

# Village of Chauncey Council Meeting on August 17, 2017

## Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER-** The Mayor, Robert Matthey, called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm at the Village Hall.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG-** Observed by all in attendance.

**ROLL CALL-** Taken by Fiscal Officer: Mayor Robert Matthey - absent; Joe Canter-present; Larry Pierce- present; Teresa Cline-Scurlock-present; Tammy Hawk-present; John Canter - absent. There was a motion to excuse John Canter as he had to work by Joe Canter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Pierce. AIF.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS-** Village bills were reviewed by Council members. It was moved for approval by Teresa Cline-Scurlock and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Pierce, AIF passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** The June 14, 2017 meeting minutes were approved on Motion by Joe Canter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Hawk, AIF passed.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER-** The Financial Report was reviewed by Council. There was a Motion to approve the Financial Reports by Teresa Cline-Scurlock and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Canter, AIF passed.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-**

Resolution 2017-5 – Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Joe Canter made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-5 and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Pierce. There was a roll call vote with the following results.

Tammy Hawk - Yea  
Teresa Cline-Scurlock – Yea  
Larry Pierce – Yea  
Joe Canter – Yea

**NEW BUSINESS-** The Council reviewed the Public Defender Contract and decided to table Contract to the next meeting.

**RESIDENTS COMMENTS-**

Candi Taylor from Jacobs Ave. state that her water/sewer bill doesn't make sense. She doesn't believe that it is she has to pay the minimum usage of 1,000 gallons when she is only using approximately 800 gallons. Chris explained that the water meters are only read in the 1000 gallons. The Mayor further explained that if you only use 800 gallons you are billed for the minimum of 1000 gallons for sewer and 2000 gallons of water, in some cases where the meter rolls over to the next 1000 gallons she would be charged for the additional 1000 gallons. Mr. Shostak advised Ms. Taylor that the water system reads meters in 1000 gallons and the only way to change that is to replace all of the meters in the Village and the billing system that the Village uses. This is not feasible for the Village at this time. Mr. Shostak advised Ms. Taylor that she may file a complaint with the Attorney General if she is still unhappy.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-**

The Village Administrator advised the following:

- Clean up Notices went out again and Chris hand delivered some that had been returned for refusal;
- Advises that the Health Department has issued a citation to Willison property;
- The top of the Catch Basin that was broke got a new top;
- 50 May Ave. Lot 20 – now has a new meter.
- The electric upgrade at the Sewer Plant is going to cost approximately an additional \$7,500.00 to CI Thornburg because 2 of the pumps were not included in the original bid, along with box and wire for the generator. A certified electrician will have to sign off on the electric upgrade. HAPCAP is also adding an additional \$1,300.00 to their portion of the upgrade to help with the costs.
- The heater at the Sewer Plant will also need to be upgraded before winter;

- The batteries were stolen out of the equipment and the light in front of the water plant is being fixed.
- Teresa the water clerk quit on Monday, August 14, 2017.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT-** Solicitor Shostak advised that Keller Blackburn has been given the list of Nuisance properties. Shostak advises that there is an Ordinance to control barking dogs in the Village and he was hoping that Mr. Bumpass was in attendance.

Solicitor Shostak advised that Leslie and Chris have been calling him when they need questions answered.

Shostak advised Council that he has emailed the new contact at CSX Railroad regarding the price of keeping the railroad mowed, the price was put in place in 2004.

The Mayor asked the Solicitor if there would be or could be compatibility issues if the Fiscal Officer and the Water Clerk were held by the same person. The Solicitor advises that there should be no conflict for the same person to hold both positions.

The Bickley septic is now hooked to the sewer line.

Natasha Taylor is trying to get the water turned on at her grandfather's property, however she never in any papers from lawyer showing that she was the property owner now.

Solicitor Shostak asked Village Administrator Chris Russell if the issue with the sewer line at the Capstone property has been remedied. Chris advised that he checked the manhole and the sewer line on our end is free flowing so the issues must be in the residential line.

Mayor Matthey asked Solicitor Shostak about the John Snyder rental property that the Sheriff's Department had requested that the water be left on and there is a large water bill for the property because there was a large water leak at the property. Mayor asked Solicitor Shostak what should be done about the bill.

Solicitor Shostak advised that Mr. Snyder is the property own and responsible for the bill.

**MAYOR'S REPORT-** Mayor Matthey reports that Mr. Jerry Smith has been indicted on 8 charges for breaking into the Village Hall and his trial starts on August 18, 2017. The Mayor also advised that both bike path projects have been funded. The Mayor also advised that there would be a Records Retention Committee meeting on September 19, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS-**

**Tammy Hawk-** Tammy advised that she had met with Eddie Smith of SOPEC regarding the Community Challenge. She advised that they had ideas about a walking trail, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Clean Up Day. She advised that she gets the feeling from some of the Community of disconnect and was wondering if there was an easier way to communicate with the citizens of Chauncey. There was some discussion about the possibility of a social networking page.

**Teresa Cline-Scurlock-** Teresa advised that the bridge at Smith and Spring Street was hit in the last flood and is starting to collapse. She also reports that there is water coming out of the ground on Smith Street. Village Administrator Chris Russell advised Teresa that they had tested the water for Chlorine and there was none. Joe Canter advised for Chris to take a sample and have it tested for the hardness to compare it to the water hardness from the well for a definite answer on if it was ground water or water from the water system.

**Larry Pierce-** Larry advised that he would like for Council meetings to be on a set day each month so that the citizens are more aware.

**Joe Canter-** Joe advises that Verna Nigel at the corner of Monroe and Lexington Ave. is worried about the Triplett trailer causing a nuisance animal and pest problem. Also Ralph Coe's property has weeds as tall as the house. Joe also advised that Eddie Smith from SOPEC showed up to his house last night and that Eddie is worried when the aggregation issue hits the ballot in November the residents will vote against it for lack of education.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Joe Canter made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Larry Pierce 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. There was a roll call vote for executive session with the following results:

Tammy Hawk - Yea  
Teresa Cline-Scurlock – Yea  
Larry Pierce – Yea  
Joe Canter – Yea

At 6:45 p.m. Larry Pierce made a motion to end the executive session, Tammy Hawk 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with a voice vote of all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Joe Canter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by, Tammy Hawk. AIF passed.

APPROVED BY

 11/8/17

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Mayor Robert Matthey    Date

RECORDED BY

 11/8/17

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Leslie Nicholson, Fiscal Officer    Date