

**Village of Chauncey Regular Council Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 21, 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, present;  
Seat 6 – John Canter, Present;  
Mayor – Amy Renner, Chaired;  
Solicitor – Robert J. Shostak, in attendance;  
Village Administrator – Chris Russell, in attendance

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the June 16, 2020 council minutes with the amendment moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the June 30, 2020 Planning & Development committee minutes moved by Tammy Hawk and seconded by John Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the July 15, 2020 Transportation & Utility committee minutes moved by Larry Pierce and seconded by Evelyn Nagy. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER**

Financial Reports for June 2020 were provided to Council members for review. Motion to approve financial report moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by John Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 2020-4 DRAFT – An ordinance outlining the municipal income tax if levy passes. Ordinance not to be voted on unless the income tax levy has passed.

Resolution 2020-5 – A resolution approving Public Defender Contract. Motion to accept the Public Defender Contract and pay the invoice moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Larry Pierce. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-7 (Second Reading) – 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 declare emergency and suspend the rules of council moved by Joe Canter and seconded by John Canter. Roll call vote:

Joe Canter – Yes	Connaught Cullen – Yes	Tammy Hawk – Yes
Evelyn Nagy – Yes	Larry Pierce – Yes	John Canter – Yes

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-7 by Joe Canter and seconded by John Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-8 (First Reading) – A resolution to access local funds provided by the CARES Act. Motion to introduce Resolution 2020-8 by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-9 (First Reading) – A resolution to accept the income tax levy. Motion to introduce Resolution 2020-9 by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dan Vorisek and Ellic Dudding, Rural Action – Came to introduce themselves to council. If we need any assistance to please reach out and they will help in any way they can. Dan mentioned that he would like to see more businesses established in Chauncey. The new VFW owners, previously known as AMVets, are excited about the Bailey’s and upcoming changes to the community.

Rob Delach – Informed council that the Athens County Commissioners have voted to contribute \$35,000 towards the Bailey’s Trail. These funds are a match towards the 11 mile track in the WNF.

Water & Sewer Rates – Council discussed the need to raise water and sewer rates. RCAP provided documents to council that gave a proposal of a 10% increase then 7.5%. It was suggested to keep up with inflation by establishing a yearly increase rate. If council is ready to move forward with the increase, a legislation will be created and ready council review at the next meeting. After discussion, council decided to move forward with the increase. Council stated that we need to have information ready for the public.

Website – Fiscal Officer provided a brief update on building the village website. Hope to have it ready for council review by the next meeting.

## **RESIDENTS COMMENTS**

None

## **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Village Administrator provided an update on the sidewalk being installed on Lexington Avenue.

McKee's paving finished the paving work on Converse Street and near the fire station.

Village Administrator brought up a request he has received by the resident at 21 Lexington Avenue. The owner would like to build a second house behind his first house. He plans to bring this topic to council at a later date but wanted to mention beforehand in case it was an impossible request. The property will be a rental and the owner believes there is enough room to build a second house. The lot will need to be evaluated to see if there is enough room for his proposed design.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Nuisance properties – The Mayor asked the Solicitor the next step to take towards nuisance properties. Solicitor stated that first the Village Administrator sends a letter to the property owner and if no response after 2 months' then the Solicitor sends a letter. If a response still hasn't been received then the Solicitor will start legal action. The solicitor requested the Village Administrator to compile a list of nuisance properties. Motion to have the Solicitor act and work with Village Administrator towards next level enforcement moved by Larry pierce and seconded by John Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor stated that a map amendment needs completed by Capstone for the Cozy Corner property.

111 Monroe Street – This vacant 2 story property has received complaints from neighbors who have requested that the door and windows be boarded up. Due to village restrictions, steps will need to be taken before completing this action. Solicitor noted that a letter will need to be sent to the owners notifying them of this act. Also, if the village ends up boarding it up, we will need to file a lien with the Auditor's office to receive a reimbursement of materials if it is sold. The property is currently going through foreclosure and may be obtained by the landbank.

Integrated Services – They will be providing free snow cones on a weekly basis from the Kona Ice truck to promote the Bailey's Trail.

The Mayor stated that ORCA's new Bailey's Trail Executive Director will be based in the Integrated Service's building. The building has 4 offices and a conference room. Integrated Service's asked if the Village would like to utilize any of the offices.

The Bailey's Trail website went live this week.

The Mayor brought up a draft survey for Chauncey residents to complete to let us know what they want for the Village. Discussed how to distribute these surveys. These survey's will be a helpful tool to obtain grants.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS**

Joe Canter – Discussed excavation of new sidewalks. Also brought up a nuisance property and asked why it can't be moved on.

Connaught Cullen – Gave a trail report. Many people using the new parking lot.

Tammy Hawk – Announced vehicle vandalism in the neighborhood.

Evelyn Nagy – Had to leave early

Larry Pierce – Nothing to report

John Canter – Nothing to report

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, motion made by Larry Pierce and seconded by Joe Canter to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:12.

The next Planning & Development meeting has been scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 via Zoom. This meeting will discuss zoning.

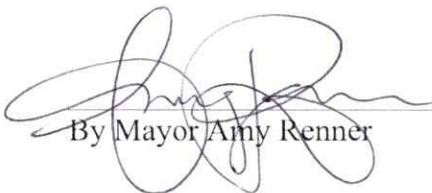
The next Park & Recreation meeting has been scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 via Zoom.

Special meetings for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Resolutions scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 via Zoom.

Next council meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2020 at 5:30 via Zoom.

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**RECORDED BY**

  
By Mayor Amy Renner      9/9/2020  
Date

  
Chelsie McKee, Fiscal Officer      8/18/2020  
Date