

Village of Chauncey Council
April 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Amy Renner called the meeting to order at 5:41 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, Present

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present

Seat 5 – Mike Kraus, Absent

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Present

Mayor – Amy Renner, Present

Solicitor – Johnathan Robe

Village Administrator – Chris Russell

Public Participation – Wayne Bayha and Pam Lyons

Connaught Cullen made the motion to excuse Mike Kraus, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to approve bills made by Tammy Hawk, seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2023 by Dylan Skees, Seconded by Evelyn Nagy
AIF

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Website Update: Moving our website from Godaddy to Wix.

Stamp Machine: Fiscal officer would like to look into getting another machine and shop between different companies.

Motion to approve the March 2023 financial statements made by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Dylan Skees, AIF

Council would like to have the loan page and sewer and water bills added to the packet.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2023-4: Condemnation Revision, 2021-5 was the original. There was a code reference in the original that was not correct and needed taken out. Tammy Hawk would like to introduce ordinance 2023-4, seconded by Connaught Cullen, AIF. Tammy Hawk would like to declare an emergency and pass immediately due to the timing and nature of the matter, seconded by Dylan Skees AIF

Dylan Skees = Yes
Connaught Cullen = Yes
Tammy Hawk = Yes
Evelyn Nagy = Yes
Karla Dellinger = Yes

Connaught Cullen made the motion to adopt, seconded by Dylan Skees, AIF

Resolution 2023-10: Public Defender for 2023-10. The county needs this every year. Karla Dellinger would like to introduce resolution 2023-10, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF. Tammy Hawk would like to declare as an emergency and suspend the rules due to the timing of the resolution needed, seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF

Dylan Skees = Yes/
Connaught Cullen = Yes
Tammy Hawk = Yes
Evelyn Nagy = Yes
Karla Dellinger = Yes

Karla Dellinger made the motion to adopt, seconded by Connaught Cullen, AIF.

NEW BUSINESS

-Ohio Realtors Leadership Academy: Drew and Amy had a meeting with them today. They have received three grants. One grant is for \$7500 and it can be used for our zoning and legislation. They also received \$15,000 for downtown revitalization. Amy is still receiving more information for this.

-Code enforcement - Been working with Drew on code enforcement and things are going great. Drew is showing great initiative and has drawn up some really helpful legislation that we need to review so we'll be passing those to you over the next few meetings. Additionally, he's being really thoughtful and thorough about the challenging properties that we are dealing with so it's been nice having that fresh perspective. He found some mistakes in our condemnation ordinance which is why we need to adopt the cleaned-up version. The biggest change was reference to a code that doesn't exist in Chauncey (it was a copy and paste error from the community this legislation originally came from), fixed some gendered language, and changed Village

Administrator to Village Code Inspector since that is who will be handling condemnations now. Additionally, he put together a demolition permit which is said to exist in the original ordinance but we didn't have one made yet.

-Clean-up day - Drew and I have been working on unleashing an epic Clean-Up Day this year. It's scheduled for May 6 from 9am-2pm. We have received 2 grants through ServeOhio and the Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District to total \$1650 and Bateman's will be driving their trash trucks at no charge. We had a meeting with the Ohio Realtors Leadership Academy about another grant that we should be getting thanks to their help. They will be coming down to help volunteer. Their grant is to provide beautification opportunities to homeowners in Chauncey for things such as lawn care, landscaping, planting new landscaping, powerwashing, etc. We're going to have people inquire by filling out an application (attached for your review). Additionally, the Athens County Prosecutor's office will be bringing people from the diversion program to volunteer. The Chauncey-Dover Lion's Club will be volunteering at the dumpsters at Texas Eastern. Our big push now is to get as many volunteers from Chauncey as possible because these funders are relying on us to recruit our own residents. Volunteer activities include litter pick up along streets/alleys/park, supervising youth on litter pick up, following the Bateman's trucks to load curbside trash, planting plants/flowers/bushes at the park, helping Chris and Christopher load heavy items on to village trucks for trash, and helping the home beautification program. A letter has been drafted to send to every resident in Chauncey. Its attached if you can please review because I think she come from all of us in solidarity to beautify our village. Tammy Hawk is still working on the waiver for the volunteers.

ACG update - We are meeting with Designing Local who was our #1 choice for planner from the Appalachian Community Grant program and they'll be assisting with the planning of downtown revitalization. Rural Action has a meeting next week to discuss the planning of their ACG project to include the mining buildings. ORCA was selected for implementation funding for over \$4 million (the largest investment to date for the Baileys). It will fund the Buchtel trailhead and finishing the trails at the Baileys! It will potentially also pay to pave the Chauncey Depot Trail to make it ADA accessible.

Bus shelter update - Athens Public Transit is scheduled to install the bus shelter on 4/17.

Village Hall Clean up - Drew, Tracie, and myself will be at Village Hall this Saturday at 12:00. It'd be great if anyone else is available to help.

Sewer update - Everyone is working hard to get everything in place to post the bid advertisement for the sewer project in May. We need the site title opinion letter from Jonathan to finish the EPA loan forgiveness paperwork. We also received \$500,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission bringing our total grant funding to \$5.9 million!

Rural Action grant - Rural Action invited us to participate with them in a climate action grant to mitigate impacts of climate change such as flooding and power outages.

Park sign - revision to the park sign is attached. The fabricator said they do not recommend doing the negative space that we wanted because it will compromise the quality of the sign.

Help with mailers - we have postcards for the May 20 Community Trails Celebration that need stamps and we will soon have a letter to each resident for clean up day that will need to be folded and stamped as well if anyone can help that would be great.

May 20 Community Trails Celebration - We received an Ohio Winding Road grant for \$300, visitors bureau funding from last year for \$650, ORCA is providing \$500, and Evelyn got sponsorships from G&J Pepsi and the Health Department for additional funding. The event is from 2-5 and will have Solid Ground School there to provide activities for kids, a community art project from PassionWorks, live music, food trucks, storybook trail walk, and a mountain bike ride in the morning for a discounted rate to rent a bike from ORCA. Much more is still in discussion.

Party in the Park series - June 17, July 15, and August 19 will be our Party in the Park series with live music! Jim Edwards will be sponsoring one of the parties and the other two parties will be sponsored with a new visitor's bureau grant that we received for \$650.

Storybook Trail - Chris and Christopher installed the Storybook Trail signs along Chauncey Depot Trail and they look awesome! I need Kevin to get me the costs that we had so that I can submit those for reimbursement.

Brownfield Remediation funding - ORCA is pursuing funding from EPA to cover the campground and some additional funding needed for the visitor's center so we will technically be the applicant since it's our property.

The stage is set to be done next week. The fence around the basketball court has been up. The automatic locks will be on the restrooms. KAL electric will be here on April 13th to work on the electric. Security camera will be installed and Mayor Amy is set to meet with them on Friday. An ADA swing will be up in the park but has not happened yet.

VILLAGE COMMENTS

Wayne Bayha: Would like to turn the property on 53 Converse Street into an Air BNB. The village would like to have Wayne fill out an application since it is in zone B1. Mayor Amy asked for him to fill out the application and put some more detail of the application with his idea and a floor plans for the units.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Roll-off from Batemen's= How many do we use? I told them 2 for regular items and 1 for the metal. We received a grant for \$900.00 to help cover the cost.

Trash trucks: Will be \$ 550.00 to dump the trash from the trucks (2). \$400.00 for the roll-offs to be dumped.

The master meter at the trailer park, will we be reading the master meter only or all the meters? Pam within the trailer park believes that there was an ordinance saying the village would be taken care of the water line within the trailer park. She is going to try to find the paperwork and present it to Chris.

JT Wheeler is working on the storage building plans. Chris is waiting for the plans and a price.

Jim Edwards was okay with us locking the gate by the mining buildings.

We have only received the survey for the Jim Edwards property. Jonathan is waiting for more information from Jim's lawyer. The village has never received the easement from Jim's lawyer. We do not have the correct paperwork to cross the Edward's property.

They are working on getting electricity to the pavilion.

Ellis Avenue has some low spots. Mckee will fix the spots for \$18,000.00. He did not put the sealing for Lexington and Birge. We will pay whoever to fix the spots out of the permissive use tax fund. Council agrees that this needs to be fixed.

The new engine came in and is on the mower and we have begun mowing.

Tammy Hawk brought up the Administrator Assistant pay raise from last year. The village administrator assistant was set to take the test by March 15th of 2023. He is yet to take the test. Mayor Amy will reach out to Chris Jr and regards to him taking the test and what his plans are.

VILLAGE SOLICITOR REPORT

I am working with Drew on some items.

I am working on some bylaws in regards to the BZA and the planning and commission.

The mayor and myself are planning on going to the next land bank meeting in regard to the funk property. Drew has gone through everything for that property. We will be sending information to Funk either Thursday or Friday in regards to his property and him not complying with what was originally supposed to happen.

Other area communities put a sign up when they enter the area saying that the area is covered by a zoning code.

MAYORS REPORT

I have already brought up all my items in New Business section.

MEMBER REPORTS

Evelyn Nagy: Nothing

Tammy Hawk: Finance and Personnel committee meet, we had a pretty good discussion about items we could help with. We also asked for job description for the position for the village. I attended the EV charging meeting on the 30th of March. There is a grant that is 80/20 match. AEP also has other programs to help too. I am involved in the active transportation plan, there is a lot of information being shared. The county is trying to do a brainstorming regarding the issues.

Connaught Cullen: Has anyone talked to RJ lately? No one has talked to him. Jonathan will be calling him next week about something he did before he left.

Karla Dellinger: Nothing


Dylan Skees: There will be a presentation in regard to Disc golf.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on May 10th, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Tammy Hawk at 8:11 pm, Karla Dellinger seconded. AIF

APPROVED BY COUNCIL



Connaught Cullen, President of Council

RECORDED BY



Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer