

**Village of Chauncey Council**  
**July 11, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Amy Renner called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG** – The pledge was observed by all in attendance.

**ROLL CALL** – Taken by Fiscal Officer

Seat 1 – Connaught Cullen, Present

Seat 2 – Tammy Hawk, Present

Seat 3 – Karla Dellinger, Absent

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present

Seat 5 – Mike Kraus, Present

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Present

Mayor – Amy Renner, Present

Village Administrator – Present

Village Solicitor – Absent

**NEW BUSINESS**

Phase 1 Sewer Project Update: Meeting with DLZ and Menden on July 10<sup>th</sup>. They are ahead of schedule. They do have two crews working on the sewer project. They have had some questions about the laterals (lines that go to homes). Water will be off Monday on High Street.

Phase 2 Sewer Project Update: The mayor is meeting here on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> with USDA to secure the funds. They are hoping to put phase 2 out in August and a contractor lined up by October. We did receive the RPIG funds for phase 2, as of right now we will not need the funds. We are trying to find something for the funds.

Appalachian Community Grant Program: We meet with our planner on Tuesday to talk about the project proposal and the timeline. We are hoping we will be doing the project design over the next 6 months and hopefully to bid the project in the spring of 2025. They will be adding curbs so we are working on some stormwater upgrades.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion to approve the bills made by Evelyn Nagy, seconded by Dylan Skees, AIF

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Motion by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Mike Kraus, AIF

**APPROVE FINANCES AND REPORTS FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER**

June 2024 Financials motion made Tammy Hawk by seconded by Connaught Cullen. AIF

ARPA update: I send you all a report this week on the total funds we have received and what we have spent. As of right now, we are only using the funds for the code enforcer.

Audit Update: I did receive a request for a few more item, I have sent them those items and have not herd anything more from them. Fingers crossed they are finishing the audit up.

They mayor as reached out Spectrum about getting

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**

**Resolution 2024-11 Public Defender Contract:** Tammy Hawk made the motion to introduce the resolution, seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF. This is one we have to approve annually. See resolution, contract, and addendum attached. We'd like this one passed on emergency if you could. Tammy Hawk made the motion to declare the resolution an emergency and suspend the rules due to timing of the documents, seconded by Karla Dellinger.

Connaught Cullen: Yes

Dylan Skees: Yes

Mike Kraus: Yes

Tammy Hawk: Yes

Karla Dellinger: Yes

Evelyn Nagy: Yes

Motion to adopt made by Evelyn Nagy, seconded by Tammy Hawk. AIF

**Resolution 2024-12 Green Meadows MHP water and sewer line responsibility:** Evelyn Nagy made the motion to introduce the resolution, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF. The mobile home park is under new ownership. The water and sewer lines in the park are in disrepair and we do not fix lines on private property. The Health Department received a complaint from someone in the park for a sewage back-up and the Health Department is going to be contacting the owner to inform them of the hazard to health and safety by not repairing these lines. Unfortunately, the previous owner told the new owner that the Village will maintain the water and sewer lines. I told them verbally that that is not true, our responsibility ends at the connection to our main line but I have little faith that they will take my word for it. After discussing this with Jonathan, he advised we pass a resolution affirming that the responsibility for the lines is the Green Meadows MHP owner's responsibility. Tammy Hawk: This does clarify for not only the mobile home park, it will clarify for the whole village. Tammy Hawk made the motion to declare the resolution an emergency and suspend the rules due to public health and safety, seconded by Karla Dellinger.

Connaught Cullen: Yes  
Dylan Skees: Yes  
Mike Kraus: Yes  
Tammy Hawk: Yes  
Karla Dellinger: Yes  
Evelyn Nagy: Yes

Motion to adopt made by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Chauncey AHEAD Project (the properties' on the north end of town)

The owners have a preliminary mock-up of the site layout for the project to use for getting cost estimates that can be used for grant writing. It is a draft so changes will inevitably need to be made as the project evolves. We are submitting grant applications to the Appalachian Regional Commission and Ohio Department of Natural Resources to go towards site development.

Railroad Crossing Project

The planner was selected by the Ohio Rail Commission and they reached out to Drew and I to set up a meeting to discuss.

PRICE Program

There is a federal program called PRICE which can be used to acquire and/or rehabilitate mobile home parks with priority to converting them to resident-owned communities. The Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program is putting in an application directly to the Feds for several parks including ours. The state of Ohio is also putting in an application to the Feds for \$75 million to launch this program for Ohio and will award 1 to 2 \$3 million mobile home park projects per county if they are awarded. So we are watching both options as possible solutions for Green Meadows and have been building a team to work with.

ACG Project

Drew (and I if I can make it) will be meeting Designing Local on Wednesday to discuss the ACG project proposal since they were selected to be the project designer. I submitted questions regarding stormwater solutions for Converse St but you can see their project proposal attached.

Administrative Office Position

Kevin and I are meeting on Sunday to discuss possible funding solutions for an administrative office position for the Village. I cannot continue to be an integral part of day to day operations of the Village, it is putting my job in jeopardy but I'm concerned about what will happen if I stop performing these functions. Albany and Glouster who are similar in size have 2 full-time clerks each (on top of other positions), so I feel that we need to look harder at our spending to see if we can 1 full-time clerk possible. Once we look into it, I'm hoping to schedule a Finance & Personnel meeting to discuss in depth.



## **ORCA**

ORCA is struggling with their current landlord. The landlord raised their rent by 3 times and told them they had 30 days to make a decision. They pitched the idea to me about putting a temporary structure in the park until they can get their visitor center built. They do have the funds for the visitor center and are working on the design.

## **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

We have been working on items at the park. They put the concrete in for the sign at the park. We have to wash bricks and have them up to the park by Monday. Once this is done, ODNR will be there to put the sign up.

We are shutting the water off to High Street on Monday. I hope the valve on the map is correct and it will only shut off High Street but there is still a chance it could shut off the whole village again.

We do have the stop signs for the village but we have not had time yet to put them up yet.

## **VILLAGE SOLICITOR**

Absent

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

Tammy Hawk: I went to a meeting and I received an almost-done map of the transportation plan for the area. The main goal is to have a safer way to travel in the area.

Connaught Cullen: Kaleigh who will be painting the mural for the village is in attendance and talked about the mural. Connaught had mentioned to her about doing a timeline as the mural. Kaleigh did receive information to put on the mural regarding the timeline. Kaleigh is hoping to start the project in early fall.

Mike Kraus: Nothing

Dylan Skees: Nothing

Karla Dellinger: Nothing

Evelyn Nagy: Bike Path Update: There are some issues with some of the trees. They are in the pre-construction phase. They are hoping to start some of the construction this year.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Fauna: I want to thank you for everything you do.

Carole: I just came to take it all in. I would like to say thank you to the Gas Company and their workers. They are very friendly and professional.

Steve: R and R did knock down a sign on my property. It took them several weeks for them to fix it. Another issue I have is they dug up the sidewalk by my property and caused a crack in my building in it is pulling away. Another issue is my permanent residents, they are pounding dirt close to my home, the house is 100 years old and has hollow blocks under it. I'm afraid they are going to cause issues with my house. One question I have is the floodway, how do I know if my property is on the new map? Mayor Amy: We sent out a newsletter letting the village members where the information and maps can be found.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be on August 8th, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Mike Kraus at 6:57 pm, Dylan Skees seconded. AIF

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**RECORDED BY**

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Tammy Hawk, President of Council

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Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer