

Village of Chauncey Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 8th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER - The regular session of council was called to order by Mayor Renner at 5:34 PM.

PLEDGE TO FLAG - Observed by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL - Taken by Fiscal Officer:

Seat 1 – Diana Burritt, Present

Seat 2 – Connaught Cullen, Present

Seat 3 – Tammy Hawk, Present

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present

Seat 5 – Diana Schoonover, Present

Seat 6 – John Canter, Absence

Mayor – Amy Renner, Chaired

Solicitor – Robert J. Shostak, in attendance

Village Administrator – Chris Russell, in attendance

Guest – none

Motion to excuse John Canter's absence by Tammy Hawk, Seconded by Diana Burritt. AIF

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Evelyn Nagy to approve the bills. AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the June 10th, 2021 council minutes with requested corrections by Connaught Cullen; seconded Diana Schoonover. AIF

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Financial Reports for June 2021 where provided to Council members for review.

Motion to approve financial report moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Tammy Hawk. AIF

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The Solicitor brought before Council Resolution 2021-20 RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION. He explained that this is the form for the Resolution the Auditor has on her website for use by Villages and other municipalities. This Resolution has attached the Certificate of Estimated

Property Tax Revenue prepared by the Athens County Auditor for the Village to use when filing this Resolution with the Board of Elections of Athens County for the November 2, 2021 Ballot.

Member Evelyn Nagy introduced Resolution 2021-20 and moved for its adoption. It was discussed that the Resolution calls for the levy for current expenses to be a renewal beginning immediately after the current levy expires December 31 this year and is due in 2022. There being no further discussion, the Mayor called for a second on the motion to adopt. Tammy Hawk seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote. Each member present voted yes and printed her name on the line provided on the Resolution. The Solicitor informed Council that he would deliver the signed Resolution together with the minutes to the Auditor's office and file the Resolution with minutes with the Board of Elections.

NEW BUSINESS

#1 - Park Shelter House Application: The use of the shelter house is free if you are a resident of Chauncey. A \$25 fee for the shelter house will be charged for non-residents. Will consider a refund for technical/mechanical problems if the event cannot occur. There will be no refunds for weather. The applicant must sign a waiver of liability for any injury or damages indemnifying the Village.

Discussion about use of plastic containers and bags by vendors. Diana Schoonover is opposed to a blanket restriction of such use. It may impact sales. Council members expressed opinions about being environmentally astute.

Motion to approve use of the shelter house application by Diana Burritt and seconded by Diana Schoonover. AIF

A google calendar needs to be added to the website so people can see what days are available for the shelter house.

#2 - Vendor Permit Application: The fee for the vendor permit will be \$200 for a year (12 month period). Council request to add to the application that rates subject to change and to add to the application must comply with federal, state and local laws and regulations related to Mobile food service.

Motion to approve the vendor permit application by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Diana Burritt. 4 members voted yes, Diana Schoonover voted no. Motion carries.

#3 - Chauncey Trailhead Campground: \$2 million dollar bill Ohio legislature passed but must be used on maintenance in the amount needed for the Village. ORCA wants to add a campground to the Chauncey trailhead with some of the funds. Council agrees that it is worth exploring the idea

of a campground be added to the Chauncey trailhead. Council asked if there would be a split with the camping fees.

#4 - Potential Properties to Condemn: Goins property at (Address) is still hang out there and the sheriffs sale is up and coming. RJ is going to review the process of condemning the property as a nuisance if the land bank does not act.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Smoke test was done by the state, assisted by Chris. If you got smoke in your house, then you have a chance of getting sewage gas into the home.

Some storm drains are still connected to the sewage system. All water goes through the sewage and water plant to be treated. No recent complaints about smells coming from the storm drains. Can the Village use the sewage improvement funds to fix the issue with the storm drains? OPWC may be able to help with this fix. Chris will get quotes on getting the storm sewer infiltration issue fixed.

Jeff needs a new computer at the water building because the current computer is going bad. The current computer is used 3-4 times a week and does not leave the water building. Kevin will look into getting a new computer through Staples since the village has a current account with Staples.

Corrective Action: Information addressing the notice of violation has been sent to the OEPS showing corrective action taken.

18 Main Street is a rental owned by David Funk or his company and David Funk called about removing brush between his land and the Village land. See if David is willing have the property surveyed. If the brush is on Village property then he will need a license from the Village per the solicitor.

West Bailey water line is still a work in progress per the village administrator.

Pricing on sealing streets within the village by McKee Paving are Lexington Ave (\$ 4,203.50) and Birge Ave. (\$ 5,706.00). Kevin needs to give the okay that the funds are in the street fund and Kevin confirmed that the funds are available to have the streets sealed. The village administrator will call McKee Paving to give them permission for the sealing of the streets of Lexington Ave and Birge Ave.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT/OPEN ITEMS

Tax Levy for Current Expenses- council approved this levy resolution.

DLZ/Sewer upgrade contract- DLZ will apply for on behalf of the Village for the loan. If the loan is not approved or obtained, the Village will nonetheless be liable for payment of the contract amount. Still working on this with Mr. Betz from DLZ. Once the final contract has been approved. RJ will sign and let council know. Kevin will verify that the funds are available for the contract.

47 Main Street- A Notice letter was sent to the limited liability company, which owns this nuisance property. The notice states that David Funk (who acts as the principal for the entity) must have all permits and work must be underway by July 5, 2021. The solicitor has no further information except some papers regarding engineering and architectural firms that Mr. Funk contacted. Council and the Mayor may need to consider whether to pursue legal action against the entities and Mr. Funk if work has not begun. The time ran out on the notice that the solicitor sent. The solicitor will touch-base with Mr. Funk for a status report.

FIRM/FEMA- The mayor has asked me to summarize the Village enforcement policy under the Floodplain Management Ordinance for submittal to the State and Feds. I have not completed that task yet. I have reviewed older files when the Village attempted to retain its status as FEMA approved. I have also researched other States and towns efforts but not reached any firm policy recommendations for Council.

Smith Street- This matter regards a parcel of land which is not within the corporate limits of the Village, and which receives Village water and sewer services. In addition, this property has extended its service illegally and without permission to nearby properties. At last discussion, the Mayor and the Land Bank were looking into possible remedies. The owner has to sign an annexation petition to become part of Village. It seems that the Land Bank will not act. Give him a deadline for a resolution per Amy.

Green Meadows- The questions presented is whether the Village is responsible for maintenance of the roads and water and sewer lines which serve this trailer park. It has a new owner that the Mayor is working with. I have suspended work until the Mayor or Council directs otherwise. Village is responsible for the water and sewage lines according to mayor's research.

Hunter property- The Mayor is working on this nuisance property(ies). Amy gives permission to move forward with a filling of a nuisance.

Records Commission- A mid-year meeting is required under the open meetings, public records laws.

MAYOR'S REPORT

I have a new job as marketing manager for Third Sun Solar.

Meeting with southeast job commission on Tuesday.

Working with 3rd Sun Solar on getting solar panels for the restrooms for free.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Diana Burritt - Nothing

Connaught Cullen – Nothing

Tammy Hawk – Questions in regards to back for a bill. Fiscal officer explain that the wrong check stub got attached to the wrong bill due to them only being paper clipped together. The issue was resolved.

Diana Schoonover – Nothing

John Canter – Did not attend the meeting.

Eveyn Nagy – Evelyn asked about when the potholes was going to be fixed within the Village.

Chris responded that it's in the works.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion made by Diana Schoonover and seconded by Tammy to adjourn the regular meeting a. 7:49 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 12th, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY

Connaught Cullen

By ~~Mayor Amy Renner~~

Acting Mayor Connaught Cullen

Kevin Simons

Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer

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