

Village of Chauncey Council Meeting on October 15, 2019

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER-The Acting Mayor John Canter called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at Village Hall.

PLEDGE TO FLAG- Observed by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL- Taken by Fiscal Officer: Seat 1-Joe Canter present; Seat 2- Luke Phelps absent; Seat 3-Tammy Hawk present; Seat 4- Amy Renner present; Seat 5- Larry Pierce present; Seat 6- John Canter, President of Council, present.

APPROVAL OF BILLS- Village bills were reviewed by Council members. Moved by Larry Pierce and 2nd by Tammy Hawk that the bills be paid. AIF passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)- Meeting minutes for August 20, 2019 Council Meeting were reviewed by Council. There was a correction of a typo to the Sewer and Water Report. Moved by Tammy Hawk to approve the minutes; second by Amy Renner-AIF approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER- Financial report for September 2019 were provided to Council members for review. Moved by Joe Canter to approve the Financial Report. Second by Larry Pierce. AIF passed. Fiscal Officer has nothing to report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2019-8 –Allowing the Athens County Regional Planning Commission to write a Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Village of Chauncey. There was a motion to suspend the rules by Larry Pierce with a 2nd from Amy Renner. There was a roll call vote to suspend the rules with the following results:

Amy – Yea	John – Yea	Larry – Yea
Tammy- Yea	Joe – Yea	

Joe Canter then moved to adopt Resolution 2019-8 with a 2nd from Larry Pierce. There was a voice vote of AIF.

Ordinance 2019-1 – Ordinance Approving and Enacting American Legal Publishing’s Ohio Basic Code, 2019 Edition as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Chauncey, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. Joe Canter introduced Ordinance 2019-1 with a 2nd from Amy Renner. There was a voice vote of AIF. There was a Motion to Suspend the Rules by Joe Canter and 2nd by Larry Pierce. There was a roll call vote to suspend the rules with the following results:

Amy – Yea	John – Yea	Larry – Yea
Tammy- Yea	Joe – Yea	

Joe Canter moved to Adopt Ordinance 2019-1 with a 2nd from Larry Pierce. There was a voice vote of AIF.

NEW BUSINESS- None at this time.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS –

Abe Alassaf – Personal Banker with Century National Bank, Abe was wondering when the Village of Chauncey planned to switch banks. There was discussion as to how much Century National Bank would be charging the Village of Chauncey for certain account activities including but not limited to wire transfer fees, cash management fees, etc. After a long discussion with Mr. Alassaf, the Village Solicitor Robert Shostak asked Mr. Alassaf to take the 2 months of bank statements and show how much the Village would have made had the Village banked with Century National Bank and present it to council at the next meeting.

Vince Paumier– US Department of Agriculture (USDA) works with the Rural Development. Mr. Paumier Says the USDA is a place the Village should look to for help with economic development of the area. ie. Water/sewer infrastructure; financial assistance with other aspects of economic growth. The USDA is also a place for small businesses to use as a resource for economic development.

For example, the Village of Chauncey has a great opportunity with there being a proposed centrally located Hock-Hocking Adena Bike Path Spur and Bailey’s Mountain Bike trail System both proposed to be within the Village of Chauncey. In order for the Village to grow, it should find a way to tap into that growth from

the additional influx of tourism. Villages that are successful have found ways of tapping into the resources available like the Bike Path and Mountain Bike Trails.

The thing the Village would do is determine a project that needs addressed. The Village needs to keep in mind that the incoming Bike Path and Bailey's Mountain Bike Trails will be a game changer for the area. Those coming into the area will have disposable income and if they cannot spend it in the Village, they will go to other areas like Athens, The Plains and spend it. There needs to be planning for Airbnb and microbrew stores/restaurants and the Village needs to capture the money from that.

Joe Canter stated the Village does not have the funds available for utility growth, the sewer plant and water plant will not hold a microbrews waste or several Airbnb. In order to upgrade the sewer/water plant the Village would start with him.

Amy Renner asked if there is money available for the citizens to have their properties surveyed brought into FEMA Compliance and will check on the possibility of that.

Larry Pierce asked Mr. Paumier if there was money available for sidewalks and paving. Mr. Paumier answered that most things are bid out to Contractors and the priority is usually what the Community supports.

Anita Matheny - the neighbors chickens are getting everywhere. They are creating quite a mess everywhere. She understands that they are free range but they should be confined to the owner's property. Solicitor Shostak advises that State Law require owner to confine the animal to their property.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-

Administrator Russell advised that he still has Part-time employee Brody Bobo, and Mr. Bobo has inquired about the possibility of a full-time position, however he does not hold a CDL. There was a Motion for Executive Session by Joe Canter with a 2nd Tammy Hawk .

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, Council asked that Village Administrator Russell and Solicitor Shostak be present to discuss the issues at hand – 6:28 p.m.

Exit Executive Session – 6:44 p.m. Joe Canter introduced Resolution 2019-9. A Resolution appointing Brody Bobo as a Part-time Laborer with a pay increase of \$1.00 per hour in addition to his current hourly wage. This raise will begin on October 10, 2019. Mr. Bobo will be reevaluated at the November 19, 2019 at which time Council will decide to either give him a raise of \$1.00 per hour and 120 day probation as a full-time employee.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Solicitor Shostak advised that grant monies that the Village received from Rural Action, Inc. for the Chauncey Improvement Team has strings attached to it or it may not. Solicitor Shostak has contacted Rural Action, Inc and no one has gotten back with him as of yet. Councilwoman Renner advised that the County Planner might be the person to contact regarding it.

Solicitor Shostak advised there could be a liability issue as a rule a municipality is except from liability concerning its day-to-day business however, the Village could be liable when stepping outside of “normal” activities of the Village.

Tammy Hawk stated that the monies that the Community Challenge Team intended to spend was with the approval of the Lions Club. Larry Pierce interrupted to state that she did not have the approval of the members on the Board.

Solicitor Shostak adds that when there is to be an event that the Village is involved with, there has to be a written agreement between the Village and property owner to use any space that it intends to use for an activity. There also needs to be someone in charge at the event that is a Council Member, because of it causing other legal issues for the Village. There needs to be a minimum age and a maximum age, and the proper insurance needs to be in place. The event must be free to all.

Village Administrator Russell advised that he and the Fiscal Officer checked with the Village Insurance and it does not cover items like bouncy houses.

Solicitor Shostak explained the process of the Village of Chauncey getting things in order to participate in an event like this.

Councilwoman Amy Renner advised that she ^{was looking into purchasing} ~~had purchased~~ items that were to be used at the Halloween Weiner Roast and would need reimbursed for them and she would need \$500.00 Solicitor Shostak advised her to keep the receipts to be reimbursed.

Councilman Joe Canter asks if this Lions Club grumbling is mainly caused by a Facebook Post inviting everyone in everywhere and the Lions Club is in no way prepared to take on a task larger than they usually have. Councilwoman Renner advised that she only posted the Flyer to the Chauncey Insiders Facebook Page.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Acting Mayor advises that the next meeting will be November 19, 2019, at 5:30p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS-

Luke Phelps – Absent.

Amy Renner – Asked if the Fiscal Officer Position had been posted and was wondering if there were cones available to block off the field so that the no one can drive through there. Administrator Russell advised that he would have them available

Tammy Hawk-

Joe Canter- This is a thankless job and things don't always go as Council would like. Rumor has it that Luke Phelps resigned from Council. Has the Fiscal Officer or the Mayor received a letter stating such. Fiscal Officer Leslie Nicholson states that she has not but does not know if the Mayor received such a letter. Joe states that if Luke does wish to resign from Council that he provide a letter to that effect. ~~Luke did in fact send text~~

Larry Pierce- Beautiful lay-out for the Bailey's Mountain Bike Trail Head. Who is graveling the drive? Who will take care of the bike wash rack and the mowing.

John Canter- None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT- At 7:30 PM, Joe Canter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Pierce. AIF stood up.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY

Robert Matthey 11/19/19
BY Mayor Robert Matthey Date

Leslie Nicholson 11/19/19
Leslie Nicholson, Fiscal Officer Date