

Village of Chauncey Council

February 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Tamara Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The pledge was observed by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL: Taken by Tamara Hawk

Seat 1 – Connaught Cullen, Present

Seat 2 – Debra Gibson, Present

Seat 3 – Karla Dellinger, Present

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present

Seat 5 – Michael Kraus, Present

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Absent

Mayor – Tamara Hawk, President Pro Tem, Present

Village Administrator – Present

Village Solicitor – Present

Fiscal Officer – Present

Motion to excuse Dylan Skees made by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Mike Kraus, AIF

NEW BUSINESS:

ORCA – Approval to use the park on August 8-9th for an event: Annual bike race. They have already scheduled the event and it is on the books. Motion to approve made by Karla Dellinger, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF

Controlled Burns – Wayne National Forest. Will be doing a controlled burn. Will start at the trail head and go to the cell tower, toward the creek and powerline. Tammy will receive a packet to confirm the contacts are the same. Mike Kraus: When is the date? Jason from WNF: We try to burn in March. If something happens we can no burn this spring, we will try in the fall or next spring. Jason is working with ORCA on a plan for any of the trails. We will put signage up letting them know we are burning as well as post it on social media.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/FISCAL OFFICER:

Council asked for more time for financial statements. Hopefully the Friday before.

A motion to approve the bills was brought forward by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Debbie Gibson. All were in favor of the motion.

December 2024 Final Statement, motion to approved. Evelyn Nagy, seconded by Debbie Gibson, AIF, except Mike Kraus.

January 2025. Motion by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Evelyn Nagy AIF, except Mike Kraus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the January 9th, 2025 was made by Evelyn Nagy made the motion that was seconded by Debbie Gibson. All in favor. Mike Kraus Obtain.

Approval of January 29th, 2025 Special meeting minutes was made by Connaught Cullen seconded by Mike Kraus. All in favor.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2025-04 Solicitor's Contract, Jonathan will be picking up Jamarcus' role: Jonathan will take over as the prosecutor attorney because Jamarcus has taken a full-time job and no longer available.

Motion was made by Karla Dellinger, Evelyn Nagy seconded, All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2025-06 Amend rules of council to change meetings to the second Thursday of the month, repealing 2025-1: Motion was made by Karla Dellinger to introduce resolution 2025-06, seconded by Evelyn Nagy, AIF. Connaught Cullen made the motion to declare the resolution an emergency due to the timing of the meetings going forward, seconded by Karla Dellinger.

Karla Dellinger – Yes
Dylan Skees – Absent
Connaught Cullen – Yes
Evelyn Nagy – Yes
Mike Kraus – Yes
Debbie Gibson - Yes

Karla Dellinger made a motion to adopt, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2025-05 Authorizing the mayor to sign prosecutor agreement with Athens County for a public defender. Motion to introduce was made by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Karla Dellinger. AIF. Motion to declare and emergency and suspend the rules was made by Connaught Cullen, Seconded by Karla Dellinger. AIF

Karla Dellinger – Yes
Dylan Skees – Absent
Connaught Cullen – Yes
Evelyn Nagy – Yes
Mike Kraus – Yes
Debbie Gibson - Yes

Karla Dellinger made a motion to adopt, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF

ORDINANCE 2025-02 (Second Reading) An Ordinance Extending the Annual Deadline for Vacant Properties Registration and Fees until January 31. Mike Kraus: We passed this in December of 2023. What is the difference in this one. Evelyn Nagy: There was adjustment to the fees and capping the fees. This was sent to the planning and development committee. The planning and development did not come up with a clear decision (minutes from Planning and Development committee is attached for reference). Drew worked with Amy on this ordinance, the original ordinance was duplicated for the City of Painesville. Most vacant building within the village are exempt already. 15 out of 27 are already exempt. Drew believes if we put the fees to high, people will not be able to afford to fix the homes up. Barb asked why are we comparing us to a city of over 20k people. She just wanted to make that known. Drew: this is not peoples first home. This is an additional home. Karla Dellinger: I think we are making it harder for the small people since we have Capstone in the area. Karla's recommendation is cap it at 4 years. Debbie: I would like to see these homes turned into affordable properties in the area since there is a housing shortage in the area. Mike to Debbie: Do you think the fees are effective? Debbie does not believe the fees are effective. Council asked for Drew to send them a word document to their email. Connaught Cullen asked what the exemption are. Drew read the exemptions to the council.

Resolution 2025-8 Special election on November 4th, 2025 to file the office of the mayor. Evelyn introduced. Karla Dellinger seconded. First reading. Jonathan will email everyone a copy.

Resolution 2025-7. Authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement with Wayne National Service. Karla Dellinger introduced resolution 2025-7, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. Evelyn Nagy made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency due to the timing of the agreement, seconded by Karla Dellinger.

Karla Dellinger – Yes
Dylan Skees – Absent
Connaught Cullen – Yes
Evelyn Nagy – Yes
Mike Kraus – Yes
Debbie Gibson - Yes

Connaught Cullen made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mike Kraus. AIF

Resolution 2025-9 Permeant Appropriations for 2025: Motion to intro resolution 2025-9 was made by Evelyn Nagy, seconded by Debbie Gibson. AIF Connaught Cullen declared an emergency and suspended the rules due to financial implications that the permeant appropriations have on the village, seconded by Mike Krause.

Karla Dellinger – Yes
Dylan Skees – Absent
Connaught Cullen – Yes
Evelyn Nagy – Yes
Mike Kraus – Yes
Debbie Gibson - Yes

Evelyn Nagy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01, seconded by Connaught Cullen. All were in favor.

Ordinance 2025-3 Ohio Basic Code: Motion to introduce made by Evelyn Nagy, seconded, Karla Dellinger. AIF. Connaught Cullen declared it an emergency and suspend the rules so that the village can be in compliance with Ohio Law, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF

Karla Dellinger – Yes
Dylan Skees – Absent
Connaught Cullen – Yes
Evelyn Nagy – Yes
Mike Kraus – Yes
Debbie Gibson - Yes

Karla Dellinger made a motion to adopt, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Phase 1 is complete. The only things left is the cleanup and paving of the road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

We covered many of the items already.

Roxanne wanted me talk with you about adding the unpaid water bills. This can be sent to the auditor at any time. The best practice would be to have a list each month at the council to review and approve them to send to the county auditor. The village will charge a 5% admin fee to any bills to sent to the auditors office. Evelyn 8250 bailey run road. Seconded by Connaught Cullen. AIF.

DLZ prepared some surveys for the sidewalk along Converse Street to the Chauncey Marathon. The sidewalks are outside of the easement of the road. Drew and I are working on this and putting items together for the landowner to sign. I am also working with Columbia Gas.

Mr. Kent did not appear for his hearing.

COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Karla Dellinger: I would like to have items early for council meetings, everything would be nice but anything is helpful.

Evelyn Nagy: Village Dump truck. I have been working for RCAP about a grant, there is not a grant available right now. Fiscal Officer will work on financial options.

Dylan Skees: Absent

Connaught Cullen: I did get my email fixed. I did go to the buckeye regional council meeting.

Mike Kraus: We had a conversation about Spectrum. Where are we with that. Chris, we are not able to go with them at that time because they can't provide us with the correct service we need for the water and sewer plant.

Debbie Gibson: Nothing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session Entered at 7:05 to discuss pending legal matters. Evelyn Nagy made the motion, seconded by Connaught Cullen. Allowing the mayor, village administrator, village clerk, fiscal officer.

Karla Dellinger: Yes

Evelyn Nagy: Yes

Dylan Skees: Absent

Connaught Cullen: Yes

Mike Kraus: Yes

Debbie Gibson: Yes

Executive session was exited at 7:13 motion made by Karla Dellinger, Evelyn Nagy. AIF

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Transportation and Utilities: Dylan Skees. We want to continue the process of the late water bills and have them set up a payment plan.
- Planning and Development: Evelyn Nagy.
- Parks and Recreations: Connaught Cullen. We are not going to do the vending machine or the AID machine. Karla is going organize the clean up day.

MAYORS REPORT

I will be attending a human resources workshop. The deadline is tomorrow the 14th of February.

Drew and I are going to be meeting with some people for the SEOP about Texas Eastern.

Roxanne is going to take on some administrative duties from the Fiscal officer.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

None

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday March 13 at 5:30.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF

Meeting was adjourned 8:03 p.m.



Kevin Simons
Fiscal Officer

Evelyn Nagy
Council President