

Village of Chauncey Council

June 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Tamara Hawk call the meeting to order at 5:33 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 – Debbie Gibson, Present

Seat 3 – Karla Dellinger, arrived at 5:41.

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present

Seat 5 – Mike Kraus, Absent

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Present

Mayor – Tamara Hawk, President Pro Tem, Present

Village Administrator – Present

Village Solicitor – Present

Connaught Cullen made the motion to excuse Mike Kraus, Dylan Skees seconded, All in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Approval of the May 8, 2025 was made by Evelyn Nagy and seconded by Debbie Gibson. All were in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/FISCAL OFFICER:

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

Approve May Financial Reports, motion to approve presented by Dylan Skees, seconded by Debbie Gibson. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Erin Stevens from SOPEC made a presentation to council. The village has been a member since 2017. We started 10 years ago with 3 entities; we are now at 40. We now have many a crossed the state. We take care of anyone within the aggregated area. Electric can be anywhere from 1 to 3 years. Members can come and go as they want. The new rate term for Chauncey and Southeast Ohio is down. If you live within an area and you are not enrolled, you will be eventually picked up, but could be take up to 90 days. \$3,906 is what is left in our community grant. These funds could be used for just about anything in the village.

Pet Leash: Mayor Hawk, we have had some issues with dogs in the village not being controlled and not on a leash. We need to encourage anyone who has an issue to call the dog warden. We did receive a complaint about a dog getting bit by another dog.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

None

REPORT FROM MAYOR:

Nothing

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Update from Chris per Mayor: Mill Street is finished and putting the laterals on. Nye to Monroe is next. Phase 1 is looking to start paving, but no date set. DLZ is asking for the a "Dip ahead" sign by the gas station.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

A current issue that we are dealing with is due to the rain, a basement was flooded at a warehouse. They believe it is caused by village because the system couldn't take all the water. We have asked the owner for documentation on what he believe the damage was and the village will forward it to the individual contractors.

We are working on issues with Mr. Campbell. He believes that the village should pay for a survey of his property, we can't do that since it is his private property. I believe the best way to get this issue resolved is for him to get his own attorney so the lawyers can hash it out. We have asked him for an easement agreement and he has stated that he has already gave it to us. The only item I aware that the village has received is a mortgage survey which is not what the village needs. Chris has spoke to the contacts and asked them not to park on his land anymore. They agreed and going forward they have not and won't park on his land. The mayor has reached out to him to meet and asked him to get a lawyer so we could hash this out.

We should be set for the closing for the house next to village hall for around July 1st. Debbie Gibson: Habitat for humanity would be interest in helping demo the home.

I'm still working on the Edwards property.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL:

Dylan Skees: Nothing

Connaught Cullen: Nothing

Karla Dellinger: We had the community yard sale. There were 11 people who signed up, but only 9 people ended up doing it that signed up. It was not a very good weekend for it due to the rain.

Evelyn Nagy: I went to a housing coalition meeting and the region meeting. I took some notes and I will be sharing the notes with you. I have not been able to go to a meeting about the bike path because it conflicts with other meetings. Dylan: I have looked up the flooding maps and everything I have looked at shows that anytime it has flooded, it has been historical flooding.

Debbie Gibson: Nothing

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation & Utilities – Dylan Skees, chair: We have met since last update.

Park & Recreation – Connaught Cullen, chair: Our party was a big success. We made more than we spent. We received some funding to help fund the party and donations of items. The image on the side of village hall is coming along and should be finished by the end of the month. I would like to have some sort of ribbon cutting ceremony.

Finance and Personnel – Michael Kraus, chair: Absent

Planning and Development – Evelyn Nagy, Chair: We did look at the vacant building registration and looked at the fee structure. We did also talk about if someone who is having an emergency, they can fill an appeal. If council wants to put this on the agenda for next month, we will get something together. Since we are not allowed to change the structure for owner, we will probably need to meet again to come up with something else. As of right now we will leave the Ordinance as is.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Harrold. I am with the fire department associate. July 26th we are having a movie night. It will be at the school but if something happens, can we have it at the park? Since that race is going on that day, can we put a lemonade stand and a cotton candy stand? Connaught will reach out to Jessie Powers with ORCA. We have a meeting on Wednesday the 18th at 5:30 at the fire house.

Fauna Stout has volunteered to be on the planning commission.

Barb: We do have poison hemlock within the village. May want to let people know not to break it off and touch it.

Next Meeting is scheduled for July 10 @ 5:30 pm

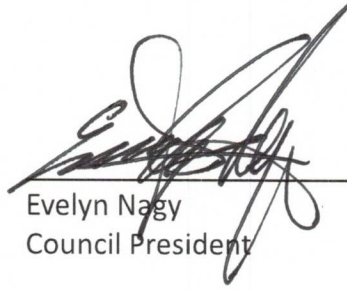
ADJOURN MEETING:

Karla Dellinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dylan Skees. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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Kevin Simons
Fiscal Officer

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Evelyn Nagy
Council President