

**Village of Chauncey Council**  
**May 10, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Amy Renner called the meeting to order at 5:33 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, Present

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Present

Mayor – Amy Renner, Present

Solicitor – Johnathan Robe

Village Administrator – Chris Russell

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion to approve bills made by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from April 12, 2023 by Tammy Hawk, Seconded by Dylan Skees, AIF

**APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER**

Deposit notes: Outdoor Rec Council for \$ 3,895.00. Pepsi Cola for \$ 250.00. Athens County Convention and Visitors Bureau for \$ 650.00.

Wicks Website Update: I have sent them out the link for our website and they are going to give me a quote for them to move all our current information over.

June Meeting: I will be on vacation for the June meeting. I would like to request it be moved to either June 7<sup>th</sup> or June 21<sup>st</sup>. Per Johnathan, June 21<sup>st</sup> would work best for our zoning code hearing. I will also need the timesheet on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June by noon if possible.

Record Retention: I am in the process of working on the records retention policy and have reached out to some area villages for their records retention policy.

Postage Machine: I am working with Pitney Bowes closely about a postage machine and trying to get them to give it to use for free since I am a multiple user.

Board of Elections update: Tammy gave me an old letter of council seats in terms. I am working with them to get the website updated with the correct information.

Amy had a meeting with RCap. Phase 1 is fully funded through grants. EPA grant agreement will not come out until sometime in August. They will pay off the OWDA loan. They will also reimburse us for what we have paid toward the loan.

Motion to approve the April 2023 financial statements made by Tammy Hawk, seconded by Mike Kraus, AIF

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance 2023-5:** Floodplain Management. Mayor Amy recommends changing some of the wording of the ordinance. We will need to change the wording to the “Code Enforcement”. Karla Dellinger would like to make the motion to introduce 2023-5 to make the changes to section 3.1; Dylan Skees, seconded, AIF Tammy Hawk would like to declare an emergency and suspend the rules so that the change can take effect immediately. Karla Dellinger, seconded.

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

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

**Resolution 2023-11:** Authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement with Mr. Edwards and the property. Karla Dellinger would like to introduce 2023-11 allowing the mayor to sign the agreement with Mr. Edwards; seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF. Tammy Hawk would like to declare an emergency and suspend the rules so that the village law can be applied to the park; seconded by Karla Dellinger.

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

Dylan Skees made the motion to adopt, seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF

### **RESIDENT COMMENTS**

Cale Bonner would like to be involved in the development of the park. Cale would like to discuss having a Disc Golf Course in the park. Cale has walked the property to look at the possibility of a course design in the park. Karla asked what the price is for a 9-hole course. \$2,000-\$5,000 for the baskets. Launch pads are usually concrete but there are other ways to make it look more natural. \$1,500-\$2,000 for the launch pads made out of turf.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Community Trail Celebrations will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 and the ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 3:00 PM. There will also be a nature walk at 4:00. A naturalist from Wayne National Forest will be the head of the walk. There will be food being served.

Park Update: The concrete for the stage will be poured next week. The bathrooms are still being looked at for the electrical issues. There may not be hot water but the bathrooms can be opened.

The Party in the Park series is all booked except for a band for the July party.

Nelsonville TV Cable is donating internet for the park. They are setting it up and running all the lines for free. They are also helping look for security cameras for the park.

The meeting that Chris went to, they discussed that all dogs need to be on a leash. Chris believes that ORCA may come to the council to discuss this item.

Sewer Project Update: US Army Core of Engineers is still working. The bid process will be open on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are looking to grant the work to a contractor in July. They are hoping to start in the fall on the project. It will all depend on how hard the material is to get. The will be also posting the water and sewer expansion project will be posted at the same time.

### **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Nye and Ellis streets have been fixed.

Chip and seal bids from McKee's have come in for Lexington and Birge.

Chris has been working on an 8-inch main line that broke. Chris and Chris Jr were able to fix it on their own.

### **VILLAGE SOLICITOR REPORT**



47 Main Street: Johnathan and Amy went to the landbank meeting in April in regard to the property. The land bank board contacted the owner about the property. The best solution to the property would be the village getting the property and the land bank paying for the demolition of the building. The board has decided to take legal action. They gave the land owner two options, one would be to give the property back or they will be sued.

Johnathan was talking with Drew today about the Bill Hunter situation. Drew is going to put together a letter together for review before sending it to Bill Hunter.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

ODNR NatureWorks funding - it's looking like some of the items budgeted in this grant are coming in much lower than it was estimated so I'm checking in with ODNR to see if they can allow me to move some funds around to allocate more towards trees. Open to ideas if there are other park improvements that you are interested in seeing. It needs to be park improvement only (sorry Chris, no new mowers will be accepted). The council would like to check into getting another grill. They would also like to check into a message board.

OU Economics of Altruism class update - as you may recall, Dr. Julia Paxton who teaches Economics of Altruism chose Chauncey to be the case study for her class this semester. The class looks at various areas of interest in the Village and non-profit partnerships then at the end they award a total of \$25,000 to 3 non-profits for implementing improvements to Chauncey. They chose to award \$5,000 to the Chauncey Library's Blessing Box to keep it stocked with non-food essential items like tampons, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. They awarded \$10,000 to HAPCAP to upgrade the play area at the Creekside Apartments. Lastly, they awarded \$10,000 to Habitat for Humanity to go towards the Chauncey house they are currently building.

We received a grant for \$900 from the Donald R. Myers Legacy Fund from Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to fund free food for Chauncey residents at the Party in the Park series over the summer.

We received \$300 from Ohio Winding Road towards the PassionWorks banner activity at the Community Trails Celebration.

We received \$900 from the Athens County Visitors Bureau for the Party in the Park series.

Grant agreements have been received for the water extension project from GOA and CDBG. We are still waiting on the grant agreement for the sewer extension funding from the County with their ARPA funds. Johnathan is not sure what the status of this is.

Clean-Up Day was really great, lots of happy homeowners who participated in the beautification program, lots of wonderful volunteers, and we received 4 trash trucks and 3 dumpsters full of waste from the community.

-ServeOhio awarded \$1000 to Chauncey for the Clean Up Day.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Evelyn Nagy: The graffiti wall is getting covered in mud. Is there anything we can do with that? The storm drain is getting full and backing up. Is there anything happening with the house that burn? Chris believes Drew is checking on it. Southeastern Ohio Legal Services is going to do a tenant rights meeting that will be geared toward the mobile home park.

Tammy Hawk: Storybook trail reimbursement? Waiting for Slaters to cash the check.

Connaught Cullen: Nothing

Karla Dellinger: Community yard sale? Let's set a day and get the word out. The first weekend in August (5<sup>th</sup>). Does people need to get a pool permit every year? Per Amy, this would be a Drew question. Has there been any more talk about one trash company within the village?

Dylan Skees: Nothing

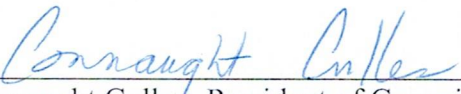
Mike Kraus: Food for party in the park? Lets talk

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be on June 21st, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Connaught Cullen at 8:10 pm, Evelyn Nagy seconded. AIF

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

  
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Connaught Cullen, President of Council

**RECORDED BY**

  
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Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer