

Village of Chauncey Council Meeting on November 19, 2019

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER-The Mayor 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- Vacant; 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- There was a Motion to approve the Bills by Larry Pierce with a 2nd from Tammy Hawk. There was a voice vote of All In Favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)- There were two sets of Meeting Minutes for approval. There was discussion regarding the resignation of Luke Phelps regarding his resignation in the minutes from October 23, 2019. It was confirmed with the Mayor and Solicitor that Luke Phelps did resign from Council in the proper way. With the removal from Luke Phelps from the Minutes of October 23, 2019 there was a Motion to Approve to approve both Minutes from the October 15, 2019 Meeting and the October 23, 2019 Special Meeting by Joe Canter with a 2nd from Amy Renner. There was a voice vote of All In Favor.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the monies that the Chauncey Community Challenge Team had deposited in the Village Account. Amy stated that the funds were put there to “housed” for the use of the Challenge Team.

Joe Canter states that he understands that but once the monies were deposited into the Village of Chauncey’s account it became the responsibility of Council to spend the money wisely.

Solicitor Shostak advised that there were in his opinion to many liability issues with spending the funds on Bounce Houses and a Community Celebration.

Shostak also advised that this is exactly how Village Government works.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER- There was a Motion to accept the Financial Report by Larry Pierce with a 2nd from John Canter. There was a voice vote of All In Favor.

The Fiscal Officer Leslie Nicholson advised that She got married on October 19, 2019, and would be changing her name to Leslie Young.

The Village has received the Agreement from the Independent Public Auditor that will be conducting the 2018-2019 Audit for the Village of Chauncey. The IPA selected was Perry and Associates. There was a Motion by Joe Canter for the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the Village of Chauncey, and Perry & Associates to conduct the 2018-2019 Audit for the Village of Chauncey. There was a 2nd from Tammy Hawk with a voice vote of All In Favor.

Fiscal Officer Leslie Young asked what the time limit is for a water customer who has passed away until the Village requires the name on the account be transferred to the responsible party. The Solicitor suggested it should be a reasonable amount of time. Fiscal Officer Leslie asked what a reasonable amount of time is? The Solicitor and Council agreed that if the new responsible party switches the account within fourteen (14) calendar days of Notice to Transfer account from the Village there will be no cost to the new responsible party. If the new responsible party does not transfer the name on the account within the 14 calendar days the Village will shut off service until the responsible party updates their service contract with the Village and there will be an a forty dollar fee for the connection if termination is required.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-

There was a motion to Repeal Resolution 2019-10 by Joe Canter and a 2nd by Larry Pierce. There was a roll call vote with the following results:

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

Motion to Repeal Resolution 2019-10 Carries.

There was a Motion to Amend the Hazard Mitigation to incorporate language required by the Athens County Planning Commission. There was a voice vote of All In Favor.

NEW BUSINESS- None at this time.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS –

Connaught Cullen – 27 Mill St. presented Council and Mayor with a letter of interest in the open Council Seat. Connaught is from Northern Ohio and moved to the area approximately 4 years ago. She was a teacher for a while and received a MSA from Ohio University. She currently holds a part-time job and desires to be more involved in her community.

The Mayor asked Connaught if she was a registered voter and if she had lived within the Village limits for the past year. Connaught advised that she was and that she is part of the Community Improvement Challenge Team.

Solicitor Shostak advises Connaught of the process of being appointed to Council.

Kelley Sebring – Advised that she too has a letter of interest in the open Council Seat. Kelley advised that she had sat on Council in past years but for ongoing issues elected to step away from Council. She states that she has lived in Chauncey for the last 26 years and would like consideration for the open council seat.

Solicitor Shostak advised that there is currently only one council seat available and there would need to be nominations from Council.

There was a Motion to Open Nominations for the Open Council Seat. There was a 2nd from Larry with a voice vote of All in Favor.

Joe Canter Nominated Kelley Sebring and Tammy Hawk nominated Connaught Cullen.

There was a Motion to Close Nominations for the Open Council Seat by Joe Canter with a 2nd from Larry Pierce. There was a voice vote of ballots with the following results:

	Kelley	Connaught
John -	Nay	Yea
Larry -	Yea	Nay
Joe -	Yea	Nay
Tammy -	Nay	Yea
Amy -	Nay	Nay

Tammy advises that she hope the losing party will come back at the January meeting as there will be 3 Council Seats available.

Solicitor Shostak swore in Connaught Cullen to the Village of Chauncey Council.

Abe Alassaf – Personal Banker with Century National Bank, supplied Council with the information that Solicitor Shostak had requested. Mr. Alassaf advised there would be an increase of \$118.90 per year on interest monies earned by the Village.

Fiscal Officer Leslie Young advised that it would cost the Village money for the Village to switch banks. For ex. The bank is 5.3 miles from the Village Hall so the Village would have to pay mileage for the bank runs. The IRS mileage rate is currently \$0.58 per mile. The Village would have to pay for 2 trips a day and approximately 20 days a month. $(5.3 \times 2 = 10.6 \times .58 = 6.15 \times 20 = \123 per month to switch banks.

There was a Motion from Larry Pierce to stay with Hocking Valley Bank. There was a 2nd from Tammy Hawk. There was a voice vote with the following result:

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

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT- Village Administrator Chris Russell advised that the sewer line collapse in State Route 13 is approximately 30 feet long. Hocking Athens Perry Community Action Program (HAPCAP) has helped Administrator Russell acquire funding for the replacement of the sewer line. The only thing needed is for Council to approve the agreement between HAPCAP and Village.

There was a Motion for Mayor Matthey and Administrator Russell to sign the agreement between the Village of Chauncey and HAPCAP by Joe Canter with a 2nd from Tammy Hawk.

Administrator Russell advised that he has the prices for the speed bumps would be 2 for the cost of \$2,398.00.

Solicitor Shostak advised that he has looked into the Ohio Basic Code and it does allow the Village to install Speed Bumps of Village streets if it wishes.

Larry Pierce asked if the speed bumps would be removable so they were not being torn up by the snowplow in the winter. Administrator Russell advised that the Village could do removable speed bumps but it would freeze and crack and cause pot holes.

Administrator Russell advises that he can get the following signs at the following prices:

Children Play Sign -35.70

Dead End – 47.60

One Way – 35.70

Do Not Enter – 35.70

Posts to mount the signs to will be an additional cost.

The concrete block pillar at the State Route 13 Corporation limit will cost approximately \$1080 for the block. Administrator Russell advised that the top portion of the sign he has not been able to find because the dimensions are larger than most. Citizen Mark Robson has agree to lay the block free of charge.

There was a Motion to purchase the signage, posts, and block up to \$2,625.00 by Amy Renner with a 2nd from Connaught Cullen.

Administrator Russell advised that Brody quit. He advised that he and Brody had a talk and he decided to go home instead of reading water meters. Chris Perry has expressed interest in the full-time position and he is the son-in-law of Council Member Larry Pierce. The only hang up is the CDL requirement. Administrator

Russell advised that the dump truck is only used in worst case scenario. Administrator Russell advised that if he is to offer Mr. Perry the full-time position what is the rate of pay?

After discussion among Council, Joe Canter moved to offer Mr. Chris Perry the full-time position at a rate of pay of \$14.00 per hour with an increase of \$0.50 per hour after 120 days. There was a voice vote of All in Favor with Councilman Larry Pierce abstaining.

Councilman Larry Pierce states that he has never recommended to Administrator Russell that he hire Mr. Perry.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- The Solicitor advised that the Village has been asked to make a designated handicap parking space on the side of the road. Upon looking into the designation of a handicap parking space on a Village street there has to be no alternate place to park on the citizens private property and other issues. The Solicitor advised that he would have a full report at the December Council Meeting.

There was a housing discussion at Ohio University regarding the amount of property transfers within the Village of Chauncey have went from 40 a year to 160 in the last year. The Village is going to be growing with the Bailey's Mountain Bike Trail coming to the area.

The Solicitor contract expires on December 31, 2019. Solicitor advises that he will have a new Solicitors Contract at the December Meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Next Meeting will be December 17, 2019 at 5:30pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS-

Connaught Cullen –There are mattresses on Mill Street that we need to send clean up notices for.

Amy Renner – Jessie Power’s would like a receipt from Bateman’s for the payment on the Clean-up day. What are the steps for zoning? Solicitor Shostak advised that he would send an e-mail regarding the steps for zoning.

Tammy Hawk – Welcome Connaught.

Joe Canter – I believe 15 and 24 High street have sectional couches in the yard and could we send them out a clean-up notice.

Joe Canter moved to allow the Employees of the Village to receive a holiday bonus for \$100.00 to Administrator Chris Russell and \$50.00 each to Water Clerk Tracie Blair and Fiscal Officer Leslie Young. There was a 2nd from Larry Pierce. There was a voice vote of All In Favor

Larry Pierce – None at this time.

John Canter – We need to a lot time at the next meeting to discuss zoning as the Village is going to be growing.

ADJOURNMENT- At 7:33 PM, Joe Canter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Pierce. AIF stood up.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY



BY Mayor Robert Matthey Date



Leslie Nicholson, Fiscal Officer Date