

Village of Chauncey Council
January 4, 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, 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 Karla Dellinger, AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from December 12th, 2022 by Evelyn Nagy, Seconded by Dylan Skees, AIF

APPROVAL OF FINANCES AND REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

2023 Budget was sent out to all of you for your review.

Credit card update: I have sent the application into Hocking Valley Bank. Waiting to hear back from them.

Status of legislation and minutes from 2022: All legislation has been updated and I am working on uploading them to the website.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-1 Solicitor Contract for the Village of Chauncey. The contract will be from January 1 through December 31, 2023. The contract is for a monthly fee of \$ 1,000.00. The resolution will need to be passed as an emergency due to the time for the village to have the legal representative for 2023. 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 Evelyn Nagy.

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

Connaught Cullen made the motion to adopt, seconded by Evelyn Nagy, AIF

Resolution 2023-02 Appropriation and Budget for year 2023. Connaught Cullen would like to introduce the resolution, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. AIF. Karla Dellinger Opposed. Tammy Hawk would like to make a motion to suspend the rules due to timing and the budget can go into effective immediately. Evelyn Seconded.

Connaught Cullen = Yes
Tammy Hawk = Yes
Evelyn Nagy = Yes
Dylan Skees = Yes
Karla Dellinger = No

Connaught Cullen made the motion to adopt, seconded by Evelyn Nagy, AIF. Karla Dellinger Opposed. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-1 Sewer rate increase. We have received a 5 million dollar grant for the sewer project but the project is set to cost a total of 9.7 million dollars. The village will be responsible for the difference. The cost of inflation cost the village 7% more each year to maintain the water and sewer. This ordinance will cover from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025. The sewer will increase by 3.5% per year. Tammy Hawk would like to introduce the ordinance, seconded by Connaught. Karla Dellinger opposed. Tammy Hawk would like to suspend the rules and declare the ordinance an emergency, seconded Evelyn Nagy.

Connaught Cullen = Yes
Tammy Hawk = Yes
Evelyn Nagy = Yes
Dylan Skees = Yes
Karla Dellinger = No

Connaught Cullen made the motion to adopt, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF. Karla Opposed.
Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2023-2 Rules of Council. The changes to the ordinance will be for the meetings to be held the second Wednesday of the month except for January where the meeting will be held the first Wednesday. Tammy Hawk would like to introduce the ordinance, seconded by Evelyn Nagy. Evelyn Nagy would like to make a motion to suspend the rule, seconded by Connaught Nagy.

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

Connaught Cullen made the motion to adopt, seconded by Tammy Hawk, AIF

NEW BUSINESS

Texas Eastern Lease: We will need to put the bids out to the public for 5 weeks. The messenger will be able to start the advertisement next week and the 5 weeks would be up before our February meeting. During the February meeting, the council will be able to open the bids and decide who would be awarded the bid. Next month we will do an ordinance for the terms and who was awarded the bid. Karla Dellinger would like to make a motion to allow the mayor to put the advertisement for the bid, seconded by Tammy Hawk. AIF

Sewer plant inspection: Chris met with Nick Hammer with the EPA. They asked that we send the quotes to get the items fixed. Chris has already been in contact with people about getting quotes for the fixes. Nick Hammer has also stated that he would come back once a month to show us what we need to do on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis to keep the sewer plant up-to-date.

Sewer funding update: 4 million dollars from the Ohio EPA. This allows DLZ to start on phase I of the sewer project. They submitted another grant on 1.3.23 for \$650k. Also, we are waiting to hear back from another grant in the amount of \$500k.

Code Enforcement Officer: The job description was sent out to the council this week. The mayor would like to post this job as soon as possible. Tammy Hawk would like to make a motion to allow the mayor to post the job, seconded by Connaught Cullen. AIF. The job description will include a range of \$16-18 an hour and up to 10 hours a week. The mayor will be the supervisor of the position. The mayor has asked anyone who would like to invite anyone from the council to be involved in the interviews.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

We did receive the new mini-excavator.

We will put the new catch basin in next week.

VILLAGE SOLICITOR REPORT

Nothing

MAYORS REPORT

We ended up backing out of the land bank property. Someone else was interested in the property and wants to build something on the property.

The land bank did accept an offer on another property within Chauncey.

44 Converse: The mayor is set to do a walk-through of the house next Tuesday at 1:00. A contractor is going to walk with the mayor through the property and give an estimate of what the cost would be to renovate the house.

Chauncey did receive a grant from Athens County in the amount of \$10,000. This will go into the park fund and will be used for "Invisible Ground". This will allow people to scan a QR code and allow people to see what the area looked like before all the work was done.

MEMBER REPORTS

Evelyn Nagy: Nothing

Tammy Hawk: Nothing

Connaught Cullen: Nothing

Dylan Skees: I walked through the trails with a friend to look at the possibility of disc golf.

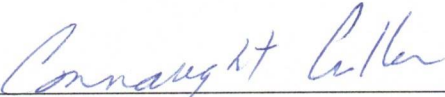
Karla Dellinger: Nothing

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion by Tammy Hawk at 7:09, Dylan Skees seconded. AIF

APPROVED BY COUNCIL


Connaught Cullen, President of Council

RECORDED BY


Kevin Simons, Fiscal Officer