

Village of Chauncey Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – The council meeting was called to order by Amy Renner at 5:30 PM

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, Absence

Seat 5 – Diana Schoonover, Absence

Seat 6 – John Canter, Present

Mayor – Amy Renner, Present

Solicitor – Robert J. Shostak

Village Administrator – Chris Russell, Present

Guest – Larry Kent, Robert Delach, Bill Hunter, and Jonathan Robe

Motion to excuse Evelyn Nagy and Diana Schoonover, Tammy Hawk; seconded Diana Burritt.
AIF

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to approve bills made by Diana Burritt, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 9th, 2021 by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Diana Schoonover, AIF

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Motion to approve the September 2021 finances by John Canter seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mobile Home (2005-09-06 Original); Tammy believes that it should be updated. Tammy does not believe that any of restrictions apply to today. The original ordinance was put into place in 2005. John wants to include definition of modular home and mobile home. Solicitor believes that the definition in the ordinance regarding modular homes and mobile homes comes from state and federal legislation. Planning commission is coming up with zoning for the Village of Chauncey regards modular homes, mobile homes and new building construction. Tammy believes that too

many steps to get a modular home and mobile into the village. Mobile home rules do not apply to the trailer park. Any calls received in regards to modular or mobile homes will be asked to fill out the mobile home application. Part of the issue at one point was people pull trailers in all the time which was destroying the streets. There are federal regulations in regards to mobile home and modular homes. Solicitor will do more research regarding federal and state regulations surrounding mobile and modular homes.

Rules of Council: Make amendment to 2 meetings from 4 meeting. Make amendment to rule #44. Tammy Hawk to make a change of rule 44 from 4 consecutive meetings to 2 consecutive meetings. Tammy Hawk: seconded by Diana B.

Fiscal Officer residency requirements: Resolution 2021-25 waiving of Fiscal Officer Residency. Diana Burritt motion: Tammy Hawk. AIF

Resolution 2021-26 Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. John motion, Diana Burritt second. AIF.

Ordinance 2021-8 Backflow Prevention Rule. Solicitor to review and write resolution. EPA requires a resolution. Motion made by Connaught Cullen: seconded by John Canter. AIF

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Kent owns the mobile home at 4 Ellis Avenue. He was surprised that there was a \$ 600 water bill from previous time. Asking for a break in the sewer bill since he believes that there was a break in the line. Asking to only have to pay \$ 300.00 and be relieved of the rest of the bill. The bill is in Joe Rutter's name for roughly \$ 697.00. Ordinance was passed some time ago that states that water and sewer bill is the responsibility of the land owner no matter if it was the renter who defaulted. Chris believes that the charges were before Larry owned the property. Tammy Hawk believes that any late charges should be waived. Council wants bills to when the water was used. Willing to possible waive the bill. Motion for Larry Kent to pay \$400 on outstanding account and have water service restored. Motion made by Diana Burritt; seconded by Connaught Cullen. AIF

Robert Delach: Organized a meeting for remote workers. Trying to encourage people to live the area and work remotely. The meeting is Tuesday October 26th. Will be held at 5:30 in Athens.

Bill Hunter: Solicitor sent a letter to Chauncey Faith Chapel Church in regard to demolition the building on Congress Street. Amy and Chris meeting on Monday the 11th of October. Asking to extend the deadline for the property on Congress Street April 30th 2022. Empty out old laundry building except for building material. Want to fix up the trailer and have it available for people visiting the church. Solicitor to draft an agreement to Chauncey Faith Chapel Church with

stipulations. Motion for the agreement that was talked about during the council meeting. Motion made by John Canter; seconded Connaught Cullen. AIF

47 Main Street revised floodplain permit – Mayor needs a revised permit. Believes the design meets all the requirements. He will have 120 days to complete the work once the permit is issued. Chris will keep checking on the status of the work being done once the work begins. John Canter wants on record that he has put the village through many ups and down. Mr. Funk said he would have the building started within 6 months of purchasing the property. Mr. Funk purchased the property over 18 months ago.

Evelyn drafted a Land Acknowledgement for the Village of Chauncey. The form provided is a draft. Evelyn has also reached out to the Multicultural Center at Ohio University for edits to the draft and she is waiting for the final edition from the Multicultural Center.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Cindy Six on 4th street would like to have a storm drain put in. She has a water problem and water collects in her yard when it rains. She wants the storm drain in the alley but the alley is closed and now is private property. Solicitor said Village can't improve private property.

Chauncey Christian Church has a water leak. Chris has ordered the parts to fix the broken line.

Dumpster on Lexington Avenue. Has been asked to move, but yet to remove it. Chris will put a deadline on to when the dumpster needs to be removed by October 19th.

Ohio Public Works project is done.

Ellis is supposed to get paved this year. McKee's Paving said they will get it done this year (Weather permitting)

SOLICITOR'S REPORT/OPEN ITEMS

Johnathan Robe will be filling in as assistant solicitor for RJ while he is out of town. RJ will let us know if he will be returning in January 2022.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ORCA – Jessie is working on a proposal for a grant to receive funds. The grant funds will cover the southeast area.

School district buildings are getting cleaned out to get renovated. They will be developing a brewery.

Abdella property update: Mayor has a meeting with them Monday.

Commissioner's will be selecting projects for the sewer funds and Abdella property may get the funds for sewer.

Civil War marker: The group is filing for a grant to get the marker put in.

Broadband: Ohio TT believes that Chauncey is a perfect fit for the tower since the village is small and so close together.

29 Lexington: Tenants are not playing music late enough to enforce a noise ordinance and the village does not have a current noise ordinance. Land owner did not know anything about the music and plans to put a stop to the music/have the music turned down.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Diana Burritt – Asking about the Lions Club are going to do anything for Halloween.

Connaught Cullen – None

Tammy Hawk – Community improvement committee. Received a \$ 1,000. The money will be used for a sound system for the park. Had a bake sale and raised more money for the park.

Diana Schoonover –None

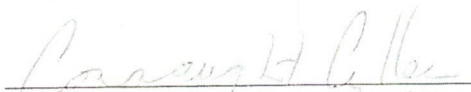
John Canter – Asked status of the village playground equipment. It was accepted by a bid by a company out of Pennsylvania. May start the project this year.

Evelyn Nagy – None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion made by John Canter and seconded by Diana Burritt to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:39 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 11th, 2021 at located at the village hall beginning at 5:30 PM.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL


Connaught Cullen, President of Council

RECORDED BY


Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer