

Village of Chauncey Council
July 12th, 2023

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, Present

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Arrived at 5:48.

Seat 5 – Mike Kraus, Present

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Absent

Mayor – Amy Renner, Present

Village Administrator – Absent

Village Code Enforcer – Drew Daniels

Motion to excuse Evelyn Nagy tardiness. made by Tammy Hawk, seconded Karla Dellinger. AIF

Connaught, Evelyn to excuse Dylan. AIF

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to approve bills made by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Mike Kraus, AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from June 21st, 2023 by Connaught Cullen, Seconded by Mike Kraus, AIF

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Park Funds: I will be sending a list this weekend of all of the deposits we have had for the park fund, rather it be grants or donations.

Motion to approve the June 2023 financial statements made by Karly Dellinger, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2023-7 Zoning Code (Second Reading): This is the second reading. No residents showed up for comments or questions. There is 7 parcels moving to R1 zone.

Ordinance 2023-8 Vacant Building Registration (Second reading): This the second reading. Drew: The general idea for this ordinance is it will help identify what buildings around the village are currently empty. This will also help with the safety of the village residents and the emergency response teams. The information will be passed on to the fire department so that they have knowledge of what houses or buildings are not occupied.

Tammy Hawk: Will we have contact information for these owners of the property? Drew: The form they fill out will have all that information and additional information will be on the form. Someone who is selling their vacant property should use a realtor instead of trying to sell it themselves. Karla Dellinger: So, a person cannot sell their own property? Drew: All buildings will have a 90-day window before they have to be registered. Karla: I feel like we are putting a lot of restrictions on what a property owner can do with the property. Connaught: Can we possibly add a timeframe for someone to sell it on their own (like a year)? Evelyn: How often does someone have to register their property? Drew: The property has to be registered every year and a fee will be charged. They have a full year if they have it listed. If you want the full-year exemption, you will have to list it with a realtor. Karla suggested having the 3 months extended to 6 months for an owner to sell the property on their own.

Council agrees that the property owner should be allowed 6 months to do something with the property before they will be accessed a fee.

Karla Dellinger: Yes

Connaught Cullen: Yes

Mike Kraus: Yes

Evelyn Nagy: Yes

Tammy Hawk: Yes

Chris: What if they are using the building for storage? Drew: We will need to look at this and possibly put working into the ordinance.

Ordinance 2023-9 Land installment contract (Second Reading): This is the second reading of this ordinance. This ordinance is for people who buy a home on a land contract. This is to help people from entering into a bad situation. This will only affect new land contracts. Drew: If a land contract is supposed to file the paperwork through the county courts. Evelyn: Pay to stay in Athens County; if they are able to get caught up when they get an eviction notice they are allowed to stay. This ordinance will make landowners accountable to keep up on the taxes and to keep up on the mortgage (if there is a mortgage). The ordinance will protect the buyer.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Project: The project is finally being advertised and will go live on July 18th. The bid opening will be August 17th at 1:00PM. They have an estimate for the project of 4.9 Million.

Income Tax: Would like to continue income tax talk. Tammy: I was thinking about the exemption. How does it work if a business owner has property other places? Amy: They will have to pay the taxes on the income because it is generated within the village. Karla: How many people will have to pay the tax since it doesn't affect people who already have income taxes deducted? Amy: I'm not sure. Karla: I just have concerns that we are hitting people with taxes and they can't afford to live as is. Amy: Anything less than 1% can be voted and passed by the council without putting it on the ballot. We have a list of needs within the village that the tax money would be used for.

The council would like to see a 1% income tax rate. The first reading will be in August.

CSX invoice for the mowing is going to be sent out. Village council would like to increase the amount we charge CSX.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

We are dragging roads and cutting back branches.

We are trying to get more training for the test before myself and Christopher Jr take the water test.

Two lots on spring street owner have asked if the village would be interested in mowing the lots and sending them a bill. The village council is not interested at this time.

Nathan will be at next months meetings to talk about the RPIG grant.

Amy: Should we rethink about putting a master meter at the trailer park? Chris: We should probably talk with Johnathan what we are legally allowed to do.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

No residents were in attendance.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Johnathan was not in attendance.

MAYORS REPORT

I emailed you my report.

We are looking into reinstating Mayor Court. We are looking at this because of our fines for the zoning code and the new codes within the village. This will force people to pay their fines and comply with the rules and regulations of the village. I will reach out to Albany about how they handle their mayor's court.

The bathrooms are open at the park. There is not much water pressure within the restrooms. Chris has a meeting Friday with the engineer to talk about the bathrooms.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Connaught: When is the annexation at the park suppose to happen? Amy: I am not sure. Dylan texted me. He is at work and forgot all about it. Can we get some sort of recycling at the park? We will check on this.

Mike: Website was going to move WIX. Have you heard anything back? Fiscal Officer did not hear anything back from them. Are the Cameras up and do we have access to them? Amy will check on her access.

Karla: We do a cost of living wage increase in August, do we need to talk about it? We will talk about it in August. The community yard sale is coming up in August.

Evelyn: Nothing

Tammy: Active Transportation committee had a meeting yesterday. We are going to do two more walk audits. They also want to do some tabling, I suggested that they come to the party in the park. They are also posting some flyers. I got an email from Buckeye Regional. They are having a summit on August 15th. The fee is \$25.00 and lunch will be provided.

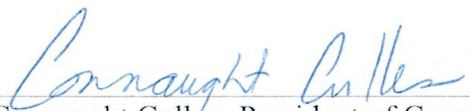
ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on August 9th, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Tammy Hawk at 8:19 pm, Karla Dellinger seconded. AIF

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY


Connaught Cullen, President of Council


Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer