Village of Chauncey Council Meeting on April 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER-The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at Village Hall.

<u>PLEDGE TO FLAG-</u> Observed by all in attendance.

<u>MOTION</u> -Councilman Larry Pierce moved that the Solicitor take minutes in the excused absence of the Fiscal Officer. Second Tammy Hawk. AIF passed.

<u>ROLL CALL-</u> Taken by Solicitor: Tammy Hawk- present; Larry Pierce- present; John Canter- present; Amy Renner- present; Joe Canter-absent.

Motion to excuse Joe Canter due to illness by Larry Pierce; second by John Canter. AIF passed

<u>APPROVAL OF BILLS-</u> Village bills were reviewed by Council members. Moved by Larry Pierce and seconded by Amy Renner that the bills be paid. AIF passed.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)-</u> Meeting minutes for Feb 20, 2018 were reviewed by Council. Moved by Tammy Hawk to approve minutes; second by Amy Renner-AIF approved.

Minutes of Records Retention Committee meeting on Feb 20, 2018 were reviewed by Council. Larry Pierce moved to approve; second by Tammy Hawk-AIF approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER- Financial report for February 2018 was provided to Council members for review. Moved by Tammy Hawk to approve the Financial Report. Second by Larry Pierce. AIF passed. No oral report from Fiscal Officer due to her absence caused by illness.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- No Ordinances or Resolutions were presented to Council.

NEW BUSINESS- No new business.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

 Nathan Simons of Community Action Network addressed Council regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant application. He stated that the prospects are favorable for the Village to receive funding this year. Simons stated that Community Action is the administrator for the funds. This year the NRG to the County would be about \$500,000.00 of which Chauncey stands a good chance of receiving 10%, about \$50,000.00 for the revitalization projects of the bike path spur and the Baileys Run Project portions which are in or near the Village. He spoke of the potential financial impacts for the Village of these projects to improve and extend the bike path and Wayne National Forest's Bailey Run Project. He was seeking concrete suggestions from the community. Council engaged with Mr. Simons on a number of points. Larry Pierce questioned whether the trailhead could be relocated from its currently proposed location to the west end of the Village where there are several dilapidated houses which could be razed and improve the neighborhood. Mr. Simons said any reasonable suggestion for modification would be considered if it would benefit the Village and be within the financial guidelines. Amy Renner prompted a discussion regarding maintenance of the proposed facilities and council members recalled how prevalent vandalism was when the Village Park had toilets, a shelter house with kitchen and a stage that were destroyed.

Mr. Simons informed Council that a public meeting was scheduled for April 24th from 6 to 8 at the Lion's Club in Chauncey. He would appreciate getting the word out. Tammy Hawk said to send posters and press release so they can be posted around the Village. She also asked for an email reminder to Council members. There will be second public forum in May. Simon's ended with the announcement that the final application is due on June 15, 2018.

2. Peter Kotsis addressed Council regarding the mountain bike trail head park project of the Wayne National Forest which has committed up to \$250,000 for this part of the Baileys Run bike trail. Discussion was brisk regarding the Quantified Ventures study which Council member John Canter has attended and participated in. Council was informed that the investment will be in the range of 5-6 million dollars for 58 miles of trails. Investors such as Tim Peacock are buying land in expectation of this project being funded and

made successful. John Canter will provide more details in the coming weeks on this exciting Village revitalization plan. Jesse Powers of HapCap is our liason with John Canter. Next meeting is on 25th at Athens Community Center.

<u>VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-</u> Administrator Russell informed Council that a sinkhole had opened on 4th Street. He is investigating and will do repairs as called for.

Mr. Russell has a meeting with the County Commissioners tomorrow on the electric upgrade. He will report back to Council.

Flooding costs may be reimbursable to the Village. The Administrator will be in discussions with HapCap.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Solicitor informed Council that he had no report to make.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Mattey informed Council of a submittal through EMI for flood costs incurred by the Village. Mayor informed Council that Village Cleanup Day would be May 5, 2018.

Next Council meeting is May 15, 2018.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS-

Amy Renner-inquired about the progress of the crosswalk on Converse Street. Administrator said that ODOT was going to do it but the time frame was unknown. Adm. Russell will check on that and report back. Ms. Renner also spoke about Community Improvement meeting to get residents involved in making the Village a better place. Can we do a community appreciation day? Does Village have someone to check on grants available to the Village for improvement projects? SoPec or Athens Foundation award grants for worthwhile projects, has the Village applied? Ms. Renner also inquired whether the Village can get a permit to allow open containers at the Park during events.

Tammy Hawk- no matters to report.

<u>Larry Pierce</u>- states that he wants to commend the Village workers for doing good work keeping the Village functioning. He also wants to know if Village can mount surveillance cameras without keeping the recording as a public record. Solicitor responded that those recordings likely would not constitute "public records" of a

character that required the Village to keep them and make them available as public records

John Canter- Mr. Canter reports on his attendance on be half of the Village at the organization of the Council of Governments for the administration and management of the Quantified Ventures funding being sought for the Baileys Run trail bike project and the bike path spur into Chauncey. He was also informed by SoPec on the Solar Panel Project. He will provide more detail at the next Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- No executive session was held.

<u>ADJOURMENT-</u> At 6:50 PM, Tammy Hawk moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Pierce. AIF stoodup.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

BY Mayor Robert Mattey Date

ACCORDED BY

Robert J. Shostak, Solicitor Date

12 June 2018