

Village of Chauncey Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020

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

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

Guest Present: Jill Thompson, County Auditor; Resident, Rob Delach

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council members reviewed minutes from April 21, 2020, April 30, 2020, and May 7, 2020 Council meetings, the Parks & Recreation minutes, Planning & Development minutes, and Finance & Personnel minutes.

Motion to approve the April 21, 2020 council minutes moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Evelyn Nagy. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried

Motion to approve the April 30, 2020 Emergency meeting minutes moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the May 7, 2020 Special meeting minutes moved by John Canter and seconded by Larry Pierce. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the April 28, 2020 Parks and Recreation committee minutes moved by Evelyn Nagy and seconded by John Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the May 5, 2020 Planning and Development committee minutes moved by John Canter and seconded by Larry Pierce. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the May 12, 2020 Finance and Personnel committee minutes moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Joe Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

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

Fiscal Officer provided loan information for the Council. Chauncey currently has 8 loans.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 2020-6 Amendment -- A resolution declaring a necessity of emergency for the appropriation of funds into the sewer fund. Another amendment needs made for this resolution. Resolution is to be tabled for deliberation until next month’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Property Tax Information Presented by County Auditor Jill Thompson:

Chauncey’s inside “millage” is maxed out with 7.1 going to 5 different institutes. Chauncey has the highest “millage” for property taxes in the County. 20% of Chauncey’s property tax is exempt. The Chauncey property tax levy expires this year so it needs to be renewed. Renewing is more beneficial than replacing. Property taxes are re-assessed every 6 years. The County is up for reappraisal in 2021 (Please review the attached documents starting on page 5 for more detail on Chauncey tax information).

The Mayor asked Auditor Jill Thompson about verifying a tax exemption property. Jill Thompson stated that local government can bring these to the attention of the Auditors office at any time and they take steps of verifying their exemption and/or remove them from the list. The property owners would need to reapply for exemption once these steps are taken. Jill Thompson will gather the Village’s tax exemption list for the Council to review.

A property tax levy is an option Council is reviewing for a possible way to pay for a Police Marshal. Decision will need to be made by the next Council meeting. The Mayor will also provide information on Police Marshal costs other municipalities in Athens County pay.

The Solicitor stated that former Mayor, Bob Matty, contacted him and said the Village of Chauncey was over charged and we would be receiving a check for \$5,400.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Rob Delach – Memorial trail work day will involve the Athens Bicycle Club and other volunteers cleaning up the trails. Baileys official opens for bikers on May 29.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, Chris Russell, gave a report on the collapsed sewer line projects. They are nearly completed. Just need to pave the road which will be done once the weather is better. The 1st and 2nd collapse will be paid in one invoice and the 3rd collapse will be billed in July.

Village Administrator said there are 11 accounts on the finals list. Due to the fact that these accounts cannot be disconnected per Governor DeWines orders, we are having a hard time receiving payments from residents. Need to contact these residents and let them know that paying something is better than paying nothing. As long as they pay something, we can work with them to create a payment plan after the COVID-19 crisis is over.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor is working on reformatting the FEMA Floodplain Ordinance. The Mayor designated the Planning and Development committee to sit on the Appeals Board just in case there's a variance request or other situation, needs to be established for the Floodplain Ordinance. Council members can act in a limited circumstance.

The Committees that were appointed require a rule change because they no longer comply with the current set. Will need to redo the Committee rules.

The Solicitor was contacted by a lawyer in Birmingham who has a buyer interested in purchasing the Green Meadows property. This is an indicator that the Baileys is making an impact. Need to work on completing zoning laws for the village. Village Administrator asked the Solicitor about the water and sewer maintenance at Green Meadows. Solicitor stated a land search would need to be done to know this information.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ODNR – Input on playground equipment which will be purchased with the Abandon Mine Grant. Council discussed tiered playground equipment for various ages.

Internet – Nelsonville TV Cable doesn't have any rights over this area. The Solicitor looked it up and there are no restriction in our area as to who provides cable/internet.

ORCA – Working on hiring an Executive Director for the Baileys trail.

Hunter's Garage – Bill Hunter wants \$10,000 for the property. The Mayor discussed this with Land Bank chair, Ric Wasserman, and he said that the property value is \$4,000. Bill Hunter will accept \$4,000 for the property. Ric Wasserman believes that's a fair price. No results on the contamination levels yet.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Joe Canter – The Hunter Property on Lexington needs cleaned up. Mayor – has been discussed in the Planning & Development committee meeting. Village Administrator intends on sending out a letter.

Connaught Cullen – Look into possibly creating a neighborhood watch. Join The Plains meeting to get crime reports and steps on getting started.

Tammy Hawk – Curious about the restroom situation at the park. Mayor - the project was expected to be complete by the end of August. COVID has slowed things down.

Evelyn Nagy – Nothing to report

Larry Pierce – Nothing to report

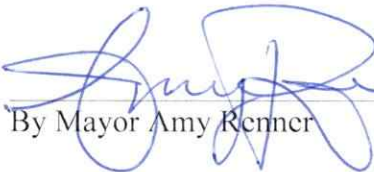
John Canter – Nothing to report

Next meeting scheduled for June 16, 2020 at 5:30.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion made by Larry Pierce and seconded by Joe Canter to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:20.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY


By Mayor Amy Renner Date 6/23/2020


Chelsie McKee, Fiscal Officer Date 6/23/2020



TYPES OF VALUE

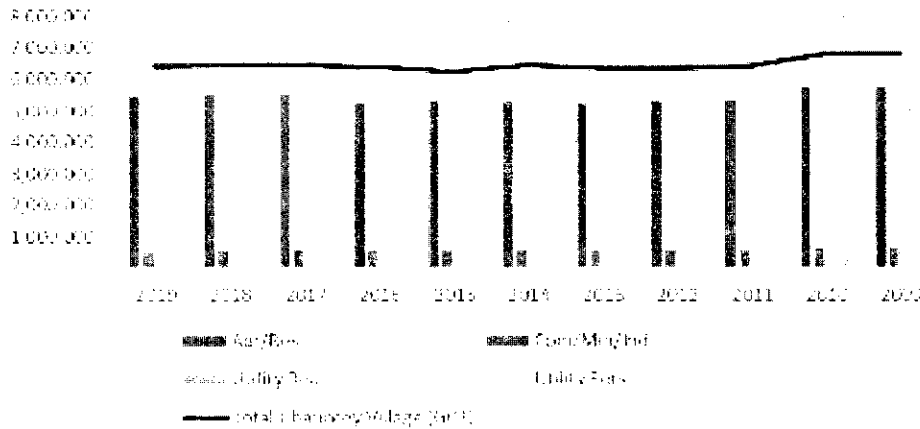
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2020 VALUATION TOTALS for Tax Year 2019

	AGR-RES	OTHER	UTILITY REAL	UTILITY PERSONAL	TOTAL
CITIES/VILLAGES					
Athens City	508,755,280	153,098,460	0	17,781,600	679,635,340
Athens City - Carseam Twp	500,170	18,074,900	0	8,7270	18,683,770
Amesville Corporation	1,725,810	181,340	0	125,020	2,032,170
Chauncey Corporation	5,479,300	609,840	23,430	390,570	6,493,140
Albany Corp - Alexander Twp	714,210	0	0	60,930	775,140
Albany Corp - Lee Twp	10,363,000	2,958,730	3,540	1,033,020	14,358,290
Coolidge Corporation	4,745,540	1,471,380	0	356,300	6,573,220
Goussier Corporation	13,829,870	1,764,250	33,210	437,660	16,064,990
Jacksonville Corporation	3,047,690	117,530	20,370	256,090	3,441,680
Trimble Corporation	2,251,850	302,240	28,630	2,153,970	4,736,690
Buchtel Corporation	4,483,500	173,590	1,180	291,600	4,959,770
Nelsonville City	53,952,320	8,712,410	0	3,676,210	66,340,940
CITY/VILLAGE TOTALS:	283,826,550	187,362,710	148,280	27,118,640	508,446,180

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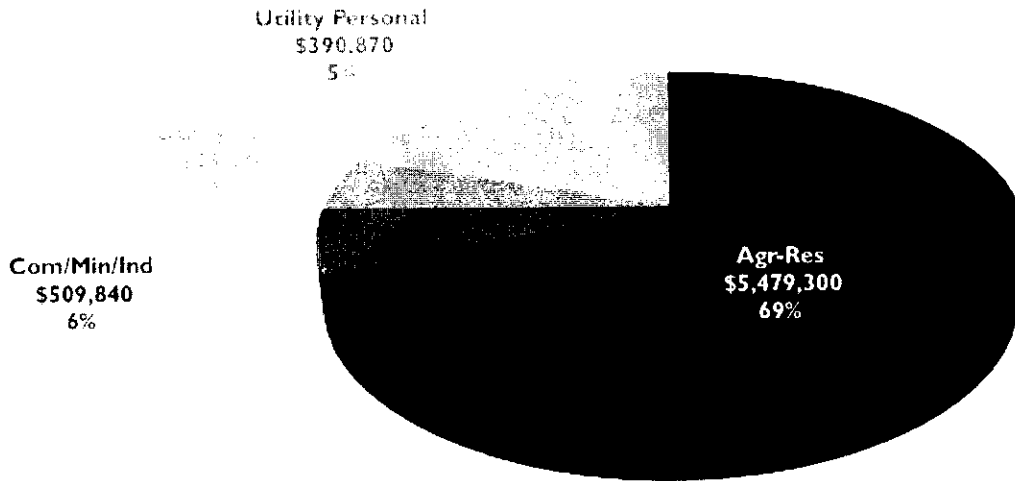
Chauncey Village: G02



CHAUNCEY VILLAGE VALUATION

Tax Year 2009 - 2019

2019 ASSESSED (TAXABLE) VALUATION



CHAUNCEY VILLAGE ASSESSED VALUATION

The current tax base includes
20% of tax exempt value

EXEMPT REAL PROPERTY VALUATION – CHAUNCEY VILLAGE

Description	Exempt Value
United States of America	\$44,040
Athens County	\$47,950
Chauncey Village	\$261,830
Athens City Board of Education	\$770,670
Charitable Institution (Privately Owned)	\$44,780
Churches, Etc., Public Worship	\$283,380
Graveyards, Monuments, Cemeteries	\$7,670
Other	\$115,880
Total Exempt Real Property	\$1,576,200

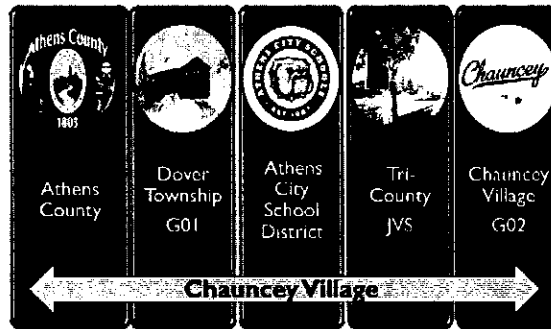
LET'S TALK ABOUT TAXING DISTRICTS AND RATES

RATES OF TAXATION FOR 2020 Tax Year 2019 ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO

TAXING DISTRICT	NAMES OF TOWNSHIPS, CITIES AND CORPORATIONS DISTRICT	COUNTY	TOWNSHIP	SCHOOL	TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL	MUNICIPAL	TOTAL TAX RATE	REDUCTION FACTOR REAL ESTATE AGRICULTURAL AND RESIDENTIAL	EFFECTIVE RATE REAL ESTATE AGRICULTURAL AND RESIDENTIAL	REDUCTION FACTOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL PUBLIC UTILITY-REAL PROPERTY ONLY	EFFECTIVE RATE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL PUBLIC UTILITY-REAL PROPERTY ONLY	
A01	ATHENS TOWNSHIP	23.15	6.70	63.38	3.30		96.63	.376109	60.224222	.364986	61.298045	1
A02	Athens City	23.15	0.30	63.38	3.30	2.60	92.73	.383455	57.172205	.374959	57.960029	2
E04	Athens Cty-Fed. Hocking Sch	23.15	5.13	29.00	3.30	2.40	63.55	.183069	51.858770	.183978	51.858223	15
F01	CARTHAGE TOWNSHIP	23.15	9.30	29.00	3.30		64.75	.181876	52.973619	.186321	52.750473	16
G01	DOVER TOWNSHIP	23.15	8.70	63.38	3.30		96.53	.365823	62.485441	.358343	63.222421	17
G02	Chauncey Corporation	23.15	3.30	63.38	3.30	7.90	101.83	.357854	64.878868	.346640	66.308706	18
G03	Tremble Local School	23.15	8.70	28.79	3.30		63.94	.215384	50.168326	.201458	51.068760	19



UNDERSTANDING TAXING DISTRICTS



EFFECTIVE RATE EXAMPLE: CHAUNCEY VILLAGE

Chauncey Village

Current Expense 5.00 Mills

Tax Year	Valuation	Effective A	Effective B	Revenue
2006	\$6,321,425	4.745560	5.000000	\$29,092
2019*	\$6,403,440	5.000000	5.000000	<u>\$30,416</u>
				\$1,324

*The current valuation for Chauncey Village is \$6,321,425. If this levy qualified to be placed on the ballot in 2020 and would be approved by the voters as a replacement, it would be expected to generate \$30,416 +/- any delinquency.