

Village of Chauncey Council

September 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Tamara Hawk call the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The pledge was observed by all in attendance.

ROLL CALL: Taken by Tamara Hawk

Seat 1 – Connaught Cullen, Present

Seat 2 – Debbie Gibson, Absent

Seat 3 – Karla Dellinger, Present

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present

Seat 5 – Mike Kraus, Present

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Absent

Mayor – Tamara Hawk, President Pro Term, Present

Village Administrator – Present

Village Solicitor – Present

Motion made by Evelyn Nagy, second Connaught Cullen to excuse Debbie Gibson and Dylan Skees, AIF

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes from August 14, 2025 meeting made by Evelyn Nagy and Mike Kraus. AIF

APPROVAL OF BILLS/FISCAL OFFICER:

A motion to approve the bills was brought forward by Connaught Cullen and seconded by Karla Dellinger. AIF

Approve July Financial Reports, motion to approve presented by Connaught Cullen seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF

NEW BUSINESS:

Vacant Building Registration Ordinance Addendum to change fee structure: Planning and Development committee. We meet last month and we could not come up with a solution. We are bringing it back to council to see what their thoughts. Evelyn Nagy: We thought about charging difference fees if you lived within the village compared to living out of the village. Karla Dellinger: Why can we do it with water fees? Solicitor: The law allows the village to charge an out of village surcharge. The law allows it because it is a service and will be subject to rates that they have no say in, they are subject to that surcharge because the village does not collect taxes on that property. Evelyn Nagy: Some of us have an idea on how to change it but some want it to stay the same. Mayor: Is there a clear process from going to those warning letters to accessing a fee or fine? Drew does not know what the next step in the process. Solicitor: Drew

tells me and I send the letter to them. Mayor: What is the best way to get this information to him? Solicitor: I will switch my days in the village hall from Friday of this week to next Tuesday to talk to him. Mayor: He has sent some letters and Drew stated they either get ignored and not received a response. Solicitor: We cannot force them to respond to our letter. Do we know if they are getting them? Mayor: I'm not aware if he has or has not received any of them back. We have 17 total vacant buildings. Solicitor: Drew and I can talk in the future about this and will be on a case-by-case basis.

New Food Truck Language: Connaught Cullen: I sent this out to everyone. We changed some language and the fee structure. Evelyn Nagy makes a motion to adopt the new language and food structure, Connaught Cullen seconded, AIF

Vacation/Sick time errors on paystubs: Fiscal Officer: This was my mistake and I have fixed it for 2025. I also have put a reminder on the calendar for each employee's anniversary to go out and add vacation hours to get them to the max. This will not happen again. The finance committee will meet to review and possibly change the language as soon as possible.

Review pays contract employees(?) and discuss Cost of Living raises for hourly employees: Fiscal Officer: The finance committee meet on Tuesday to discuss the cost-of-living increase for 2025. I recommend that council gives a 3% raise from now until the end of the calendar year and then re-evaluate in December and start raises effective the first of the year going forward so that we are not trying to decide when to bring cost-of-living increases up next year. I also recommend increasing the water and sewer contractors from \$ 1,000 to \$1,500 a month retro it back to an effective August 1st, 2025.

Halloween date and Traffic Control: Evelyn Nagy: There is a crossing guard training. Village member: Many kids are worried about getting hit crossing by the library. Mayor: I believe this is part of the street scape project. Chris: I believe it is supposed to start anytime and be done this fall. I believe one is going by the library and by the gas station.

November 1st from 5:30 – 7:00 will be Trick-or-Treat:

Possible use of projector during meetings and offer streaming to village residents: The only issue with live streaming the meetings is we have no internet here at the building. We do have the projector but the sheriff still has it due to it being stolen.

Hispanic Heritage month proclamation: Evelyn Nagy would like us to review. The dates are September 15th – October 15th. This is to show our support. Evelyn Nagy: If this is adopted, I would like to read this proclamation at the library. The idea has come about to bring people together. Mayor: Are they talking about doing it for different heritages? Evelyn Nagy: Yes, there will be others. Karla Dellinger: I just have a few questions. If we are trying to bring everyone together, how do you plan on covering everyone? I think if we are going to do different groups and cultures, I think we need to make sure everyone is included. Evelyn Nagy: Right now I am just bringing this one up because it is coming up first. Karla Dellinger: If it already federally

recognized, why are we doing it? I don't believe we need to do this if there is something already in place. Why do we have to have our own? Evelyn Nagy: Chauncey Village would be showing they support it.

Mayor: Please give me the paperwork.

OLD BUSINESS:

44 Converse St. Extermination/demolition: Mayor: I do not believe that we now do not need to exterminate before demolition. Chris talked to many contractors that the bugs will stay in the building and be taken when they take the material. All the contractors said it would be a waste of money. We can spray once the building is tore down. Connaught Cullen: I'm just concerned that the bugs will go to surrounding areas. Connaught Cullen: Will you put the spray down right after it is tearing down? Chris: I can spray before and after it is tearing down.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Resolution 2025-18 Cost of Living Increase: Connaught would like to introduce, seconded Karla Dellinger. Review contract employees pay and discuss Cost of Living raises for hourly employees: Fiscal Officer: The finance committee meet on Tuesday to discuss the cost-of-living increase for 2025. I recommend that council gives a 3% raise from now until the end of the calendar year and then re-evaluate in December and start raises effective the first of the year going forward so that we are not trying to decide when to bring cost-of-living increases up next year. I also recommend increasing the water and sewer contractors from \$ 1,000 to \$1,500 a month retro it back to an effective August 1st, 2025. Evelyn Nagy would like for council to consider giving Roxanne the \$1.50 she is asking for. Solicitor: I do know Roxanne has other offers from other area villages. Evelyn Nagy: I have heard only positive items about her. Karla Dellinger: The reason she is getting things done is because she is here full-time compared to previous employees. Connaught Cullen: We gave Christopher extra money to get his water license but he has never got his license.

Evelyn made a motion to table until next month, seconded by Connaught Cullen. AIF

Resolution 2025 – 19 Authorizing the Mayor to Prepare and Submit OPWC for Storm Water. Evelyn Nagy introduced, Karla Dellinger 2nd, AIF Evelyn Nagy declare the resolution an emergency and suspend rules so that mayor can sign appropriate documents in a timely manner. Mike Kraus seconded.

Evelyn Nagy – Yes

Mike Kraus – Yes

Connaught Cullen – Yes

Karla Dellinger - Yes

Motion to Adopt Resolution by Connaught Cullen, Mike Kruas seconded the motion. AIF

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

1. Next month - need to put the following legislation on the agenda so can have 3 readings: Reauthorize Council Rules, Approve Solicitor and Prosecutor contracts and discuss paid holidays, Budget, Raises
2. 44 Converse ST. - question about extermination = ok to not have extermination to save money due to contractor recommendations.
3. Sidewalk Easements - Jonathan will get them to all of the residents to sign except one which Drew will have to do to allow Jonathan to avoid dual role with a former client.
4. Mural Easements - ready to go, just need to fill in artist information
5. 47 Main St. - fill needs to be done. - Chris states the plan is to fill with the dirt created from boring under the railroad for the sewer project
6. Hang tag issue resolved, - no further action needed
7. Storm Sewer Complaint - recommends council should support anything that will keep the storm sewers working properly. Finding grants for this sort of thing is difficult. Advises some communities will assess a surcharge to water customers for storm drains. That money to go into a fund specific to storm drains so that money is there for repairs when needed. Transportation and Utilities Committee should meet to discuss if this is a feasible option and to search for grants that can help with storm drains.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

All sewer lines complete on the east side of town, Storm drains on Ellis being replaced. Will start sewer lines on lower end as soon as railroad gets on board. States they are the hold up and have been for several weeks. Asking Jonathan to send a letter to the railroad company explaining the cost to the village for each day of delay in getting the boring under the railroad completed. Its holding up the whole project.

The new Sewer Operator, Taylor, is doing good work and getting things fixed up to EPA compliance which is costing the village money to get everything in place and up to standards.

Reviewed the blacktopping schedule - was discussed - blacktopping on completed roads will start but whatever does not get done before the blacktop companies close down will have to wait till next spring.

42 Converse St will be demolished as soon as Monday. Mike asks about Habitat for Humanity's interest in taking whatever salvageable materials can be harvested from the house before it is demolished. Chris asks Habitat people to call him to discuss.

One person in town has a privately owned flow meter which he has been using for years to take get a deduction once a year on his water bill. States there is no policy about this and wants council to be aware but that it has been something done for many years - Transportation and Utilities committee should discuss to either decide if this can continue, if there should be a policy in place, or if it should be not allowed at all. Council expressed no firm opinion at this time.

REPORT FROM MAYOR:

Reviewed recommendations from planning commission which met on 9/8/2025. New member, Fauna Stout, sworn in prior to the meeting.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL:

Connaught Cullen: Asking if some education on the website about grants, how they work, and the timelines that we have to follow may help the residents understand why it sometimes takes a long time for projects to get completed. Is this something Roxanna can work on? Mayor will talk with her.

Karla Dellinger: Nothing

Evelyn Nagy: States her comments are mostly related to her committee report.

Mike Kraus: Loud noises sounding like gun shots the other day. they called 911 and sheriff came to patrol the area, nothing else known of the incident. 3D print housing scheduled start date is Sept 20

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation & Utilities – Dylan Skees, chair: Absent

Park & Recreation – Connaught Cullen, chair: Rainbow Pet Memorial Bridge still being worked on, hoping to complete in next week or so. Still looking into a canoe launch with walking path - looking for someone to design it for her. Last music concert of the year at the park on Wed at 6pm September 24th. Mural dedication happened.

Finance and Personnel – Michael Kraus, chair: Met 9/10/25 to discuss cost of living and merit raises for village hourly employees. Future project to take a hard look at the employee handbook and make changes and clarification where necessary.

Planning and Development – Evelyn Nagy, Chair: Attended ACRPC meeting and provided updates on projects around Athens County area. Active Transportation Plan - working on QR

codes for the bus schedule -showing real time location of busses. Bike path is nearing completion - there will be a controlled burn of the little blue house by the bike path. There will also be a cross walk put in at the place where the bike path comes up to the 682.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Mike Kruas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Connaught Cullen. AIF

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.



Kevin Simons
Fiscal Officer



Evelyn Nagy
Council President