

Village of Chauncey Council
February 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Amy Renner called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 – Vacant

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Absent

Mayor – Amy Renner, Present

Solicitor – Johnathan Robe

Village Administrator – Chris Russell

Public Participation – Mike Kraus, Bobby Fuller (DLZ), Austin McDonough

Tammy Hawk would like to make a motion to excuse Dylan Skees, Seconded by Connaught Cullens, AIF

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to approve bills made by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2023 by Evelyn Nagy, Seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Motion to approve the December 2022 financial statements made by Tammy Hawk, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF

Credit Card update: I called and talked to Lue today again at HVB. She reached out to the company that issues the credit card. They did not have anything for the Village of Chauncey. She called The Plains location, where I dropped off the application. They still had the application because their fax machine has been down and wasn't able to send it in. I requested that it be transferred to another branch and faxed right away. She confirmed that it would be faxed today.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-3 Authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept and enter into a water pollution control loan fund agreement on behalf of the Village of Chauncey. The resolution will need to be passed as an emergency due to the deadline for the application. Introduced by Karla Dellinger, seconded by Tammy Hawk. AIF. Tammy Hawk would like to declare an emergency to suspend the rules due to the timing of the meeting, seconded by Connaught Cullen.

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

Evelyn Nagy made the motion to adopt, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

Resolution 2023-04 Authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with DLZ for the designing of the Plum Street expansion project. Introduced by Karla Dellinger, seconded by Tammy Hawk. Tammy Hawk would like to make a motion to suspend the rules due to the timing of the project; Connaught Cullen Seconded.

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

Evelyn Nagy made the motion to adopt, seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF.

Resolution 2023-5 Authorizing the Mayor to sign and enter into a contract with SOPEC and AEP Energy for electric rates for 2 years at \$68.43 a month. Tammy Hawk would like to introduce the resolution, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. Tammy Hawk would like to make a motion to suspend the rule, seconded by Karla Dellinger due to the deadline to enroll deadline.

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

Evelyn Nagy made the motion to adopt, seconded by Karla Dellinger, AIF

Resolution 2023-6 Authorizing the Mayor to interview for a Code Officer. Tammy Hawk would like to introduce the resolution, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF Tammy Hawk would like to make a motion to suspend the rule, seconded by Evelyn Nagy due to the need for the position.

Connaught Cullen = Yes

Tammy Hawk = Yes

Evelyn Nagy = Yes

Karla Dellinger = Yes

Mike Kraus = Yes

Evelyn Nagy made the motion to adopt, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

NEW BUSINESS

Bobby Fuller from DLZ with Sewer Update: See attached information memorandum that Bobby handed out.

Jessie Powers from ORCA wasn't able to make it but she was going to talk about the signs for the park. Mayor Amy send the signs out for the park for council input.

Planning Commission Appointment: Mayor Amy would like to appointment. Martina Von Barga.

Council President Appointment: Tammy Hawk would like to nominate Connaught Cullen, seconded by Karla Dellinger. AIF

Council Committee assignments: Everyone would like to stay on the committees.

EPA Sewer Findings Update: Chris worked very hard on getting everything fixed.

Vacant Council Seat: Mike Kraus is present and would like to be part of the council. He would like to give back to the community. Mike works at Hocking Valley Bank. Mayor Amy would like to appoint Mike Kraus.

VILLAGE COMMENTS

Austin McDonough: Is updating the village on the process and the updates for the old school on the hill. He is hoping to have the permits started in the spring. He is also asking about the village watch that is trying to be organized.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Catch Basin is in.

We are getting people who want to donate benches to the park.

VILLAGE SOLICITOR REPORT

-I'm reviewing property records to make sure that the DLZ plans for the sewer replacement only cover property the Village already has a right of way for.

-No update from Jim Edwards's lawyer on the easement.

-Sending letters to various properties that aren't in compliance with Village ordinances (I can't go into detail right now on them).

MAYORS REPORT

-44 Converse Street house for potential office space- house was not in good shape, there was considerable water damage so it doesn't make sense financially with the amount of work that is needed.

-47 Main Street Update - Funk submitted floodplain and zoning permit applications. The zoning permit was denied due to the parcel being zoned B-1 business and proposed use is residential so I sent him a variance application where he can apply for a variance to the code. Floodplain permit application didn't have sufficient information about building materials being used for the exterior of the building or doors which are required to be made of floodproof materials since they will be below flood level. We haven't received the information yet on those materials.

-Park Sign - 2 choices attached for the design of the park sign, please decide which you prefer for tomorrow's meeting.

-Ribbon cutting celebration for the park - need to decide a date sometime after the prescribed burns are done in Wayne National Forest in early May.

-Athens County Healthy Aging Community Conversation on March 11 at 11:30 am at the Chauncey Friendly Circle (Senior Center).

-Bench donations - Athens County Seniors donating 2 benches and Athens Kiwanis is donating a bench for the park/bikeway/depot trail.

-Bus shelter - concrete pad is poured, just waiting for consistently warmer/dryer weather to install the shelter.

-See letters from EPA showing the resolution of the sewer findings from their December letter. HUGE thank you to Chris for diligently getting through this and making the necessary repairs to the sewer plant (with minimal help from Oscar) and connecting with Nick Hammer at EPA who was a big help in getting the responses together for the EPA inspector.

-Ohio Public Works Commission committee ranked Chauncey's sewer line replacement project #1 so it received full points meaning it will be funded \$500,000. This means we have \$5.5 million of the total project cost of \$9.7 million. We are anticipating a response soon regarding another \$500,000 from ARC. Bobby Fuller from DLZ will be at our meeting to discuss the project.

-SR 13 Closure - signs are posted for 2/17-3/2 but Chris will open the barricade to allow for local traffic to pass through 2/17-2/19 and will close it on 2/20. This closure is for the sewer line being installed to the park.

-Park update - to finish the park, the weather needs to be consistently dry and consistently over 40 degrees.

-SOPEC/AEP Energy - as you may have heard, electric and natural gas prices are going to be skyrocketing in the upcoming supply year. SOPEC and AEP Energy are offering Chauncey a contract starting July 2023 for a special electric rate that can be signed for a 1, 2, or 3-year term that is much lower than the projected rate upcoming from AEP. This is only available to us as a government so only for our 6 AEP accounts in the Village. See the attached sheet for more details but I'd like to make a decision about this tomorrow to lock it in. I'll need a resolution from the council giving me the authority to enter into a contract.

-Texas Eastern - Riverside Towing changed their mind about wanting to lease Texas Eastern, they just want to buy it. I reached out to a surveyor to get a survey for a lot split to take off the right of way we need on the property so that I can start that paperwork. I propose we take a loan out to build a pole building for our equipment by the water plant then sell Texas Eastern and pay off the loan and hopefully we'll still have approximately \$40K extra to put into our general fund for a rainy day.

-OU Economic Altruism class - what types of community-oriented programs would you like to see ORCA and/or the library implement if they got a small \$10-15,000 grant from OU? OU is particularly interested in funding things that appeal to people who are economically disadvantaged, healthcare, or for children.

-Records retention - I located our records retention policy so I'd like to meet back up at Texas Eastern to set up the file boxes that are ready for disposal. Additionally, we really need to get the back room of Village Hall cleaned out of dated and unnecessary records then those large filing cabinets can be removed to make more space. Friday afternoons work pretty well for me if anyone else happens to be available to join me. Otherwise, we can try to find another working Saturday.

-Code enforcement update - I'm working to schedule interviews for the code enforcement officer position but I'm also trying to get written confirmation that we can use ARPA funds for this position to keep on file which is why I was delaying interviews.

MEMBER REPORTS

Evelyn Nagy: Nothing

Tammy Hawk: Welcome Mike and Thank you Austin and Bobby for all the information.

Connaught Cullen: If you would like anything on the park and recreation agenda, let me know.

Mike Kraus: Nothing

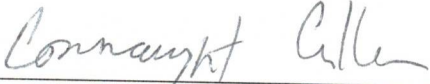
Karla Dellinger: Nothing

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion by Tammy Hawk at 7:49, Evelyn Nagy seconded. AIF

APPROVED BY COUNCIL



Connaught Cullen, President of Council

RECORDED BY



Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer