

Village of Chauncey Council

March 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Tamara Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Taken by Tamara Hawk

Seat 1 – Connaught Cullen, Present

Seat 2 – Debra Gibson, Present

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Hazard mitigation goals, public meeting: This is something that Athens County needs to do every 5 years. It is a plan for is something happens that is hazardous. Village administrator will be attending. Once he attends, he will present the information to council.

Location of mobile bike trailer: The Mayor received a request from Jessie Powers with ORCA on moving the bike trailer from one spot to another.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/FISCAL OFFICER:

A motion to approve the bills was brought forward by Evelyn Nagy and seconded by Dylan Skees. All were in favor of the motion.

February 2025 Final Statement, motion to approved. Evelyn Nagy, seconded by Connaught Cullen, AIF, except Mike Kraus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the February 13th, 2025 was made by Connaught Cullen made the motion with changes sent that was seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance 2025-02 Extending the deadline for the Vacant Registration (3rd Reading): Motion made by Karla Dellinger to open to floor for public comment, seconded by Dylan. AIF. Steven Buck: I own a two-story property within the village that I use for storage and a warehouse. I keep getting a notice about it being vacant. I don't understand why I keep getting this notice saying it vacant. Barb: The vacant fees are by charge at the same as a village that has double the income as the Village of Chauncey. Mayor Tammy: Read the definition of the vacant building description to the village and village members. Mayor Tammy: Recommended that Steven Buck fill out an appeal to the zoning appeal board. Barb: Does not think it should be passed tonight since there seems to be some confusion amongst the village council members.

Evelyn Nagy made a motion to pass it to change the deadline and do an addendum to the rate scale in the future meeting. Mike Kraus seconded. AIF

Resolution 2025-08 Special Election in November for Mayor (2nd reading): Council members had nothing to add or change from first reading.

Ordinance 2025-5 Authorizing the mayor to sign a memorandum of agreement resolving certain litigation surrounding 47 Main Street: Motion to postpone voting until after executive session made by Karla Dellinger, seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Paving from Phase 1 will begin next week. They will start on Birge Street. Once they are done with paving, they will come back and berm the sides. They are supposed to berm and fix all the areas in yards that they messed up.

Phase 2: Lexington Ave is complete besides paving and cleanup work. The company is hoping to go street by street.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

There are some Columbia gas easements that have resolved and moving forward. I will finalize them and the Mayor will sign them.

Drew emailed me about getting some funding for properties that need torn down.

Along Converse Street, we are working on getting some easement sign to reflect the actual path of the sidewalk along Converse Street.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

I went to a SOPEC meeting last week. We are in the process of negotiating our rate for next year.

I went to a training for mayors. The training was around human resources and employee handbooks.

COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Karla Dellinger: When we do the agenda can we add the resolution or ordinances to the email.

Evelyn Nagy: Nothing

Dylan Skees: When they do the village yard sale, can we have part of it the park? Karla, that is a good idea.

Connaught Cullen: Nothing

Mike Kraus: Have we heard anymore about Wayne National Forest control burn. Jonathan Spears: They were supposed to start yesterday March 12, but did not start. As for clean up day, do we have something worked out for people who need items picked up? Yes, they just need to contract drew.

Debbie Gibson: Nothing

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation and Utilities: I do not have update.

Planning and Development: Did not meet this month but did start some conversations with Drew.

Parks and Recreations: We have benches that need to be placed within the park. Chris needs to put the pads in when the weather breaks and Parks and Recreations committee will let them know where they would like them. There is a group that is wanting to temporary camping in August in the field at the park. Jonathan Spears: Is the park open April 12th? The fire department would like to hold there annual Easter Egg hunt. They will be stuffing 30k eggs.

Finance and Personnel: We do not have anything.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Barb: With off grid living, I believe the ordinance for the vacant property needs to be looked at when it talks about utilities be attached to the property.

Steven: I already talked about mine previous.

Zachary: My concerns is regard the fees surrounding the vacant property should not be doubled every year. I also believe is someone is working on the property and can prove they are working on it the fee should be waived. Evelyn Nagy: The second part is in the ordinance about showing work on the property.

David: I had some conversations with Amy about the 4 acre parcel we bought for the village. Does council have any ideas for the piece of property? We also bought another piece of property (35 acres) through SOAP, I am offering the that piece of property to the village to buy at cost. Karla Dellinger: What are you wanting to do with 47 main street? We want to give back to the community and do something for them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made to enter executive session for the purpose of legal matters, Karla Dellinger, made the motion seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF 7:16 PM

Executive session exited at 7:46 PM with not action taken.

Ordinance 2025-5 Authorizing the mayor to sign a memorandum of agreement resolving certain litigation surrounding 47 Main Street: Evelyn Nagy introduced Ordinance 2025-5, seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF Discussion explain settlement for 47 Main Street. Evelyn Nagy suspended the rules and declared it an emergency due to the timing of the litigation, seconded by Dylan Skees.

Evelyn Nagy: Yes

Karla Dellinger: Yes

Dylan Skees: Yes

Connaught Cullen: Yes

Mike Kraus: Yes

Debbie Gibson: Yes

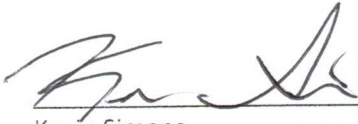
Motion to adopt made by Karla Dellinger, seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday April 10 at 5:30.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Karla Dellinger, seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF

Meeting was adjourned 8:03 p.m.

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Kevin Simons
Fiscal Officer

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Evelyn Nagy
Council President