

Village of Chauncey Council
June 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Amy Renner called the meeting to order at 5:34 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, Absent

Seat 4 – Evelyn Nagy, Absent

Seat 5 – Mike Kraus, Present

Seat 6 – Dylan Skees, Present

Mayor – Amy Renner, Present

Village Administrator – Present

Village Solicitor – Present

Make a motion to excuse Evelyn Nagy, made by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Tammy Hawk.
AIF

NEW BUSINESS

Phase 1 Sewer Project Update: We replaced the line directly out of the water plant due to it being in the way of the new sewer line, which is why everyone was out of water. The new line is going in and they are going to continue down Converse Street for a few hundred feet then go back and branch off. They are bringing in a second crew around the first of July.

Phase 2 Sewer Project Update: We did receive 100% funding for Phase 2. DLZ is hoping to bid out Phase 2 in the fall.

Appalachian Community Grant Program: Mayor Amy met with Ross County today about the design engineer for the project. I have asked Drew the point of contact for this project to help keep items moving.

Water/Sewer Customer Notification: The new system that we have will allow us to send emails/text messages for notification. Customers will need to give their information to Tracie for her to enter into the system.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to approve the bills made by Dylan Skees, seconded by Connaught Cullen, AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of May 8^h, 2024: Motion by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Mike Kraus, AIF

APPROVE FINANCES AND REPORTS FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER

April 2024 Financials motion made by Tammy Hawk seconded by Dylan Skees AIF

May 2024 Financials motion made by Mike Kraus, seconded by Dylan Skees, AIF

Audit Update: Auditors will be picking up additional items Thursday the 13th of June.

Moving council meeting nights: The Council has decided to move the council meetings to the second Thursday of the month.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

Ordinance 2024-7 Mobile Home (Third Reading): Tammy Hawk made the motion to adopt, made by Mike Kraus. AIF

Resolution 2024-7 Authorizing the Mayor to sign USDA documents: Tammy Hawk made the motion to introduce the resolution, seconded by Connaught Cullen, AIF. Tammy Hawk made the motion to declare the resolution an emergency and suspend the rules due to timing of the documents, seconded by Dylan Skees.

Connaught Cullen: Yes

Dylan Skees: Yes

Mike Kraus: Yes

Tammy Hawk: Yes

Motion to adopt made by Connaught Cullen, seconded by Mike Kraus. AIF

Resolution 2024-8 Authorizing the Mayor to sign Ohio 250 Grant Documents Connaught Cullen made the motion to introduce the resolution, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF. Tammy Hawk made the motion to declare the resolution an emergency and suspend the rules due to timing of the documents, seconded by Dylan Skees.

Motion to adopt made Dylan Skees, seconded by Connaught. AIF

Connaught Cullen: Yes

Dylan Skees: Yes

Mike Kraus: Yes

Tammy Hawk: Yes

Resolution 2024-9 Amend the rules of Council for meeting change to the second Thursday of the month: Connaught Cullen would like to introduce the resolution, seconded by Dylan Skees, AIF Tammy Hawk made the motion to declare the resolution an emergency and suspend the rules due to timing of the documents, seconded by Connaught Cullen. AIF

Connaught Cullen: Yes
Dylan Skees: Yes
Mike Kraus: Yes
Tammy Hawk: Yes

Motion to adopt made Dylan Skees, seconded by Connaught Cullen. AIF

Resolution 2024-10 Authorizing the mayor to apply for the USDA Funds: Tammy Hawk made the motion to introduce the resolution, seconded by Connaught Cullen, AIF. Tammy Hawk made the motion to declare the resolution an emergency and suspend the rules due to timing of the documents, seconded by Connaught Cullen. AIF

Connaught Cullen: Yes
Dylan Skees: Yes
Mike Kraus: Yes
Tammy Hawk: Yes

Motion to adopt made by Dylan Skees, seconded by Tammy Hawk. AIF

MAYORS REPORT

OPWC grants are going to be closing. We have about 100k in permissive tax funds. I have reached out to DLZ about paving the roads next year once the projects are finished in the village.

Chauncey AHEAD

We submitted a pre-application to the Appalachian Regional Commission for site utilities on the Chauncey AHEAD property. If accepted, they will invite us to apply. We are also exploring submitting an ODNr AMLER application to build a spec building for a future commercial company to then occupy. DLZ is currently mapping out possible layouts for the site.

ORCA Update

I'm currently serving on the hiring committee for ORCA to hire a newly designed position for Finance Administrator, similar to a Fiscal Officer position. It's a redesign from the former Finance Director position which became vacant. It will save ORCA some funds annually to have this alternative position. Athens seems poised to pay their annual membership fee once their

reserve funds recover which is expected in July. Buchtel's trailhead is currently under design and it's looking really cool.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

I have been working with the contractors for the sewer project most of the time. They are a good company to work with and have been working well with us.

VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Natureworks: We did receive a Memorandum of understanding that I am currently working on.

Connaught Cullen: Do we need to have a liability agreement for our mural that is going to be painted? Solicitor: Yes, I will work on this and get it to you.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Tammy Hawk: I am still involved in the transportation committee. I will be meeting with them surrounding our transportation. I would like to find a time to talk about the income tax for Chauncey so we can hire an administrator to take care of some items. The village lost an alley to the school parking lot. Is there anything we can do to reclaim the alley? The Village Administrator believes we told them they could pave it but we were not aware they were putting parking spots there.

Connaught Cullen: The pile of bricks, are we still selling them? Mayor Amy would like to keep them so that we can use them back in the village.

Mike Kraus: The party in the park was a huge success and I enjoyed my time. Is there any plans for the 4th of July. Mayor Amy: I'm not sure we have the funds or the time. Fiscal Officer: Can we look at investing some of our money into short-term CD's? Fiscal Officer will look into it.

Dylan Skees: Are we allowed to paint the power poles? We will have to ask the companies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barb: The village does have it on their website for a July 4th party. Amy: We are waiting on a reply. There is a pot hole on 4th street just an FYI. If they do one traffic down State Route 13, will it be stop lights or what? Village Administrator: It will be stop lights.

Fauna: Where is the mural going to be? On the side of the village hall. When will the ground be broken on the new library? Mayor Amy: They do not have all the funding they want. They are continuing to try to get additional funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council would like to enter into an executive session at 6:58 to discuss legal matters surrounding the village. The council would like to invite the solicitor, mayor, village administrator, and fiscal officer into the executive session. Motion made by Tammy Hawk, seconded by Mike Kraus.

Connaught Cullen: Yes

Dylan Skees: Yes

Mike Kraus: Yes

Tammy Hawk: Yes

The council exited the executive session at 7:10.

Motion made by Connaught Cullen to allow the major and/or a designated person to be involved in a mediation surrounding 47 Main Street. Seconded by Tammy Hawk. AIF

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on July 11th, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Tammy Hawk at 7:11 pm, Dylan Skees seconded. AIF

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

RECORDED BY

Tammy Hawk, President of Council

Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer