

**VILLAGE OF CHAUNCEY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

At 5:25 P.M. the Mayor noted that a quorum of Council members was not present. Three members, namely Diana Schoonover, Tammy Hawk and Connaught Cullen were present and Evelyn Nagy, John Canter and Diana Burritt were not present. Mayor stated that she had texted Member Nagy to come to the meeting and that Member Canter would be absent due to a death in his family, and Member Burritt would be absent due to a death in her family. She informed Council that Member Nagy would be late arriving for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Member Nagy arrived at 6:03 PM and the Mayor called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Mayor dispensed with the pledge for this meeting due to the lateness of the hour and other exigent circumstances related to Covid19 concerns.

ATTENDENCE ROLL CALL: Taken by the Mayor;

Seat 1- Diana Burritt, absent

Seat 2- Connaught Cullen, President of Council, present

Seat 3- Tammy Hawk, present

Seat 4- Evelyn Nagy, present

Seat 5- Diana Schoonover, present

Seat 6- John Canter, absent.

Solicitor Robert Shostak was present

Village Administrator was present

The Mayor noted that a quorum of members was present. She requested a shortened meeting due to the risk of exposure to the Corona virus. She noted that FO Kevin Simons had informed her and Council by email the previous day that he was exposed to ~~an~~ Covid infected person at work and had been tested for infection but the test results would not be available prior to the Council meeting. In the exercise of prudence, the mayor excused FO Simons from attendance and asked Council to appoint the Solicitor. Council voted to appoint the Solicitor to take minutes of the meeting. AIF

Tammy Hawk moved to excuse the absence of Member Canter and Member Burritt, seconded by Evelyn Nagy, AIF.

The Mayor requested that the Meeting Agenda be amended to take up three urgent matters that needed Council's vote of approval and dispense until next meeting with non-essential matters typically on the Agenda.

Tammy Hawk moved the Agenda be amended as requested by the Mayor, seconded by Evelyn Nagy, Council voted AIF.

AMENDED AGENDA MATTERS:

- 1. ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-24 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR STORY BOOK TRAIL**
- 2. UPDATE FROM VA RUSSELL REGARDING FUNDING FOR SEWER REPAIR ON CONVERSE STREET, ETC.**
- 3. MOTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO WAIVE VENDOR FEE FOR EVENT AT VILLAGE PARK THIS WEEKEND.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: The pending bills of the Village were passed around for Council Members review and signature and when signatures were completed were passed to the Mayor *probatus in transitum*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Dispensed

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND FISCAL REPORT-Dispensed

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

MATTER NO. 1- ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-24 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR STORY BOOK TRAIL

The Mayor requested the introduction and discussion of Resolution 2012-24 a Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Apply for Funding from the State for a Story Book Trail associated with the Baileys Trail. She requested that the Resolution be passed as an emergency measure because the deadline for submittal is only a few days away.

Tammy Hawk introduced Resolution 2021-24 and moved for its consideration by Council as an emergency measure so that the Mayor can submit a funding request for the Story Book Trail in time for consideration by the funding agency within the required time frame. Tammy Hawk moved that the requirement for three readings be suspended for Resolution 2021-24; Connaught Cullen seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for any discussion, there being none, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote on the motion to suspend the rules:

Tammy Hawk aye; Diana Schoonover aye; Evelyn Nagy aye; Connaught Cullen aye, the motion was adopted.

Evelyn Nagy moved for the adoption of Resolution 2021-24; Tammy Hawk seconded; a voice vote showed all in favor, the Resolution was adopted.

RESIDENT COMMENTS-no citizens present.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR-

MATTER NO. 2-UPDATE FROM VA RUSSELL REGARDING FUNDING FOR SEWER REPAIR ON CONVERSE STREET, ETC.

VA Chris Russell advised that the Converse Street sewer repair project is twentyfive thousand dollars(\$25,000) short of the required funding. He requested that Council approve an additional \$25,000 as the the Village contribution to get the project underway. He stated that the Village has previously committed forty thousand (\$40,000) to the project which makes the total more than the fifty thousand dollar authorization he has set forth in ORC 731.141. Solicitor advised that a motion approving the additional request for the project cost would be sufficient provided that there is money available. The Mayor stated that the Village had received a deposit of fifty thousand (\$50,000) just yesterday and there is sufficient surplus money in the sewer fund to move forward on the project. Tammy Hawk made a motion to approve an additional \$25,000 commitment from the Village to pay for the Converse Street sewer repair project; Seconded by Connaught Cullen. The vote was AIF.

VA Russell advised that ODNR received four bids to take down the old mine building near the trailhead to Baileys Mountain Bike Trail.

He also advised that there will not be a hookup to the sewer line from the restroom at the Chauncey-Dover Community Trailhead Park because no bid included that portion. For now the holding tank will be pumped as needed. He said that the Village may have to engage a service to do the pumping on regular basis.

VA Russell inquired if the 50 cent raise due to his assistant was in effect. The Mayor said she would take care of it since she had that responsibility due to the relationship between the Village Administrator and his helper who is his son.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT-The Solicitor several days prior to the meeting emailed his report to Council Members, the Mayor, the VA and FO and it is attached.

MAYOR'S REPORT-

MATTER NO. 3- MOTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO WAIVE VENDOR FEE FOR EVENT AT VILLAGE PARK THIS WEEKEND

The Mayor seeks approval to waive the vendor's fee for Dirty Girl Coffee for the mountain bike event taking place this weekend at the Park. This is a substitution because Jesse Powers who was providing food vending is ill with Covid19 and cannot work the event this weekend. Since Council set the fees by Resolution, the Mayor needs Council approval to waive the fee.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to waive the vendor fee for Dirty Girl Coffee for the mountain biking event at the Village park this weekend made by Tammy Hawk; Seconded by Diana Schoonover. Mayor called for a voice vote, AIF Motion adopted.
Mayor advised that the next regular Council Meeting shall be held on October 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM at Village Hall.

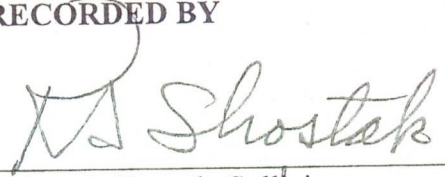
ADJOURMENT

Mayor asked if there is any other business before Council, there being none, a motion to adjourn was made by Diana Schoonover; seconded by Tammy Hawk AIF Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM,.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Connaught Cullen, President of Council

RECORDED BY

 14 Oct 2021
Robert J. Shostak, Solicitor

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
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1. **47 MAIN STREET-** Status of this matter will be addressed by the mayor.
2. **NFIP ENFORCEMENT POLICY AND PROCESS-** I sent out the recommended DNR enforcement policy from the OHIO FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK, CHAPTER 6.5. We should discuss if Council, the Mayor and VA(Village Administrator) feel that this suggested policy should be adopted as Village policy with whatever modifications you deem appropriate.
3. **HUNTER/CHAUNCEY FAITH CHAPEL CHURCH/PETERS PROPERTIES-** VA Russell and I inspected all of these properties on September 7 in the afternoon for purposes of determining if condemnation under our Ordinance 2021-5 would be in order. While we were there, Mr. Hunter arrived and we spoke with him about the purpose of our inspection and that the Village intended to take action to abate the various nuisances extant on these properties. Mr. Hunter was aware that such action was being contemplated but seemed unphased. VA Russell and I will continue to work on getting the appropriate notices prepared and sent out with the Mayor's approval.

I would like to commend FO Kevin Simons for informing us of his exposure to a person who had Covid and that he was being tested for infection. Kevin took the ethical and responsible steps we expect from considerate and caring people. Thank you, Kevin!

I would also like to commend the Mayor for taking measures to assure the safety of Council members and staff and her willingness to accommodate us and me in particular at a time when she needs action by Council tonight to meet a deadline for an important matter. Thank you Mayor!

RJ SHOSTAK