

Village of Chauncey Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER - The regular session of council was called to order by Mayor Renner at 5:32 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, Absent;
Seat 6 – John Canter, Present;
Mayor – Amy Renner, Chaired;
Solicitor – Robert J. Shostak, in attendance;
Village Administrator – Chris Russell, in attendance

Motion made by Joe Canter and seconded by John Canter to excuse Larry Pierce from the council meeting. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the May 19, 2020 council minutes with the amendment moved by Evelyn Nagy and seconded by Connaught Cullen. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the June 2, 2020 Planning & Development committee minutes moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Joe Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the June 11, 2020 Finance & Personnel committee minutes 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 May 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 2020-3 – An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Deed of Easement right of way to AEP for purposes of extending electric power lines into Dover Park. Motion to introduced Ordinance 2020-3 by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. Motion to declare emergency and suspend the roles of Council by Joe Canter and seconded by John Canter. Roll call vote:

Joe Canter – Yea

Connaught Cullen – Yea

Tammy Hawk – Yea

Evelyn Nagy – Yea

John Canter - Yea

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-3 by Joe Canter and seconded by John Canter. 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.

Resolution 2020-6 Amendment (2020-6-2) – A resolution declaring a necessity of emergency for the appropriation of funds into the sewer fund. Use the State Highway funds to help pay towards road paving costs for as much as the funds allow. Motion to approve amendment to Resolution 2020-6 moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-7 – A resolution authorizing the fiscal officer to contribute funds to the Athens County Land Bank to purchase the former property known as the Hunter Garage. Motion to introduce Resolution 2020-7 by John Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Nathan Simons, HAPCAP – Contractors will be moving into Chauncey within the next week. McKee Paving will be doing the entrance to the park, prepping the parking lot area, and prepping the restroom facility area. John Jackson will be doing sidewalk work and will be working on constructing the restroom facility after being prepped by McKee Paving. Construction fencing can be provided at the Villages request. Nathan believes the access road can still be used. The time frame for the majority of the work is 2-3 weeks which will meet the deadline of August 31. The restrooms are the only part that will take longer.

Village Administrator brought up a bill the Village had received from AEP. Nathan stated that this is something the Village had agreed to for park electric service. With the invoice also involves an AEP easement. Council introduced an emergency Ordinance 2020-3, to allow these changes (look under Ordinances and Resolutions).

Ellis Street Paving – The Village was awarded \$45,000 for repaving Ellis Ave. Nathan will be finalizing the application. The grant will be given in September and the work will be performed between September-October of 2021.

Income Tax/Police Marshal – Council viewed the documents provided about Police Marshal expenses and income tax levy information to pay for a Police Marshal for the Village. A resolution will need to be passed at the July Council meeting to put this on the November ballot. Needs to be stated that all residents that pay income tax for another municipality will receive a full credit. The credit cannot be changed without it going through the ballot. Need to also be specific that all funds provided by the income tax levy will go towards a Police Marshal. Athens Income Tax Department works with CCA (Central Collection Agency) and they highly recommend us working with them. They handle delinquencies and work on collecting these funds. They charge 2% of the total taxes collected for the first 2 years of service. Joe Canter mentioned the idea of providing a way to exempt Village employees from this income tax. Council agreed and the Mayor suggested a raise to make up the difference.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Jim Edwards contacted the Village Administrator about possibly getting an easement on the new Park Road so he can access his property. This is just an idea he wanted to bring up to Council. He would like to clear and development where the old mine buildings are to put in RV camping sites. Village Administrator contacted Dawn McCarthy and she said it was up to Village Council. Since we do not know the final plans for the park, it will have to be determined at a later date.

Village Administrator sent out a clean-up letter to Bill Hunter. However, that house is actually owned by Brent and Anita Pierce. The vacate house next door is owned by Bill Hunter which a notice was sent out for as well. He has 15 days to do something to the property.

Hunters Garage – Bill is wanting \$4,000 for the property. The Land Bank is willing to purchase the property and use the available grant funding to clean up the property. The Land Bank and Village will each contribute \$2,000 towards the purchase. Council introduced Resolution 2020-7 to contribute \$2,000 towards the Land Bank purchase of Hunters Garage (look under Ordinances and Resolutions).

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

There is a Porta John at the Dover Park. Rural Action is paying for this service with the ARC Grant. The invoices will be billed to the Village of Chauncey.

The Mayor has been talking to the library about putting in a “Blessings Box” aka a little food pantry.

The Mayor received an email regarding an obstructive vehicle along May Avenue. Village Administrator will ask the owner if they would be able to move the truck so it's not blocking the view.

The Mayor also received a request about putting a stop sign at the intersection of Monroe and Ellis to slow down traffic.

The Mayor is working with Bailey's on an Economic Development Grant. This grant needs to work towards creating jobs so the Mayor needs to know if any new businesses are coming to Chauncey.

The Village property tax levy needs renewed. The Mayor is going to push the property tax levy to the March election since we are putting the income levy on for the November election.

Records Retention Meeting – The meeting in April was cancelled due to COVID. Would like to schedule one for the 2nd Tuesday in July.

The next Planning & Development meeting has been scheduled for June 30th at 5:30. This meeting will be in person.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Joe Canter – None

Connaught Cullen – None

Tammy Hawk – None

Evelyn Nagy – With Hocking College working on some of the art work for rebranding, could we involve the community in submitting their own art work to include it in the rebranding process.

Parking Fees - The Mayor has several ideas to allow bikers to provide donations towards the Village/Park.

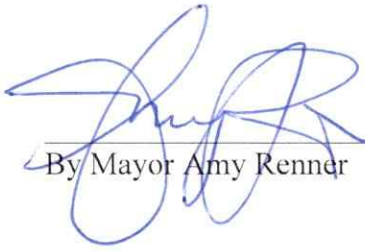
John Canter – Asked about the status of the Village website. The Mayor informed Council that the Visitors Bureau had laid off the workers who were going to create the Chauncey website. Someone locally reached out to the Mayor but wanted to be paid for the work which is not in the budget. How many parking lot spaces will be available at the Park once completed? Vendor spots? ODNR does not have the final plans yet. Approximately 9 parking spots will be installed in the first phase and more spaces to come next year.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion made by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Joe Canter to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:15.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2020 at 5:30 via Zoom.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY


By Mayor Amy Renner

7/23/2020
Date


Chelsie McKee, Fiscal Officer Date



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