

Village of Chauncey Council Meeting on March 15, 2017

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER- The Mayor, Robert Matthey, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at the Village Hall.

PLEDGE TO FLAG- Observed by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL- Taken by Fiscal Officer: Mayor Robert Matthey - present; Joe Canter- present; Larry Pierce- present; Teresa Cline-Scurlock-present; Ashley Campbell-absent; Tammy Hawk- present; John Canter - present.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA- Mayor asked for a motion to amend the agenda to allow former Village Administrator Mike Walls, (who had to leave early) Village Administrator Chris Russell and the Solicitor to discuss the status of the Converse Street sewer line collapse and efforts to obtain funding to repair the damaged portion. Joe Canter moved to so amend the meeting's agenda, seconded by Larry Pierce, AIF.

There was a lengthy discussion of the efforts Chris, Mike and the Solicitor made to find funding for the sewer repair with no success. Mike described how the repair will be made and the cost of \$81,000.00+ which will have to come from the Water Fund. Council member Canter said the Village had no choice but to transfer money from the Water Fund to the Sewer Fund. The Fiscal Officer told Council that taking the money from the Water Fund would not jeopardize the operation of the water plant because the revenue each month generated a surplus which would make up the money transferred to the Sewer Fund in less than a year. Council member Canter commented that the effort to raise sewage rates which Council had considered a couple of years ago needed to be resurrected and deliberated because this incident with the Converse Street sewer line collapse shows how the revenue from sewer rates is insufficient to cover the cost of maintenance and repair of the sewerage collection system. Other members concurred. The Mayor suggested the appropriate committee convene to discuss

the matter. The matter was placed on the agenda for action when Ordinances and Resolutions came up. The Solicitor distributed copies of the Resolution he drafted and the Petition he wrote that had to be sent to the Ohio tax commissioner for approval before it could be filed for consideration by the Court.

APPROVAL OF BILLS- Village bills were reviewed by Council members. It was moved for approval by Larry Pierce and 2nd by Tammy, AIF passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The February 15, 2017 meeting minutes were approved on Motion by Tammy Hawk and 2nd by Teresa Cline-Scurlock, AIF passed.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER- The Financial Report was reviewed by Council. There was a Motion to approve the Financial Reports by Tammy Hawk and 2nd by Teresa Cline-Scurlock. AIF passed.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-

Joe Canter introduced Resolution 2017-5. It was 2nd by Larry Pierce. With an all in favor voice vote. Resolution declaring a necessity to transfer monies from the water fund to the sewer fund and authorizing the Solicitor to prepare and file a petition for transfer with the Court of Common Pleas pursuant to O.R.C §§5705.14-16. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Joe Canter and 2nd by Tammy Hawk. There was a roll call vote with the following results:

John Canter – Yea	Joe Canter- Yea
Teresa Cline-Scurlock – Yea	Tammy Hawk – Yea
Larry Pierce – Yea	Ashley Campbell – Absent

Joe Canter then moved to adopt Resolution 2017-5 with a 2nd from Larry Pierce. There was a voice vote with All In Favor.

NEW BUSINESS-

RESIDENTS COMMENTS-

Amy Renner – May Ave. – She was wondering about the missing Council Member and if she had resigned. The Mayor informed her that no official resignation has been received by Council. The Mayor also explained that the missing Council Member had missed three meeting and he would be in touch with her.

Jane – CCIC was wondering if the Mayor had approached anyone about getting the flags replaced. The Mayor stated that he approached the Lions Club and they asked him to first speak to the Amvets to see if they would help with the cost of replacing the flags. The Mayor said he is in the process of speaking with the Amvets and once he got an answer from them, he would then speak with the Lions Club again. Jane also advised Council that the CCIC will be having a meeting on March 23, 2017 at 12:00 pm at the Quaker House, if anyone is interested in attending.

Peter Kotses – Advised Council the he has the preliminary plans for the Mountain Bike Trails at Wayne National Forest. Council and Peter discussed that the main and possibly the only trail head (for a couple of years) for the Mountain Bike Trail may be at the Chauncey Park.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-

The new Village Administrator was introduced. He advised that he had been ;in contact with several places regarding funding including but not limited to EPA, OPWC and Athens County Commissioners, however there is no funding available to help with sewer line repairs.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Solicitor Shostak will check on transferring funds from the water fund to the sewer fund to help cover cost of sewer repairs.

MAYOR'S REPORT- The Mayor reports that the Village Hall was broke into on the night of March 14, 2017. The suspects entered through a window and took the cash box after prying the safe open. The Mayor also states that we have received a consumer complaint from the office of Attorney General Mike Dewine. The complaint is asks that water meters be read in hundreds of gallons instead of thousands of gallons. Solicitor Shostak advised that he would reply to the



complaint. Mayor states that the next meeting will be on April 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS-

Ashley Campbell- Absent

Tammy Hawk- Rumpke is still driving down the alley that has a 4 ton limit. Mayor asked the Village Administrator to advise the truck driver that he is not allowed in the alleys with a 4 ton limit.

Teresa Cline-Scurlock- There is a lot of flood debris that is in need of clean up. The Village Administrator advised Council that he had been in contact with Hocking Valley Community Action to send guys down to clean up the debris. The Smith st triangle has raw sewage coming up out of the ground around the old septic that was previously hooked up to the house.

Larry Pierce- Asked if you were still required to obtain a building permit to build in the Village Limits? Solicitor Shostak advised Council member that citizens do need to file the building permits or Council can seek action against them for breaking the law. Larry advised that there is an addition to a garage being erected on Smith Street and the owner had refused to file for a building permit. Shostak advised the Village Administrator to deliver the building permit in person and inform the citizen of action if they refuse to file the permit.

Joe Canter- None

John Canter- The Capital Improvement Fund does need set up and he is willing to work with Larry in order to get the fund set up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None Needed

ADJOURNMENT- At 6:10 PM, Larry Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tammy Hawk. AIF passed.



APPROVED BY

Joe Carter
Mayor Robert Matthey Date
Acting mayor

RECORDED BY

Leslie Nicholson
Leslie Nicholson, Fiscal Officer Date