

Village of Chauncey Council Meeting on March 19, 2019

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER-The Mayor Robert Matthey 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- Village bills were reviewed by Council members. Moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Larry Pierce that the bills be paid. AIF passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)- Meeting minutes for February 19, 2019 Council Meeting were reviewed by Council. Moved by Joe Canter to approve the minutes; second by Larry Pierce-AIF approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER- Financial report for February 2019 were provided to Council members for review. Moved by John Canter to approve the Financial Report. Second by Tammy Hawk. AIF passed. Fiscal Officer reports that the 2016 and 2017 Audit is still ongoing

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-

Resolution 2019-2 – A Resolution instructing the Fiscal Officer to create a Chauncey Improvement Fund. This fund will be funded by donations and from monies received through grants to improve the community. There was a motion to Adopt by Joe Canter and a second from John Canter. AIF passed.

NEW BUSINESS- None at this time.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS –

Peter Kotses – Wanted to offer any further information that he may have on the Bailey Mountain Bike Trail and touch base with the Council. Mr. Kotses also advised Council that there is a Community meeting at the Chauncey Elementary at 5:30pm on March 27th, 2019 for anyone that might be interested in attending and a Business Development Workshop on March 30, 2019, beginning at 9am. Mr. Kotses also notified Council that Jessie Powers may be working to apply for some Open Mine Grants that would help fund the Phase I of the bike path.

Commissioner Charlie Adkins – Stopped in to advise Council why he no longer supported the Chauncey spur of the bike path because of the flooding issues that would come with the current path. The Commissioners currently have the same on going issue with the bike path from East State Street in Athens, down Route 50 toward Guysville. It currently floods there like it would on the Chauncey Spur and there is no way to keep the pathway clean and free of debris.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT- Administrator Russell advised that Jessie Powers the County Planner and the Commissioners are working to the bike path spur route into Chauncey because of the possibility of flooding. Administrator Russell met with County Commissioner Charlie Adkins earlier in the week and he advised that he would attend tonight’s meeting to relay why he couldn’t support the current Chauncey bike path spur route.

Councilwoman Amy Renner asked what would happen with the funding in the \$500,000 grant for paving First St. if the bike path is moved? She also asked if the funds could be used elsewhere for example pave a different street. Commissioner Adkins advised that he would have Jessie Powers the County Planner get in touch with Council with an update.

Administrator Russell advised that Ms. Powers wants the Village to set up policies regarding local businesses, ie taxing new business and possibly capping the amount of rent that could be charged. Council discussed this briefly and it was determined that Ms. Powers would be invited to the next Council meeting to discuss questions.

Administrator Russell advised Commissioner Adkins was also in Chauncey to look at ground that the Hocking River Commission is looking at purchasing with grant funds along the Hocking River. The Hocking River Commission would need

the support of the Commissioners and the Township Trustees in order to make the purchase.

Commissioner Adkins advised that he does not support the Hocking River Commissions bid for the purchase either. He advised that the Hocking River Commission was also seeking to remove the property from the Tax base. Commissioner Adkins advised that his issue is where is the end of their purchases and what the end result will be. The Hocking River Commission has already purchase 2000 acres in Hocking County on both sides of the Hocking River and another 200 acres in Athens County.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Solicitor Shostak advised that he and Administrator Russell would be filing charges in Athens Municipal Court on a citizens for stealing water. This is the second time this has occurred with the same citizen.

Councilman Larry Pierce asked how long this had been going on. Administrator Russell advised that the water was shut off in October for non-payment and that when he was caught the last time he came in paid the past due bill, then never paid anything on it again so it was turn off. After discussion among council it was determined that Council feels that he should pay at least for one month of service for the water that he used and was unmetered.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Next Council meeting is April 16, 2019 at 5:30pm. Reminder that the Chauncey Clean – Up day is the 1st Saturday in May.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS-

Amy Renner- Chauncey Community Challenge Committee has joined with the Lions Club for Clean-up Day. She feels that Bateman's should be paid somehow for all that they do on Clean-up Day. There are going to be flyers going in mailboxes about Clean-up Day. If there are any properties that need some help getting cleaned up please let her know, so the team can address it. Also we want to be careful not to take on more than the team can handle.

Administrator Russell advised that the Tolliver residence is starting to build up trash. He also advised that Ms. Tolliver has passed away and that he would be sending out a clean-up notice.

Amy asked about creating a Chauncey Community Improvement Fund. She advised that the Chauncey Community Challenge Committee will be applying for and possibly receiving grants and donations to help improve the Village.

Tammy Hawk- Community Challenge Committee may use some funds to purchase a large sign to advertise what is happening in the Community. ie sign like the one T's Quick Stop had. Tammy also advised that the Athens County Visitor's Bureau would be will to make flyers and banners for the Village to help promote what it going on in the Community.

Joe Canter-Good job to whoever cleaned the corner lot up at Lexington and Monroe.

Larry Pierce- None at this time.

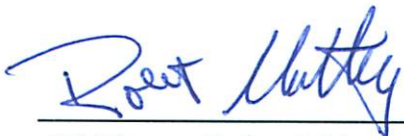
John Canter- What is happening with the signage for flooding. Solicitor Shostak advised that it has been taken care of by communication with District 10 Supervisor Mr. Sander. Mr. Sanders advised that the only sign that Ohio Department of Transportation will be putting out are the Road Closed Signs at the State Route 682 and US 33 intersection and the State Route 13 and State Route 550 intersection, anything further into the Village Corporation Limit would need to be place by the Village.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT- At 6:38 PM, Tammy Hawk moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Canter. AIF stood up.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY



BY Mayor Robert Matthey Date



Leslie Nicholson, Fiscal Officer Date