

Village of Chauncey Council
October 11th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Amy Renner called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL – Taken by Council

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 (excused)

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Present

Mayor – Amy Renner, Present

Village Administrator – Present

Village Solicitor – Present

Fiscal Officer was excused. Karla moved; Tammy seconded. AIF.

Village residents were in attendance.

Motion to excuse the Fiscal Officer absence made by Karla Dellinger, seconded by Tammy Hawk. AIF

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from September 27th, 2023 with changes made by council by Evelyn Nagy, Seconded by Connaught Cullen, AIF

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Motion to approve September 2023 Financial Statements made by Tammy Hawk, seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF

The Fiscal Officer is still working with Godaddy on getting us more memory and a better way for us to all be able to login. He has a call with them tomorrow and will get pricing information for next meeting.

The Mayor also discussed the possibility of storing minutes and ordinances is uploaded to a cloud-based storage that can be accessed publicly via a link from the website.

We did receive our 2nd half of our property tax for this year.

Our holiday bonus's last year was the following:

Village Administrator \$100.00

Village Assistant \$ 100.00

Water/Sewer Clerk \$ 50.00

Fiscal Officer \$50.00

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2023-11: Zoning Code Amendment (First Reading): Tammy Hawk would like to introduce Ordinance 2023-11, Zoning Code. Seconded by Karla Dellinger. AIF.

Karla Dellinger raised concerns about provisions that the Planning Commission recommends be removed from the Zoning Code (e.g., political signs). The Mayor informed council that the Code Inspector will be instructed not to enforce any provision the Planning Commission recommends removing, pending Council's consideration of the proposed changes.

Ordinance 2023-12: Rental Permit Registration (First Reading):

Discussion over whether to prefer Chauncey residents in the permit lottery. Question about which zones short term rentals would be permitted in. Mayor stated currently under the Zoning Code, it would be permitted in any zone but the Planning Commission is considering whether to limit short term rentals to only a specific zone or zones. Question about how to enforce short term rental and the renters' behavior. Mayor stated there would be conditions placed on a permit and the Village can revoke a permit if the conditions are violated.

Karla Dellinger raised concerns about the pay to stay provisions and wanted to revisit at the second reading. Karla Dellinger also raised a concern about how residents in the Village will find out about the ordinance. Mayor suggested ways to spread the word to all residents once it is passed.

Connaught Cullen introduced Ordinance 2023-12, Rental Permit Registration. Seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF

Ordinance 2023-13: Awarding the Sewer Extension Contract to Ohio WV Excavating:

Mayor stated the contract is for \$179,000 for excavation and was within the threshold of the bid for the sewer extension on Plum Street. The Mayor clarified that this is a separate project. This project is funded 100% through grants.

Evelyn Nagy would like to introduce 2023-13 awarding the sewer extension contract to Ohio WV Excavating. This ordinance will need to be passed on emergency due to the timing of the project and the timing of the funds. Seconded by Tammy Hawk. AIF.

Tammy Hawk would like to suspend the rules due to the timing of the resolution and it be passed on emergency. Seconded Connaught Cullen.

Connaught Cullen = Yes

Evelyn Nagy = Yes

Karla Dellinger = Yes

Tammy Hawk = Yes

Dylan Skees = Yes

Motion to adopt made by Connaught Cullen, Seconded by Karla Dellinger. AIF

Resolution 2023-21: Holiday Bonus (First Reading):

Discussion of ensuring bonuses to all part time and full time employees. Discussion of increases to the bonus amounts. Mayor stated that these monies come out of the general fund.

Karla Dellinger would like to introduce Ordinance 2023-11, Zoning Code. Seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed estimate for new stop signs for the Lexington, High, Ellis, and Mill Streets intersections with Monroe for four way stops. Possibility for adding a new sign for May Avenue intersection. Mayor stated money would come from the Street Fund.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

Concern raised about big trucks in alley-ways. Administrator stated that if signs stated limit is 4 ton, then the limit is 4 tons. Resident reports dump truck regularly travels alley-way. Administrator previously told the vehicle owner not to do it.

Concern raised about Coc Road and possible survey. Resident expressed concern about infringement on a right of way. Also, the Resident stated he believes that a survey would solve the stop sign location on Mill Street. Resident stated that there is an easement. Karla raised the concern about use of public funds related to what may be a private property interest. Discussion about implication of zoning code set-backs. Mayor requested the Resident submit a written letter specifying the concerns to the Village for the Village to review and consider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Karla Dellinger moved to enter executive session to discuss pending or imminently threatened litigation involving the Village. Seconded by Dylan Skees.

Connaught Cullen = Yes

Evelyn Nagy = Yes

Karla Dellinger = Yes

Tammy Hawk = Yes

Dylan Skees = Yes

Entered executive session at 6:59 p.m.

Tammy Hawk moved to exit executive session, no action taken. Seconded by Karla Dellinger.

Connaught Cullen = Yes

Evelyn Nagy = Yes

Karla Dellinger = Yes

Tammy Hawk = Yes

Dylan Skees = Yes

Exit executive session.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Reported on various estimates provided for water meter payment system update. Administrator recommends Amsten system.

Resolution 2023-22 Authorizing the Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Ampstun For Water Payment System

Karla introduced Resolution 2023-22. Seconded by Dylan Skees. AIF

Tammy Hawk moved to suspend the rules and declare an emergency to implement the new water billing system without disrupting service to residents. Seconded by Karla Dellinger. Roll call:

Connaught Cullen = Yes

Evelyn Nagy = Yes

Karla Dellinger = Yes

Tammy Hawk = Yes

Dylan Skees = Yes

Motion to adopt by Tammy Hawk. Seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF

Administrator addressed issue at 107 Converse. Line was impacted and had to be addressed.

Restrooms at the park have been completed.

Work on the sign for the park entrance should begin on Monday.

Hoping to finish the mowing this week and put the mowers away.

Had checked on a potential water issue but confirmed that water pressure was normal so no issue.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Discussed during executive session report on litigation.

MAYORS REPORT

MPP Housing Committee

Drew and I have joined the Mayor's Partnership for Progress' newly formed Housing Committee alongside Somerset, Athens, Crooksville, New Concord, Newcomerstown, and Logan. The first meeting will be held at the end of the month. The purpose of the committee is to discuss housing problems in the region and identify solutions. We feel given input received lately from the community that this would be an appropriate use of our time and will allow us to network with other communities facing similar housing concerns.

Rental Permit Registration

In the spring, the Planning Commission reviewed a rental permit registration ordinance that included more language specific to short-term rentals (airbnbs'). Given the community input around concerns over short-term rentals, we felt it was an appropriate time to bring that to Council. See the proposed Ordinance attached. You may recall that the rental registration is already in the zoning code but we felt it was appropriate to make it a standalone ordinance to add some additional details. One item that the registration is hoping to tackle is setting a limit for the number of rental permits issued for short-term rentals. The Planning Commission advised to start with a limit of 5% of the housing stock in Chauncey can be used as short-term rentals. We have approximately 450 residential properties in Chauncey so 5% would equate to 22 permits for short-term rentals. This seems to be a regional problem so I feel it is worthwhile to address it now before it becomes a problem. The City of Logan currently has a moratorium meaning no new short term rentals will be permitted until they review their short term rental policy because they've been having so many issues.

Sewer Project Update

All necessary paperwork was submitted to the Ohio EPA to lock in our bid and contract for the sewer project by their October deadline. Many thanks to Jonathan and Kevin for helping to get

their portions submitted! RPIG paperwork has also been submitted for Phase 2. The plan is to start phase 1 construction on March 1.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Connaught: Parks and Rec meeting will be held soon. Recycle bins need to be placed at the park. Administrator said the Village may have to pay for 2 of the bins but we need to look into whether ORCA will reimburse.

Karla: posted Trick or Treat signs. Had attended Planning Commission meetings and felt that there are still issues but that progress is being made to improve the Zoning Code in light of residents' concerns. Goal is to find something that works for everyone.

Tammy: Joined the Athens Active Transportation Committee. Still in the planning phase for analyzing traffic areas. Received 315 surveys and now will analyze the surveys. Athens Community Together will also be having another meeting soon.

Evelyn: Dirt Fondue is this weekend (Italian bike race).

Dylan: n/a

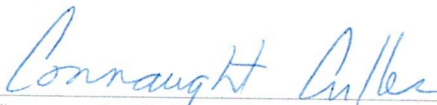
ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on November 8th, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Tammy Hawk to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Evelyn Nagy seconded. AIF

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY


Connaught Cullen, President of Council


Council Members