

Village of Chauncey Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER - The regular session of council was called to order by Mayor Renner at 5:34 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

Guest – Jessie Powers, Bill Hayes, Autumn Brown, Arthur Tanner, Mitch Lettimer, Rob Delach, and Ellie Dudding

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 July 21, 2020 council minutes moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by John Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the July 23, 2020 and July 24, 2020 special meeting minutes moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the July 28, 2020 planning and development committee minutes moved by Evelyn Nagy and seconded by John Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the August 4, 2020 parks and recreation committee minutes moved by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Evelyn Nagy. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Financial Reports for July 2020 were provided to Council members for review. Motion to approve financial report moved by Evelyn Nagy and seconded by Joe Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2020-5 – An emergency ordinance establishing a sewer service rates and administration. Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-5 by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. Motion to declare emergency and suspend the roles 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 John Canter – Yes

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-5 by Joe Canter and seconded by John Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-6 – An emergency ordinance approving the Village of Chauncey COVID-19 rent, mortgage, and utility relief grant program; authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) to administer said program. Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-6 by Tammy Hawk and seconded by Joe Canter. Motion to declare emergency and suspend the roles of Council due to funds needing spent before the deadline moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Connaught Cullen. Roll call vote:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-6 by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor – Yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Autumn Brown, PlanIT – Would like to do a pro-bono strategic plan for Chauncey. Chauncey is having increased momentum on economic development thanks to the Bailey’s Trail and they would like to help establish a plan for the area. It would require 8-10 participants with 1 of them being a Village Council member. Village Council will have complete control of the project with establishing the ideas and tasks they would like to have achieved for the community and PlanIT will implement it. To continue this action, it will take Village Council approval, commitment of participants, and an agreed upon timeline. Will likely have the plan completed by the end of 2020 to start the strategic planning process at the beginning of 2021 (PowerPoint provided and included with minutes for more detail). Motion to enter into an agreement with PlanIT for a Strategic Plan for Chauncey. Moved by Evelyn Nagy and seconded by John Canter. All in Favor – Yes. Motion Carried.

Jessie Powers, Athens County Planning Director – The Athens County age friendly initiative will be a 5-year planning process. It is a County wide initiative with 9 other participating communities (Flyer included with minutes for more detail).

The Chauncey Bikeway extension is still in the design process. Bids will be going out before the end of 2020 and will begin construction in 2021. The County will maintain the trails outside the Village limits. The Village will need to maintain the trails within the Village area. Jessie Powers will provide Council with the Bikeway Committee by-laws to join their committee. The Athens County Together (formerly known as the Community Challenge) program will have funding available soon but challenges have raised due to COVID-19. Suggest reaching out to team members to see if they will help with community projects.

Arthur Tanner, VFW Relations Officer – The VFW grand opening is set for September 28, 2020. Arthur was curious about the Villages nuisance ordinance because they wish to do a drive-thru karaoke which would cause loud music. Mayor asked Mr. Tanner if they have reached out to neighboring houses. Mr. Tanner stated that they hadn't yet do plan to ask their opinion. Evelyn mentioned a possible idea of doing an application to void ordinance to support the idea.

CARES Act – The majority of Chauncey's CARES Act funds will be filtered through HAPCAP for resident assistance. The funds will be able to assist with water, rent, or mortgage with water being the priority. Will allow \$1,000 max per household. If approved by council, we will also make a press release. Council introduced an emergency Ordinance 2020-6 to allow this approval (look under Ordinances and Resolutions).

Rob Delach – Chauncey has new sidewalks but people are parking on them. Wanted to make the Village aware and to see if anything can be done about this problem. Solicitor said it is a general law that you cannot park in pedestrian walk ways and believes the Village has an Ordinance to help this issue. Village Administrator can address the issue since it is covered under the Ordinance.

The Bikeway Committee would like to do a night ride throughout the Bailey's Trails. The Dover Park is assigned to be closed at night due to Village insurance requires. The Bikeway Committee would like to know if an exception can be made for their night ride. The Solicitor mentioned the idea of establishing a Resolution to allow special events but will need to make sure all liabilities are listed. If the Dover Park is not possible for access, they will start their ride from West Bailey Road.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The sidewalk is still being constructed. As of right now they have the sidewalk going down by the cemetery but the Village Administrator would like to try and bring it back up the street.

The Athens County Land Bank may want to acquire the 2 burned properties that occurred this past month. One of the property owners, Karen Shafer, lives in Texas and would like to pay everything off and allow the Land Bank to take over the property.

The trailer park has been sold to a Mr. Lopez. The Solicitor asked if there were any unpaid water bills at this location. The Village Administrator stated that 6 were unpaid.

The Village Administrator explained about a waterline issue at the park. The contractors were wanting to use the West Bailey Road waterline to supply the water services for the park facility, however, in doing so weakens the water pressure for all residents on West Bailey Road.

Bill Hunter is planning on building a barn behind his property at 16 Lexington Street to put things in to eliminate the clutter on his property. If he is issued a building permit it will expire in 6 months.

MEETING EXTENSION

Motion to extend the meeting for 30 minutes starting at 7:38 and ending at 8:08. Moved by Joe Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk. All in Favor - Yes

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Planning on hosting virtual townhall meetings to provide information regarding the income tax levy. Hoping to have the first meeting in September and the Mayor will also be making posts on Facebook. Need to make sure all information is available to the public before the deadline for absentee ballots.

The Mayor brought up the idea of holding 2 Council meetings a month due to the increase of information and approval requirements for Resolutions and Ordinances. Joe Canter said to reduce public comments to 3 minutes or less to move along monthly meeting.

Donations can be accepted at the park through Venmo. All donations will go to the Parks and Recreation committee to help fund various necessities and park maintenance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Joe Canter – Asked about the stage at the park.

Connaught Cullen – A property across Cee Dee's has been housing squatters and was curious if this is a nuisance issue and how to solve the problem. Village Administrator said nuisance properties can be torn down but it's a long process and he believes the people living their own the house.

Tammy Hawk – None

Evelyn Nagy – None

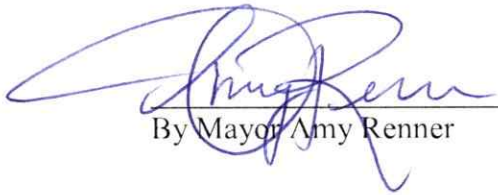
Larry Pierce – Left early
John Canter – Nothing

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion made by John Canter and seconded by Tammy Hawk to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:01.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2020 at 5:30 via Zoom.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY


By Mayor Amy Renner 9/20/2020
Date


Chelsie McKee, Fiscal Officer 9/20/2020
Date