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**Village of Chauncey Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Amy Renner called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Mayor Renner appointed the Village Solicitor, Jonathan Robe, to keep the minutes for the meeting.

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

**ROLL CALL** – Taken by Solicitor.

Seat 1 – Connaught Cullen, Present

Seat 2 – Tammy Hawk, Present

Seat 3 – Karla Dellinger, Present

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Present

Seat 5 – Diana Burritt, Present

Andrea Stern resigned as off May 11, 2022.

Mayor – Amy Renner, Present

Solicitor – Jonathan Robe, Present

Village Administrator – Chris Russell, Present

Fiscal Officer was not in attendance; Diana Burritt moved that the Fiscal Officer be excused from attendance, Karla Dellinger seconded. All voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

There was a question about a water refund for a property owner that had overpaid their water. Mayor Renner addressed the question. The refund was for about \$41 that had been overpaid by a property owner who had sold a lot and moved out of the Village.

Motion to approve the bills made by Karla Dellinger, Evelyn Nagy seconded. All voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council discussed some corrections/changes to the minutes of the April 13, 2022 council meeting minutes.

Correction to the minutes: Evelyn Nagy is the Council Member who left the meeting early, with permission.

Correction to the minutes: Tammy Hawk requested the minutes be changed to read “Mayor Amy is pleased that some of the building is still standing”.

Motion to approve the April 13, 2022 council meeting minutes, with the above changes by Tammy Hawk, Connaught Cullen seconded. All voted in favor.

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCNES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER**

Motion to approve the April 2022 finances by Diana Burritt, Tammy Hawk seconded. All voted in favor.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 2022-15: To authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement for study by Hilferty on the feasibility of old mining building learning site.

Tammy Hawk introduced, Karla Dellinger seconded. All in favor.

Connaught Cullen made a motion to declare emergency (to ensure proper maintenance and improvement of the old mine buildings) and suspend the rules, Karla Dellinger seconded

Connaught Cullen: Yes

Tammy Hawk: Yes

Karla Dellinger: Yes

Evelyn Nagy: Yes

Dianna Burritt: Yes

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-15 made by Tammy Hawk, Diana Burritt seconded. All voted in favor.

Resolution 2022-16: To authorize the Mayor to sign the Permit to Install/Plan Approval Application provided by DLZ for Village sewer expansion project.

The Mayor explained that the Village administration had a meeting with DLZ to review forms. DLZ reported that estimated project costs have increased significantly, and DLZ is currently estimating a \$8.9 million budget for purposes for obtaining grants. DLZ anticipates qualifying for a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; a \$4 million from EPA; additional \$750K funding, and a \$400K Community Block development grant. The Mayor explained the Village is also trying for USDA funds, which are harder to get. The Mayor explained that ARC funding is probably capped at \$500K. The Mayor also mentioned seeking funding from the Governor's \$50M funds for SE Ohio infrastructure and that the Village's OWDA loan will reimburse the \$15.1K cost for beginning the project

Tammy introduced, Karla seconded. All voted in favor.

Connaught Cullen made a motion to declare emergency (to allow for the Village's needed sewer expansion project to proceed timely to ensure sewer service is continued for sewer customers) and suspend the rules, Karla Dellinger seconded.

Connaught Cullen: Yes  
Tammy Hawk: Yes  
Karla Dellinger: Yes  
Evelyn Nagy: Yes  
Dianna Burritt: Yes

All voted in favor.

Resolution 2022-17: To authorize the Mayor to sign application and forms for USACE environmental assessment for sewer expansion.

Evelyn Nagy introduced, Diana Burritt seconded. All voted in favor.

Tammy Hawk made a motion to declare emergency (to allow for the Village's needed sewer expansion project to proceed timely to ensure sewer service is continued for sewer customers), Connaught Cullen seconded.

Connaught Cullen: Yes  
Tammy Hawk: Yes  
Karla Dellinger: Yes  
Evelyn Nagy: Yes  
Dianna Burritt: Yes

Motion to adopt made by Evelyn Nagy, Karla Dellinger seconded. All voted in favor.

Ordinance 2022-6 (Zoning Code)

Council held its first reading of the new Zoning Code as recommended (with amendments) by the Chauncey Planning Commission. Zoning maps copies are available in Village Hall for review for any member of the public and copies of the proposed zoning code will be as well.

Tammy Hawk introduced, and Diana Burritt seconded.

Karla Dellinger had a question about free-range chickens as long as yard is completely fenced in. Mayor said that this was permissible; the Zoning Code is designed to prevent free-range chickens that can wander into other people's properties.

Karla Dellinger had a question about regulating feral cats ranging throughout the Village. Mayor stated that there had originally been a prohibition on feral cats but had been taken out since it was a separate issue and other municipalities (specifically Nelsonville) regulated the subject by a separate ordinance.

Karla Dellinger had a question about High Street zoned completely residential, and asked about changing a High Street property to a duplex. Mayor explained that the variance process would

allow for a change from a single-family home to a duplex in an R1 district. Mayor explained that the current zoning code doesn't have any territory zoned R2. There are special regulations governing R2 properties and duplexes.

Evelyn Nagy had a question about a goat in the trailer park. Mayor explained that livestock can only be in an agricultural district, not a residential district.

Karla Dellinger had a question about special meeting at May 26 at 5:30. Mayor explained that social media posts and posting flyers throughout the Village to notify residents about the proposed Zoning Code. Copies of the proposed Zoning Code will be available at Village Hall and on the website. Diana Burritt won't be able to make it to May 26 meeting. The Planning Commission is planning on a public forum on June 1 at 6 pm at the Athens Friends for additional public input.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Solicitor and Mayor met with Sheriff to discuss recurring issue for noise complaints at a particular location. Sheriff indicated that if Village has ordinance regulation noise levels, then Sheriff can enforce.

Solicitor to prepare draft noise ordinance for special council meeting on May 26.

#### **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Trash pick up went well; filled up 5 dumpsters

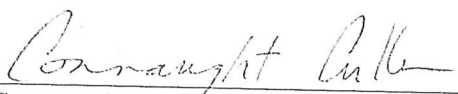
#### **MEMBER REPORTS**

Evelyn Nagy reported resident is going to begin patching at the trailer court, but needs some help for titles to the trailers

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Tammy Hawk, Dianna Burritt seconded. All voted in favor.

#### **APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

  
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Connaught Cullen, President of Council

#### **RECORDED BY**

  
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Johnathan Robe, Solicitor