

Village of Chauncey Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER - The regular session of council was called to order by Mayor Renner at 5:33 PM via Zoom.

PLEDGE TO FLAG - Observed by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL - Taken by Fiscal Officer:

Seat 1 – Vacant;
Seat 2 – Connaught Cullen, present;
Seat 3 – Tammy Hawk, present;
Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, present;
Seat 5 – Diana Schoonover, absent;
Seat 6 – John Canter, present;
Mayor – Amy Renner, Chaired;
Solicitor – Robert J. Shostak, in attendance;
Village Administrator – Chris Russell, in attendance
Guest – Rob Delach, Martina VanBergen, Autumn Brown, Christian Berry, Angie Verity, Rob Somers, and Jessie Powers.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Tammy Hawk to approve the bills. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the December 15, 2020 council minutes moved by Evelyn Nagy and seconded by John Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Financial Reports for December 2020 and Year-End balances were provided to Council members for review. Fiscal Officer explained the 2021 budget along with the additional expected costs for a wet well project that needs completed. The expected cost for this project has been budgeted and added to the Water Fund appropriation list for \$30,000.

Motion to approve financial report moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2021-1 – An Ordinance establishing appropriation measures and revenue projects for the Village for the Year 2021. Motion to declare an emergency and suspend the rules of council moved by John Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. Roll call vote:

Connaught Cullen – Yes

Tammy Hawk – Yes

Evelyn Nagy – Yes

John Canter – Yes

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-1 moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Evelyn Nagy. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-1 – A resolution adopting the 2021 Holiday schedule for the Village and its employees. Motion to adopt resolution 2021-1 moved by John Canter and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-2 – A resolution to commemorate Joe Canter for his years of serve on Village Council. Motion to adopt resolution 2021-2 moved by John Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-3 (First Reading) – A resolution amending the Rules of Council. Motion to introduce resolution 2021-3 moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes.

NEW BUSINESS

ORCA, Jessie Powers; Trails Event – The Village of Chauncey is an approved trail site through NICA.

ODNR Project – Jessie Powers of ORCA brought to Council several points regarding the Trails and events soon to be placed there. The tiles and bricks from the mine sites can be salvaged. These items can be added within the ODNR bid specs. The Village just needs to point out what they want. Jessie Powers will send agreement to Village Solicitor for review. The project is on track so far.

Messaging – ORCA is will to do the messaging for donations towards the park and trails. The donations gathered will be split between ORCA and Village once a percentage is agreed upon. New donation signs will include a phrase such as “Proud sponsor of the Village of Chauncey.” The donations can be received by installing feed tubes that are safe from theft.

Sponsor Signs – Jessie Powers provided Council with a draft outline of what the sponsor sign will look like near the trailhead entrance. John Canter suggested that all sponsors be an appropriate message for the park. Motion to approve the installation of the sponsor sign moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Evelyn Nagy. All in Favor – Yes.

COTF Grant – Jessie Powers brought up the Clean Ohio Trails Fund for possible future funding for the park and/or trails. IT does require match funds both cash and in-kind. This grant can be used for water improvements at the park as well. The deadline is March 15th. Jessie Power is willing to work on this grant on the Village’s behalf if the ORCA board approves it. Village Administrator said a water pressure test showed no signs of troubles as of now but once the park restroom facility starts being used it may lower the residents water pressure.

Planning Commission – The Mayor would like to move forward and appointment members to the newly established Planning Commission. The Mayor is on the Commission. Tammy Hawk nominated John Canter to be appointed as the Council member of the Commission. All in Favor – Yes.

Three citizens need appointed to the Commission as well. Angie Verity, Christian Berry, and Martina VanBergen are interested in joining the Planning Commission. Council addressed all 3 candidates and asked them various questions regarding their qualifications for the Commission and their interests for joining. The Village requires a 6 year, 4 year, and 2 year term. The nominees were appointed as followed by the Mayor.

Angie Verity – 6 Year Term

Christian Berry – 4 Year Term

Martina VanBergen – 2 Year Term

Motion to approve the appointed Planning Commission members moved by Evelyn Nagy and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes.

Council President – The Village Council is in need of a new Council President. Tammy Hawk nominated Connaught Cullen. Motion to approve Connaught Cullen as Council President moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Evelyn Nagy. All in Favor – Yes.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Vacant Council Seat – The Village of Chauncey has a vacant seat on the Board of Council (seat – 1). Diana Burritt expressed her interest of being a Village Council member. She lives within the Village and would like to see more communication with Village residents and to help create a cleaner Village. This vacant council member seat is also a participant on two Village committees; Finance and Personnel Committee and Transportation and Utility Committee. The Mayor can allow nominations for this vacant seat.

Motion to open vacant seat nominations for Council moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes.

Motion to nominate Diana Burritt for the vacant Council member seat (1) moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes.

Motion to elect Diana Burritt for Council member seat (1) moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by John Canter. Roll call vote:

Joe Canter – Yes

Connaught Cullen – Yes

Tammy Hawk – Yes

Evelyn Nagy – Yes

John Canter – Yes

Motion to elect Diana Burritt for Council member seat (1) carried.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Village Administrator stated that the Ellis Avenue storm draining project is in progress.

The Truck has been ordered from Don Wood with CARES Act funds. Expected to arrive in February. The new truck will require a snowplow. The Finance and Personnel Committee will address this cost when it is time.

Village Administrator tested the Water and everything looks great.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor contacted Bob Matty regarding the reimbursement check he had mentioned several months back. The refund check is not expected to be here for another 3-4 months.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor would like to apply for a grant to assist with sewer lines. The Buckeye Hills grant seems like the best option. The Mayor will bring this to Council during the February meeting for approval.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Diana Burritt – Thanks Council for approving her nomination for Council member.

Connaught Cullen – Nothing to report.

Tammy Hawk – Welcomed the new Council member and new appointed members to the Planning Commission.

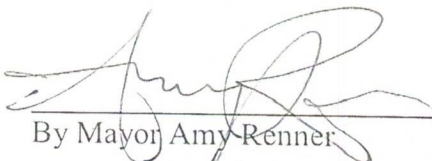
Evelyn Nagy – Evelyn is currently taking a course that is interfering with Council meetings. May need to address the possible change of meeting day/time to accommodate the conflicting schedule.

John Canter – Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion made by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Joe Canter to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:14.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL


By Mayor Amy Renner

RECORDED BY


Chelsie McKee, Fiscal Officer