

Village of Chauncey Council

Special Meeting

January 29, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Tamara Hawk called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 – Tamara Hawk, Present

Seat 3 – Karla Dellinger, Present

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present

Seat 5 – Michael Kraus, Present

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Present

Mayor – Tamara Hawk, President Pro Tem, Present

Village Administrator – Present

Village Solicitor – Present

Fiscal Officer – Absent

Motion to allow Village Clerk, Roxanna Chiki to take the minutes of the meeting brought forth by Karla Dellinger, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

The floor was opened for opening statements by applicants interested in the open council seat.

1. **Elizabeth Skees** read her letter of intent outlining her experience with community outreach, grant writing experience and project management. She expressed interest in continuing the vision of the current council of progress and improvement of Chauncey.

Questions:

Connaught Cullen asked about how much time did Elizabeth had to devote to the village. Would her job allow for time and flexibility required to hold a seat on council. *Answer: Elizabeth expressed that her job allowed flexibility and as it is not full-time, she felt that this would not be an issue.*

Evelyn Nagy asked about grant writing and project management and if Elizabeth felt able to continue this work for the village. *Answer: Elizabeth stated that she would be able to benefit the town in this way.*

2. **Frank Campbell** stated that he was local to the area, his mom owned T's Quick Stop. He felt his connections with residents made him knowledgeable of their concerns. He would like to grow the village but keep its heritage alive also.

Questions:

Connaught Cullen asked about how much time Frank would have to devote to the village. Would his job allow for time and flexibility required to hold a seat on council. *Answer: Frank stated that he works approximately 60 hours a week and is a volunteer of the Chauncey Dover Volunteer Fire Department. He did not feel that the council seat would take too much time, and he would be able to provide the time required.*

Tammy Hawk asked about Frank's availability for council meetings, committee meetings and special events held by council. *Answer: Frank felt that his connections throughout the county and beyond would benefit the special events in sponsorships and volunteers; and he would have time for meetings.*

Mike Kraus voiced his concern about Frank's history of interest in dissolving the village. *Response: Frank stated that he was waiting to see what this council does. He would like them to set a path and ensure community involvement. He also said that the current council doesn't know as many residents as he did and was out of touch with resident concerns.*

Connaught Cullen asked about Frank's grant writing experience and skills. *Answer: Frank admitted to not having experience in grant writing but felt his salesman skills would be an asset to the village.*

3. **Debbie Gibson** introduced herself saying that her work with Habitat for Humanity provided her with experience with people in all walks of life. Her problem-solving skills and empathy would also be assets in her work for the village. She stated that she did not have grant writing ability but does work with many people who would be able to guide her. Debbie loves the quaintness of Chauncey and enjoys living here.

Questions:

Connaught Cullen asked about Debbie's time constraints and availability to attend meetings and events. *Answer: Debbie said that she would be part of the team and be there when needed.*

Frank Campbell asked Elizabeth Skees how many people she knew in the village. *Answer: Elizabeth said that she did not know very many of the residents.*

Frank Campbell asked Debbie Gibson how many people she knew in the village. *Answer: Debbie said that she did not know very many of the residents.*

Karla Dellinger did not have any questions from the applicants but encouraged anyone who was not chosen to run in the November election.

Executive Session:

Evelyn Nagy made the motion to enter executive session to discuss nominations. It was seconded by Dylan Skees. All were in favor. Executive session began at 6:30 p.m.

Connaught Cullen motioned to end the executive session with Evelyn Nagy seconding the motion. All were in favor. Executive session ended at 6:52 p.m. with no action taken during session.

Nominations:

Evelyn Nagy nominated Debbie Gibson; Connaught Cullen seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

Karla Dellinger nominated Frank Campbell; Mike Kraus seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Connaught Cullen – Debbie Gibson

Karla Dellinger - Frank Campbell

Evelyn Nagy – Debbie Gibson

Michael Kraus - Debbie Gibson

Dylan Skees – Recused himself from the vote

Solicitor Jonathan Robe administered the oath to Debbie Gibson and she took her place at the table.

The next order of business was the appointment of a council member to sit on the Planning Commission.

Mike Kraus nominated Evelyn Nagy to the commission; seconded by Connaught Cullen. There were no other nominations.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Connaught Cullen - Yes

Karla Dellinger - No

Evelyn Nagy - Yes

Michael Kraus - Yes

Dylan Skees – Yes

Evelyn Nagy accepts the appointment.

The last order of business was to set the day and time of the regular council meetings for 2025.

After much debate on a day and time, Karla Dellinger introduced the motion to set the regular meetings for the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held at the Quaker House. The motion will take effect beginning in February. Dylan Skees seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Solicitor Robe also expressed that his contract allowed he would give one hour to monthly meetings and that he had been lenient in the past. He requested the council to be considerate of time for all involved. Mayor Tammy Hawk encourages the committees to meet on a regular basis and bring a summary of discussions to each meeting. This should shorten the debate time for issues. Also, any business that may require the advice of the council would take place during the first hour.

Karla Dellinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL



Evelyn Nagy, President of Council

RECORDED BY



Roxanna Chiki, Village Clerk