = Yes

Tammy Hawk = Yes
Evelyn Nagy = Yes
Karla Dellinger = Yes

Connaught Cullen made the motion to adopt, seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF

Resolution 2022-13 Authorizing the Mayor to negotiation with DLZ in regard to the Green Meadows Mobile Park

Resolution will be passed on emergency due to timing of contract with DLZ in regard to the sewer line project and Karla Dellinger introduced; Connaught Cullen seconded. Motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency made by Tammy Hawk and seconded Diana Burritt, AIF

Connaught Cullen = Yes
Diana Burritt = Yes
Tammy Hawk = Yes
Evelyn Nagy = Yes
Karla Dellinger = Yes

Connaught Cullen made the motion to adopt, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

Ordinance 2022-3 Ohio Basic Code

This resolution is provided to the Village of Chauncey from American Legal Publishing. This ordinance is something that is passed every year. This ordinance is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of municipality and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the village. Declared an emergency due to needing to be adopted on January 1, of 2022. Ordinance was declared an emergency. Connaught introduced; Diana Burritt seconded. Motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency made by Evelyn Nagy and seconded Karla Dellinger, AIF

Connaught Cullen = Yes
Diana Burritt = Yes
Tammy Hawk = Yes
Evelyn Nagy = Yes
Karla Dellinger = Yes

Karla Dellinger made the motion to adopt, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

Ordinance 2022-4 Village Administrator Assistants

Village Administrator Assistants pay will raise to \$ 16.00. He must take the water test by March 15th, 2023. Effect period beginning March 20th. This ordinance is necessary to keep the village administrator assistant on staff due to another job offer and the raise of wages in the area. This ordinance was declared and emergency. Karla Dellinger introduced. Evelyn Nagy second, AIF Motion to suspend the rules made by Evelyn Nagy, seconded by Connaught Cullen. AIF

Connaught Cullen = Yes

Diana Burritt = Yes

Tammy Hawk = Yes

Evelyn Nagy = Yes

Karla Dellinger = Yes

Tammy Hawk made the motion to adopt, seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF

NEW BUSINESS

Jessie Powers with ORCA; Campground Drawing = Athens Wayne Corporation is handling the design. The land for campground was donated to the Village of Chauncey when the mine closed. Jessie is working on the funding for the campground and any cost associated with the construction. ORCA may be willing to do a profit sharing with the village. The campgrounds will be primitive. ORCA and County Commissioner is working on funding for a maintenance worker. ORCA is working on getting \$ 500,000 from the county to hire 3 employees. Athens County is pushing back due to funding for employees that may do some work outside Athens County.

Peter Kotses with Local Business = 85 Converse St. and 2 High St sit on the same parcel. Currently Peter is redoing 85 Converse Street, total reconstruction. 85 Converse St. will become a duplex. Second phase of project will be to remove 2 High St. Once 2 High St is demolished, a new building will go up as a commercial property. Peter is not sure of what the business will be but wanted to inform council and the village. The business he believes will be seasonal and not open late at night. Peter will need a building permit for both the buildings. If zoning code is adopted by the time of construction, Peter will need a zoning permit.

Trailer Park Water/Sewer = DLZ is getting close to being able to finalize the design of the sewer line project. DLZ is running into a problem with the trailer park due to the current sewer lines being under trailers that are currently in the trailer park. The sewer lines need to be fixed/repared. The current cost to fix the trailer park would be \$ 875,000. This would mean that the old sewer lines would be out of commission and new lines would be put throughout the trailer park. The new design would be to put a master meter at the beginning of the trailer park. If a master meter is put in, it would allow the village to charge for the outflow of the sewer instead of basing it on water usage. DLZ said it legally hard to get the owner to take responsibility for its own sewer line. The line to extend Plum Street water/sewer would cost around \$ 250,000.

Playground Color Choices = Gametime.com has great example of nature color playgrounds. Original plan was to do the playground equipment in natural colors. Council would like to see more colors in the playground. Please give the mayor color choices by Friday, March 18th. Karla and Connaught will be picking choices.

Public Records Training = Basic elected official needs to do a training once a term. April 21st is the next webinar. The council may designate officials to do the seminar on the public records training. The fiscal officer will be doing the training.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2004 Ford F350 vehicle and snowplow.

Valley View Auto Parts truck bid = Robert Pancake \$ 2,500. 740-753-2364

William Russell truck bid = \$655.00 740-517-8787

Motion to accept Valley View Auto Parts made by Karla Dellinger, seconded by Evelyn Nagy.
AIF

Linda Bolen = 65 Main St. Filled in the basement years ago. Would like to bring dirt in to fill the low spots where the basement was filled in.

87 Converse St. having problems with the basement flooding. Village administrator is waiting on a bid for the storm drain to fix. Chris needs a price on the two storm drains.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT/OPEN ITEMS

County Auditor would be willing to give a seminar/presentation on the history of the fiscal history of the village. Council would like to do the seminar/presentation with the auditor.

Solicitor was thinking with all the business going in the village, maybe the council should consider putting a police levy on a ballot.

The state passed a rule that people can set off fireworks at certain times of the year. Council may want to consider putting it on record about what they will allow.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Chris Russell JR put a request in for a pay raise via a letter for a \$2.00 an hour raise. He has received another job offer. He has only received a raise one time in the amount of \$.50 per hour. He's been with the village for about 14 months. Tucker will no longer be working for the village as of the week of March 14th. Vote was taken on the raise for the \$2.00 hour raise, AIF.

No bids for the sewer line again. DLZ to request an extension for CDBG. DLZ advised that the village will have a hard time getting a bid due to the nature of the job and the bidder to lose money.

Mine building update: Meetings have been non-stop. Meeting March 17th ODNr. Trying to receive funds to preserve the buildings. Part of one of the mine buildings will need to be take down to extend the bike path. Working on a power grant for funds. OU trying to tie in the mine buildings project into there request. Project may need to be done in stages due to funding. Power Grant has a deadline of April 1, 2022.

Jim Edwards is still looking for access to his property through the park. In order to receive any grants for the mine construction, we will need to get the property in the village name.

Chris is waiting to hear from the railroad about the right of way and if the village gets approved, the access will not have to run through the park.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Connaught Cullen = Clean up day this spring. This is done by the Lions Club. Village Administrator to follow up with the Lions Club.

Diana Burritt = Nothing

Tammy Hawk = Bins will be up in different places within the village for people to recycle bags from the store. Only item needed is a scale to weigh the bags.

Evelyn Nagy = Do we let known applicants for the vacant council seat to apply or just show up at the next scheduled council meeting.

Karla Dellinger = Nothing

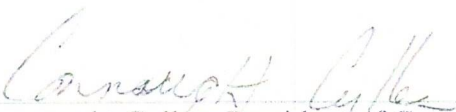
Motion to extend the meeting past 7 made by Tammy Hawk, seconded by Diana Burritt. AIF


ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion made by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Connaught Cullen to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:12 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 14th, 2022, at located at the village hall beginning at 5:30 PM.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY


Connaught Cullen, President of Council


Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer

