

Village of Chauncey Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER - The regular session of council was called to order by Mayor Renner at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

PLEDGE TO FLAG - Observed by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL - Taken by Fiscal Officer:

Seat 1 – Joe Canter, present;
Seat 2 – Connaught Cullen, present;
Seat 3 – Tammy Hawk, present;
Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, present;
Seat 5 – Larry Pierce, Present;
Seat 6 – John Canter, Present;
Mayor – Amy Renner, Chaired;
Solicitor – Robert J. Shostak, in attendance;
Village Administrator – Chris Russell, in attendance

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Evelyn Nagy to approve the bills. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council members reviewed minutes from January 21, 2020, February 11, 2020, and February 18, 2020 Council meetings, the Planning & Development minutes and Transportation & Utilities minutes.

Motion to approve the January 21, 2020 council minutes with the right to amend at a future date moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried

Motion to approve the February 11, 2020 council minutes with the right to amend at a future date moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Larry Pierce. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the February 18, 2020 council minutes with the right to amend at a future date moved by John Canter and seconded by Joe Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the February 29, 2020 Planning & Development committee minutes with the right to amend at a future date moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.



Motion to approve the February 25, 2020 Transportation & Utility committee minutes with the right to amend at a future date moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Financial Reports for March 2020 were provided to Council members for review. Motion to approve financial report moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2020-1 – Ordinance approving and enacting American Legal Publishing’s Ohio Basic Code, 2020 Edition as the Code of Ordinances for the municipality of Chauncey, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Joe Canter introduced Ordinance 2020-1 and seconded by Larry Pierce. Voice vote of All in Favor – Yes. Motion made to declare an emergency and suspend the rules of council moved by Joe Canter and seconded by John Canter. Roll call vote to suspend the rules with the following results:

Joe – Yea	Connaught – Yea	Tammy – Yea
Evclyn – Yea	Larry – Yea	John – Yea

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-1 moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-5 – A resolution approving Public Defender Contract. Resolution is to be tabled for deliberation until next month’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Village Administrator, Chris Russell, gave a report on the Texas Eastern building. New garage doors were put in place for a total of \$4,170.00 to reduce break-ins.

Village Administrator explained the purpose for purchasing a steel plate. The steel plate will help reinforce the road slip caused by a failed sewer line by Amevets. McKee Paving will come in and help secure it around the area with asphalt. They will also be completing sidewalk improvements by the Tiki Hut and Fire Department. For a total cost of \$5,550 for the steel plate and sidewalk improvements.

Annual Spring Clean Up. Village Administrator asked about the scheduled Clean Up day for the Village as to whether or not it was still happening. The Mayor informed the council that funding

for this activity is available through the end of 202 so we will be postponing the Annual Clean Up date for the fall.

Chris Russell talked to Mr. Chmiel, Landbank Board member, and he is going to work on taking down 72 Main Street since it already belongs to the Landbank. He is also going to try and acquire 74 Main Street in hopes to eventually tear it down as well.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor mentioned to the Council the possible need for law enforcement once the Bailey Trail is complete.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor gave a report regarding the Census. Chauncey has an 18% report rate which is the lowest in the County and one of the lowest for Southeastern Ohio.

The Mayor wanted the thoughts from Council members regarding a tax levy for a police Marshal. Council provided discussion of former Marshal's and the expenses that go into having a decent Marshal. Council member's would like to inform residents of the cost associated with employing a police Marshal and possibly distribute a survey to residents to receive feedback for the idea. The Mayor is in the process of obtaining a cost analysis to help make a decision.

The Mayor has applied for CDBG county allocation funds for Ellis Avenue.

The Mayor and Village Administrator have been working on several project profiles through Buckeye Hills Regional Council. This agency has many funding options such as OPWC, Street paving, and other needs the Village may need.

The Chauncey Planning Commission is still in the preliminary stage. The committee must consist 3 residents, 1 Council member, and the Mayor. Once available to meet in person, The Mayor hopes to schedule a meeting.

The Mayor brought to the attention of the Council that Athens Friends covered the cost of the water bills that went unpaid for the month of March. Thank you card is being sent.

Rural Community Action Partnership (RCAP) is reviewing the Village financial data to make a recommendation of water and sewer rates. RCAP is applying for a grant on our behalf to map our water and sewer lines.

OCRA trail updates – has not slowed down. \$90,000 from the county and city to help the S match the US forest sever. Add 10 more miles to the trail. ORCA did inquire about the Village of Chauncey supplying an amount towards this project. Possibly \$1,000. With a 20%

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Joe Canter – Possible TWP police force

Connaught Cullen – Baileys Trail project contact information. Contact information for HAPCAP, project head for park improvements. Inquired about budgets for committees, all expenses would have to be approved through Council before purchase. Possibly repurpose historical mine bricks. Chris Russell – Bricks will be taken away from site and stored at Texas Eastern building.

Tammy Hawk – Scheduling a Finance and Personnel Committee meeting in the near future.

Evelyn Nagy – For Park and Recreational Committee meetings, Monday and Friday's are no longer available.

Larry Pierce – Nothing to report

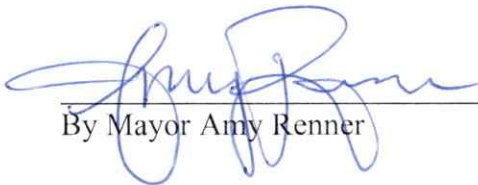
John Canter – Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion made by Larry Pierce and seconded by Joe Canter to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:16.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 5:30 via Zoom

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY

 7/23/2020
By Mayor Amy Renner Date

 5/20/2020
Chelsie McKee, Fiscal Officer Date

