

Village of Chauncey Council Meeting on August 21, 2018

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER-The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at Village Hall.

PLEDGE TO FLAG- Observed by all in attendance.

MOTION -Councilman Larry Pierce moved that the Solicitor take minutes in the excused absence of the Fiscal Officer. Second Tammy Hawk. AIF passed.

ROLL CALL- Taken by Solicitor: Seat 1-Joe Canter present; Seat 2- Vacant; Seat 3- Tammy Hawk present; Seat 4- Amy Renner present; Seat 5- Larry Pierce present; Seat 6- John Canter, President of Council, present.

APPROVAL OF BILLS- Village bills were reviewed by Council members. Moved by Joe Canter and seconded by John Canter that the bills be paid. AIF passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)- Meeting minutes for July 19, 2018 were reviewed by Council. Moved by Joe Canter to approve minutes; second by Amy Renner-AIF approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER- Financial report for July 2018 was provided to Council members for review. Moved by Joe Canter to approve the Financial Report. Second by Larry Pierce. AIF passed. No oral report from Fiscal Officer due to her excused absence for family matters.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- No Ordinances were presented to Council. Resolution 2018-5 which approves the Budget and Fund payments to the Village from the County assessments was presented and moved for adoption by John Canter, second by Amy Renner, no discussion was requested or had. Voice call vote; Joe Canter-aye; Tammy Hawk-aye; Amy Renner-aye; Larry Pierce-aye; John Canter-aye. AIF Resolution approved.

NEW BUSINESS- No new business.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

1. Zachary Buck addressed Council regarding maintenance of railroad tracks and RR property. He was informed by Solicitor that Village maintains grounds under contract with CSX but not the railroad tracks. Mr. Buck questioned about the pothole repair program which Village Administrator Chris Russell informed that repairs are set to be done by end of September. Mr. Buck requested that Village address flooding in the Village and if measures were capable of being undertaken to build dikes or berms to prevent, retard or minimize flooding. Solicitor informed Mr. Buck that the State had regulatory control over state waters, that costs of such a program would be prohibitive. It was suggested that Mr. Buck, a student at OU approach the School of Engineering and see about using students to do the actual physical labor and construction.
2. Jesse Powers spoke to Council about the status of the Baileys Run Bike Trail Extension and that drew attention that the Village of Chauncey is not eligible for Flood Disaster Relief because the Village was not FEMA flood control compliant. She said that the Federal Agencies have perhaps 5Mil. Dollars for help to bring communities and individual residences and small businesses into FEMA compliance so that the Village can be restored to the FEMA flood insurance program. She was working on obtaining the relevant information regarding non-compliant structures and what needs to be done to reach FEMA compliance. She has made public records requests to the State and Federal branch in Columbus for documents for this information. She said that even a reasonable "action plan" may be sufficient to reach FEMA requirements. She will continue to pursue this goal on behalf of the Village by working with the Village Administrator and Solicitor. If this is in process and appears to have a good prospect for FEMA approval, it would enhance the Pay for Success model proposed as part of the Wayne National Forest Bailey's Run Bike Path extension project proposed for the Village.
3. Peter Kotses spoke to Council about local support from municipalities and local officials for the Bailey's Run project and how Village officials could raise up grass roots enthusiasm in the community and region for this boom to the local economy. He said they are working on getting OU into the project with its powerful voice. Letters of support need to be sent by residents and officials expressing support for this project so that we can reach national exposure and attention. The next meeting of the Working Group meets at the Community Center tomorrow at 9:00 AM.

4. Rory Robinson from the National Park Service branch based in Cleveland spoke to council mirroring much of what had been mentioned by Mr. Kotses and Ms. Powers. The Bailey's Run Project is receiving national attention as the first project of its kind to be a partnership of Federal, State, Regional communities and private financing to create the model known as Pay for Success. There have been a few projects similar to this in other states and have been shown to be successful in improving local economic growth. This project however is larger geographically and financially geared for and meant to attract the national mountain biking community.
5. Dawn McCarthy is the Deputy Ranger for the Wayne National Forest where new and improved mountain biking trails and hiking trails will be developed as part of the Bailey's Run Project. She took questions from Council and other speakers. She expressed support for previous speakers remarks.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- Administrator Russell informed Council that the Bobcat mower which is beyond repair can be replaced for between 4-5000 dollars. Council moved to approve the expenditure.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Solicitor informed Council that he had no report to make.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Matthey informed Council about the Landbank expedited foreclosure program of nuisance properties. There were 7 of them under consideration but the 4 that are in the flood plain were excluded. Habitat for Humanity may take over some foreclosures for new construction. Any properties unpurchased at auction can escheat to the Village.

Next Council meeting is September 18, 2018 at 5:30 at Village Hall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS-

Amy Renner- informed Council of a levy for funding the Sheriff to be active police in Dover Twp. She wonders if the Village can take similar action.

Tammy Hawk- inquired about the \$500 received last year. She would like to use the funds to clear and clean the Vet's Memorial. Chris Russell said he can help.

Joe Canter-said he had nothing to report.

Larry Pierce- stated he had objections to the push to get the Village into the FEMA program. He said he doubts residents have the money to bring their homes into compliance. He is skeptical that there may or will be funds available to residents

to bring their properties into compliance. It's another example of Big Brother Government pushing the little people around.

John Canter- said that he will try to attend the Bailey's Run Bike Path Extension meeting tomorrow at 9:00 AM. He will report on any information he gets from his attendance at these kind of meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT- At 6:52 PM, Joe Canter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Pierce. AIF stood up.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY



BY Mayor Robert Matthey Date



18 Sept 2013

Robert J. Shostak, Solicitor Date