

**Village of Chauncey Council**  
**January 3, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Amy Renner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG** – The pledge was observed by all in attendance.

**ROLL CALL** – Taken by Fiscal Officer

Seat 1 – Connaught Cullen, Absent

Seat 2 – Tammy Hawk, Present

Seat 3 – Karla Dellinger, Present

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present

Seat 5 – Mike Kraus, Present

Seat 6 – Open

Mayor – Amy Renner, Present

Village Administrator – Present

Village Solicitor – Present

Motion to excuse Connaught Cullen made by Karla Dellinger, seconded by Mike Krause. AIF

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vacant Council Seat

Jennifer Kirkpatrick: She is still trying to decide if she wants to be on the council. She wanted to know what the commitment was and what it involved. Mayor Amy stated that we have one council meeting a month plus each council member sits on at least one committee. You also have to look at the council packets to ensure the village is staying fiscally responsible

Dylan Skees: I am a property owner here within the village. I like the opportunity to help improve the village. I would like to continue to serve on the village council.

Frank Campbell was not able to attend due to work. Karla Dellinger read his response to some questions that the council members had for him.

Mike Kraus: I am unsure if he answered question 1. Karla Dellinger re-read his answer.

Barb: Would like to be able to have more information on the website.

Tammy Hawk: Jennifer, would you like to reconsider? Jennifer would like to put off until the next time that there is a seat available.

Tammy Hawk nominated Dylan Skees, seconded by Evelyn Nagy.

Karla Dellinger nominated Frank Campbell, no second. Nomination Dead.

Roll Call to vote in Dylan Skees as a new council member.

Tammy Hawk: Yes  
Karla Dellinger: Yes  
Evelyn Nagy: Yes  
Mike Krause: Yes

Dylan Skees was sworn in at 5:58 on 1/3/2024

Vacant Planning Commission Seat:

Mayor Amy made the appointment of Marty Stern

Council President Appointment:

Dylan Skees would like to nominate Connaught Cullen, seconded by Evelyn Nagy.

Dylan Skees: Yes  
Evelyn Nag: Yes  
Karla Dellinger: No  
Mike Kraus: No  
Tammy Hawk: Yes

Evelyn Nagy would like to nominate Tammy Hawk, seconded by Karla Dellinger.

Evelyn Nagy: Yes  
Karla Dellinger: Yes  
Mike Kraus: Yes  
Tammy Hawk: Yes  
Dylan Skees: Yes

Council Committees: Committees will stay the same.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Tammy Hawk, seconded by Evelyn Nagy, AIF

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Motion by Mike Kraus, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

Tammy Hawk would like to introduce Ordinance 2024-1 Budget for 2024, Dylan Skees seconded. AIF

Tammy Hawk asked about the Sewer, and why is expense higher than the revenue? Fiscal Officer: This is due to the invoices from DLZ regarding the sewer project. The village pays for the invoices upfront and gets reimbursed. Since it is a reimbursement, it does not count as revenue.

The Mayors Salary needed to be adjusted. Fiscal Officer adjusted.

Karla Dellinger asked about raise money and Tracy's raise once she finishes with her training. The Fiscal Officer stated that that was included.

Tammy Hawk would like to suspend the rules and declare an emergency due to the timing of payroll and bills due for the village, seconded by Karla Dellinger.

Tammy Hawk: Yes

Karla Dellinger: Yes

Evelyn Nagy: Yes

Mike Kraus: Yes

Dylan Skees: Yes

Karla Dellinger made the motion to adopt, seconded by Dylan Skees.

**Resolution 2024-1** Rules of Council: Moving resident comments to the end so they can take all sections in and comment on everything. Karla Dellinger asked the village members in attendance what they would like. The village members would like to have one at the beginning and one at the end. The solicitor stated that once the village council meeting starts, the rules of the council is in effect. Council discussed the pro's and con's about putting the residential comments in different places within the meeting. Council can ask for comments when they feel it is necessary. Residents in attendance asked about the possibility of the council posting the agenda before the meeting. Tammy Hawk would like it at the end, Karla Dellinger is thinking about putting it at the end, Evelyn Nagy would like to see it at the end, Mike Kraus personally likes it at the end, Dylan Skees thinks the end makes the most sense. The solicitor likes the idea of the public knowing the agenda before the meeting.

The residents' comments will be moved to after the resident comments.

Evelyn Nagy would like to introduce, seconded by Dylan Skees. Tammy Hawk would like to declare an emergency and suspend the rules so that the council is within the rules and regulation of the law. Seconded by Karla Dellinger.

Evelyn Nagy: Yes  
Tammy Hawk :Yes  
Dylan Skees: Yes  
Mike Kraus: Yes  
Karla Dellinger: Yes

Motion made by Tammy Hawk to adopt, Evelyn Nagy seconded. AIF

**Resolution 2024-2** Employee Holiday Schedule. Tammy Hawk would like to introduce, seconded by Karla Dellinger. Tammy Hawk would like to declare an emergency and suspend the rules so that the council so the village employees can receive pay for their 2024 Holidays. Seconded by Karla Dellinger.

Evelyn Nagy: Yes  
Tammy Hawk :Yes  
Dylan Skees: Yes  
Mike Kraus: Yes  
Karla Dellinger: Yes

Motion made by Karla Dellinger to adopt, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF

**Resolution 2024-3** Solicitor Contract for 2024. Karla Dellinger would like to introduce, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF. Tammy Hawk would like to declare an emergency so that the village as a solicitor represented, Seconded by Evelyn Nagy.

Evelyn Nagy: Yes  
Tammy Hawk :Yes  
Dylan Skees: Yes  
Mike Kraus: Yes  
Karla Dellinger: Yes

Motion made by Karla Dellinger to adopt, seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF

**Resolution 2024-4** Authorizing the Mayor and Solicitor to negotiate a contract for a prosecutor contract. Karla Dellinger introduced, Evelyn Seconded. Tammy Hawk declared an emergency so that the village would have a prosecutor, seconded by Dylan Skees.

Tammy Hawk: Yes  
Karla Dellinger: Yes  
Evelyn Nagy: Yes  
Mike Kraus: Yes  
Dylan Skees: Yes

Evelyn Nagy made the motion to adopt, and was seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF.

**Ordinance 2024-2 (First Reading) Pay to Stay:** Evelyn Nagy would like to introduce Pay to Stay, seconded by Tammy Hawk. AIF. Karla Dellinger is not necessarily opposed to this ordinance. The section that I am opposed to is where the 3 days late rent, that they can be evicted. I am for people staying in their homes. How do we find a happy medium for people are trying their hardest? Mayor Amy: The route of what this ordinance is for is for people who are experiencing a lot of unfair practices. Evelyn Nagy: The landlord does have protection through the law system. The tenant does not have anything to protect them. Dylan Skees: I have been around rentals all my life and have been on both sides of it. I have seen a lot people taking advantage of on both sides of this issue. Mike Kraus: I am all for helping landlords and also helping tenants. Tammy Hawk: I feel like this helps protect tenants that trying to make ends meet and not taking advantage of the landlord.

**Ordinance 2024-3 (First Reading) Unlawful discriminator practices.** Tammy Hawk would like to introduce Ordinance 2024-3, seconded by Dylan Skees. This Ordinance would help with people discriminating against people due to their sources of income, race, sex, etc. Section 8 of the ordinance is speaking to all the businesses in the area. This will help with areas that are also public spaces. This would pertain to people renting public spaces. Council would like to look over this and discuss again next council meeting.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

I do not have much due to the holidays. Evelyn asked about the newsletter. Mayor Amy is going to start working on it and council is willing to help her get them mailed out.

I requested and received a 6 month extension for the ODNR NatureWorks grant. Chris was able to get the work completed so we should be able to close this grant this month and get reimbursed the funds spent to remove the sewage holding tank and add the water meter at the park.

The preconstruction meeting was held for the sewer and water projects. Chris can discuss this during his report because I wasn't able to attend due to illness.

Chris mounted the Invisible Ground marker at the park, thank you Chris!! Please stop by to check it out. The Podcast episode for Chauncey was also released which is really great, it has a lot of interesting stories from local longtime residents.

### **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Menden Pipeline received the contract. They are either going to start at Mill Street or the Plant. They are projected to start on March 25<sup>th</sup>. We will not be doing anything on private property. Plum Street Water extension is projected to start February 1<sup>st</sup>. Storm drains will not hook into the sanitary sewer going forward. I did find the water meter at Walt's bar. I have removed the water meter. If they want it hooked back up, they will have to contact us. Oakfield water may be donating a new blower for the village.

We have not heard from the new water/sewer company about switching items over and training Tracey.

### VILLAGE SOLICITOR

47 Main Street: The Landbank filed a lawsuit against him. Yesterday, Athens Preservation asking the judge to throw out the lawsuit. September 29<sup>th</sup> the new flood map came out for the village. 47 is now in the flood plain. The only thing that can now be done with that property is for it to be torn down. Letters will be sent out in April/May. The village can appeal the flood plan. It is very costly and it could actual change the flood plan in the wrong direction. I have no idea what impact this will have on the landbank litigation. I am hopefully with the new flood plan maps, that the two sides can agree. We do not have the power to change the FEMA flood plan map. This seems to me that it would help get a resolution of the property.

I am working with the Mayor on the paperwork for the NatureWorks Grant.

### REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Tammy Hawk: Thank you to Chris for taking care of the Christmas decorations.

Karla Dellinger: A resident asked if there is any way we could do a zoom meeting for our council meetings. Fiscal Officer will check on what technology is out there to assist with this.

Evelyn Nagy: Nothing

Mike Kraus: If I can be of any help with the new water software, I am willing to help.

Dylan Skees: I talked to Chris prior to the meeting about getting the doors fixed at the park so that the doors lock and unlock.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

L. Flores: What's the difference between a floodplain and a floodway? Floodway you can do certain things, floodplain you can not do any development. Also, she suggested printing out the agenda and having them available for residents.

Dani: Could you please send out the agenda to us so we can get it public before the meeting.

Jennifer: Is the floodplain or floodway larger? The floodway is larger. Has FEMA sent out the letter yet? We believe they will be sent out in April or May.

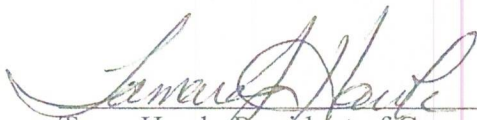
Barbie: New floodway, is it on this side of the tracks or on the other side of the tracks? FEMA website will show the new map. How many court evictions have there been in Chauncey for non-payment of rent? The solicitor is not aware of any place that keeps this record. So basically you want to pass an ordinance without any data. If pay-to-stay is enacted, will the rental permit fees be given back? It is currently not in the ordinance. Is the court cost and attorney cost be covered by the tenant being sued? Unless there is wording in the ordinance, it will not be covered. Ordinance 2024-3: Is the part about housing the same as Athens. It is the same as Toledo. How will it be handled if someone claims they are being discriminated against/who is going to be responsible for this? Solicitor: as far as I know, there is nothing in the current wording of the ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

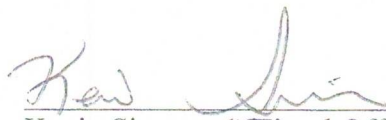
The next meeting will be on February 7th, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Tammy Hawk at 8:08 pm, Evelyn Nagy seconded. AIF

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

  
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Tammy Hawk, President of Council

**RECORDED BY**

  
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Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer