

**Village of Chauncey Regular Council Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 8, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** - The regular session of council was called to order by Mayor Renner at 5:33 PM via Zoom.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG** - Observed by all in attendance.

**ROLL CALL** - Taken by Fiscal Officer:

Seat 1 – Diana Burritt, present;  
Seat 2 – Connaught Cullen, present;  
Seat 3 – Tammy Hawk, present;  
Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, present;  
Seat 5 – Diana Schoonover, present;  
Seat 6 – John Canter, absent;  
Mayor – Amy Renner, chaired;  
Solicitor – Robert J. Shostak, in attendance;  
Village Administrator – Chris Russell, absent (Sewer line issue);  
Guest – Rob Delach and Rob Somers.

Motion to excuse John Canter moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Diana Burritt.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion made by Diana Burritt and seconded by Diana Schoonover to approve the bills. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the March 11, 2021 council minutes moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried

Motion to approve the March 3, 2021 Planning Commission minutes moved by Diana Burritt and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the March 31, 2021 special meeting minutes moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Diana Burritt. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the March 31, 2021 Transportation and Utility minutes moved by Evelyn Nagy and seconded by Diana Burritt. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER**

No Financial Report

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 2021-4 – Ordinance approving and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2021 Edition as the Code of Ordinances for the municipality of Chauncey, Ohio. Motion to introduce Ordinance 2021-4 moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Connaught Cullen. Motion to declare an emergency and suspend the rules of council moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Tammy Hawk. Roll call vote:

Diana Burritt – Yes  
Evelyn Nagy – Yes

Connaught Cullen – Yes  
Diana Schoonover – Yes

Tammy Hawk – Yes

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-4 moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-5 (First Reading) – Ordinance... Motion to introduce Ordinance 2021-5 moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Diana Burritt. All in Favor – Yes.

Resolution 2021-10 (First Reading) – A resolution to adopt a Complete Streets program. Motion to introduce Resolution 2021-10 moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes.

Resolution 2021-11 – A resolution to remain an ORCA member and to supply the fee charges necessary with in-kind funds being the primary method. Motion to introduce Resolution 2021-11 moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Evelyn Nagy. Motion to declare an emergency and suspend the rules of council moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Diana Burritt. Roll call vote:

Diana Burritt – Yes  
Evelyn Nagy – Yes

Connaught Cullen – Yes  
Diana Schoonover – Yes

Tammy Hawk – Yes

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-11 moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

ORCA Membership – The Outdoor Recreation Council Agency is requesting a membership fee for all local entities that wish to be a part of their organization. This can be through direct or in-kind funds. The Mayor serves on the ORCA board and Village employees assist with the maintenance of the park it is believe the Village of Chauncey will qualify with in-kind funds. Tammy Hawk asked how in-kind funds are calculated. The Mayor suggests Village employees to start accounting for their time spent at the park as a way to illustrate the in-kind support. The Village can then use their timesheets as a way to calculate their payrate/time at the park on an annual basis. Council introduced an emergency Resolution 2021-11 to remain an ORCA member (look under Ordinances and Resolutions).

Park Expenses – The Mayor suggest that the park expenses previously discussed should be re-evaluated. The projected park expenses need to be adjusted for this summer since the park will be under construction for the majority of the season. A lot of work is also still needed for the sewer lines and restroom facility. Taking these factors into account it would be best to lower the project costs for this year. Council suggests that we also acquire another porta john and hand washing station for the park since the restroom facility is still under construction. Council discussed the price difference with an adjustment of \$4000 less than the original figure. The Mayor will send this to Jessie Powers, ORCA director, to bring to the next ORCA board meeting.

Sewer Lines – The Mayor sent Council a summary of the engineers and the Ohio revised code to help with the selection process. The Mayor discussed the company DLZ and their qualifications for the project. The Mayor has worked with Project Manager Michael Betz previously and he is also capable at writing grants for the Village to help gain funding for the project. Another company CTL Construction also has members of their team that are well qualified and have the ability to assist with grant fund applications. Diana Burritt asked if this project requires the streets to be torn up since we are repaving them this year. The Mayor said the streets will be repaved and included in the sewer line costs.

Connaught Cullen Nominates DLZ. Diana Schoonover nominates CTL Construction. Diana Schoonover suggests putting a document together comparing the two companies that have been nominated for the job.

Goins Property – The owner of the land differs from the owner of the trailer. The title of the trailer has to be signed over to the Village before we can get it removed. The owner of the land, Goins father, is deceased. The taxes for the property have not been paid in many years. Due to the estate issues the Athens County Land Bank does have the resources to take this property on. The Solicitor suggest working on the trailer first.

Chauncey Clean Up Day – The Village of Chauncey has scheduled their clen-up day for Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm. Village Administrator has requested 3 dumpsters for the event. The Village will start issuing nuisance violations for trash after this date.

Wastewater EPA Results – The Village received some violations from EPA. Village Administrator is working with the Village Sewer Operating to address this violation issues. The Villager Administrator will provide Council an update on improvements at the next Council meeting.

## **RESIDENTS COMMENTS**

Rob Somers – Barking dogs near his house is causing a disturbance. Unfortunately, this is out of the Village's hands and the Solicitor suggests contacted animal control.

## **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor will provide the Village Administrator report on Chris Russell's behalf.

It is suggested that the Village exchange the two older bobcat mowers for one newer mower. Council approves of this trade.

Gravel Hitch Purchase – The Village would benefit of the purchase of a gravel hitch. This spreads the gravel in alley ways efficiently and effectively. This would save time for Village employees since they are currently doing this process by hand with a shovel and/or rake. The approximate cost of this is \$1,026. Council approves of this expense.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Establish Mayor's Court – The Solicitor was asked to look into establishing/reopening the Village of Chauncey's Mayor's Court. The Mayor's Court has jurisdiction over violations of Ordinances within the Village limits. All nuisance cases and fines would go to through Mayor's Court.

Third Sun Solar – April 24, 2021 there will be a site visit of the Abdella property behind the trailer park. Third Sun Solar would like to expand their warehouse.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Street Paving Project bids are going out and The Mayor hopes this can be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

The Mayor received a liquor license request from David Funk for the Cozy Corner property. The Village has the opportunity to contest this especially with all the floodplain issues.

Smith Water Issue – House numbers 20-22 have been under the same water meter. Each house should have their own meter. Still need to determine if this is inside or outside the Village limits.

The Mayor brought up the wastewater Ordinance and how it will affect the possible brewery coming to Chauncey. The Brewery will need to treat the sewer system before dumping any brew down the drains. The Brewery was expecting similar actions but this does need to be in writing.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS**

Diana Burritt – People/residents have been asking what kind of businesses are needed in the Village. Suggests from Council: grocery store, laundry facility.

Connaught Cullen – Nothing to report

Tammy Hawk – Nothing to report

Evelyn Nagy – Nothing to report

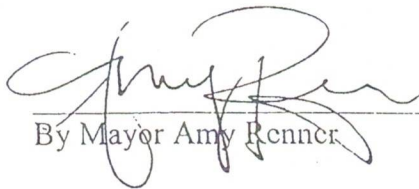
Diana Schoonover – Nothing to report

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, motion made by Diana Burritt and seconded by Evelyn Nagy to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:16.

Special council meeting scheduled for April 26, 2021 at 5:30.

Next regular council meeting scheduled for May 13, 2021 at 5:30.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

  
By Mayor Amy Renner

RECORDED BY

  
Chelsie McKee, Fiscal Officer