

Village of Chauncey Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER - The regular session of council was called to order by Mayor Renner 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 – Connaught Cullen, present;
Seat 3 – Tammy Hawk, present;
Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, present;
Seat 5 – Larry Pierce, Present;
Seat 6 – John Canter, Present;
Mayor – Amy Renner, Chaired;
Solicitor – Robert J. Shostak, in attendance;
Village Administrator – Chris Russell, in attendance.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Village bills were reviewed by Council members. Motion made by Larry Pierce and seconded by Connaught Cullen to approve the bills. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council members reviewed minutes from January 21, 2020 and February 11, 2020 Council meetings. After some discussion, corrections need made to the minutes. Both sets of minutes tabled for correction until the next Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Financial Reports for January 2020 were provided to Council members for review. Council members need more time for review. Financial reports tabled until the next Council meeting.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-3 – Authorizing the Mayor to act as the representative of and for the village of Chauncey in all matters related to the Baileys mountain bike trail system. Motion made by Joe Canter to suspend the rules of council, as this resolution 2020-3 is an emergency to continue day-to-day village business, seconded by Tammy Hawk. Roll call on motion, vote as followed: Joe Canter – Yea, Connaught Cullen – Yea, Tammy Hawk – Yea, Evelyn Nagy – Yea, Larry Pierce – Yea, John Canter – Yea. Motion carried. Joe Canter moved to adopt resolution 2020-3, seconded by Tammy Hawk. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution 2020-4 – Motion made by Joe Canter and seconded by Larry Pierce to declare a resolution emergency to raise Village Administrators pay rate. Village Administrator, Chris Russell, pay rate increase to \$18.35 starting the next pay period. Motion made by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk to adopt resolution 2020-4. Roll call vote as followed: Joe Canter – Yea, Connaught Cullen – Yea, Tammy Hawk – Yea, Evelyn Nagy – Yea, Larry Pierce – Yea, John Canter – Yea. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Census 2020 – Census starts next month. Mayor suggested placing a message on water/sewer bills to raise awareness.

Bailey's Phase I – Wayne National Forest and ORCA will be hosting an event about the start of Phase I of the Bailey's Trail System. The wish to gear it towards the Chauncey Community. It will take place May 30th.

Chauncey Clean-Up Day – Clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday May 2. Last year we paid Bateman's with Community Improvement funds. Chris Russell, Village Administrator, is going to ask Solid Waste Manager, Roger Bail, about possible funding.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Sean Brooks, HAPCAP – Chauncey received the Neighborhood Rev. Grant. RFP for the parking lot will go out for bid soon. Bids for Street renovations went out February 18, 2020. In 10 days the bids will be opened at the Commissioner's office. The design for the Trailhead restrooms are almost complete. Sean also mentioned the possible need to use a different electric pole for the restroom facility than originally expected. Council gave Chris permission to contact AEP about the issue. Ultimately, a new pole will need to be added. Once construction starts there will need to be an agreement with the village to take waste from the facility until the sewer lines are installed. It will need checked every 2 weeks. Since Chauncey owns a hydro-vac vehicle that can handle the job, Chris has agreed to take care of it. Critical Infrastructure Grant awarded for a total of \$400,000.

Ellie Dudding, Rural Action – Awarded the POWER Grant for the Bailey's entrepreneur training, economic support, community development support, and workshops. Workshops regarding Airshift and AirBNB. Will also work with their partner ACENet.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, Chris Russell, has received several calls about the letter sent out to local residents regarding FEMA approval. The Mayor stated that she will reach out when she knows more about the process.

Village Administrator gave a report on vacant trailers within the Village. These properties are a nuisance to the community.

Village administrator gave an update on the tiny house at 47 Mill Street. The building is gone as of February 17, 2020. The building could not be considered a structure for occupancy due to the design.

Chris Russell received a job offer that pays more than his current payrate with the Village. He is very interest in still working with the village if they would be willing to provide a pay raise. Chris Russell will agree to stay with a pay rate of at least \$18 an hour. Motion made by Joe Canter and seconded by Larry Pierce to declare a resolution emergency to raise Village Administrators payrate (Resolution 2020-4).

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor would like to schedule a seminar on the Ethics, Conflicts, and Sunshine Laws in April.

The Solicitor informed that Chris Russell was contacted by a resident, John Foresyth, who wishes to gift the Village his vacant lot.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor gave an update about the Chauncey website. Funds are being provided and Hocking College has agreed to build it. Athens County Visitors Bureau has also agreed to help with layout and information. Once the project has started Council will receive information regarding the contact person for the webpage.

The Mayor is working on increasing water and sewer rates to help pay for required needs.

The Mayor constructed 4 different committees for the Village. Each committee will require 3 council members, one will need to be the Chair. Chair will set the meetings and investigate topics. The Mayor scheduled the first Transportation and Utility committee meeting for February 25, 2020 at 5:30.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Joe Canter – Nothing to report

Connaught Cullen – Sign at the end of Birge Drive, intersecting US 13, directing to Quaker meeting. Village Administrator stated that ODOT permission is required.

Tammy Hawk – Residents have been complaining about door to door electric aggregation companies.

Evelyn Nagy -- Nothing to report

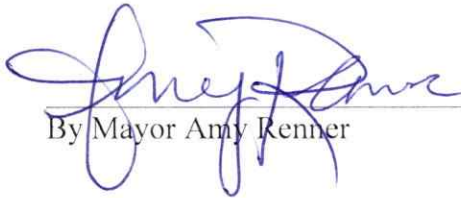
Larry Pierce – The Village needs to address the sewer issue by the AMvets. It is a potential hazard.

John Canter – 111 Monroe Street is a nuisance. Village Administrator bringing it towards the Land Banks attention. Last mentioned they were interested.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion made by Joe Canter and seconded by Larry Pierce to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:16.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY

 4/21/2020
By Mayor Amy Renner Date

 4/21/2020
Chelsie McKee, Fiscal Officer Date

