

VILLAGE OF McCONNELSVILLE, OHIO
2017 STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS
MAYOR JOHN W. FINLEY

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As December rolls around each year, I know I must reflect on the year and write the State of the Village Address, which is required by the Ohio Revised Code. It really isn't easy to put an entire year into a few words, and I have never professed to be an author, but I will take this opportunity to reflect on all the things that have been accomplished in the village this year. And let me tell you, 2016 did not disappoint! This year has been full of exciting new additions and changes, all intended to improve the village and the safety of our residents. I would like to take a moment to share and reflect on some of those great accomplishments we have completed as a team and as a community to support our present and our future generations to come. These accomplishments can only happen with the guidance and support of the entire community. Further, without a great team in place, accomplishing great things just isn't possible.

2016 was a year of change with the Phase 4 Separation Project and painting the standpipe on Kennebec. The addition of a new police cruiser improved the fleet and infrastructure and will also save on future maintenance and repair costs for many years. Additionally, the village received the donation of a Ford pickup truck for the street department from Finley Fire Equipment. We made needed improvements to the municipal swimming pool including painting, new LED lights, a new pump for the baby pool, and other repairs. We were also able to complete the Hawk Water Interconnect Project that has been ongoing for over 10 years.

On the list of needed improvements is the paint and refurbishment of the Hawk water tower. We also need to look at the ageing big dump truck as well as improvements to the water system.

The Police Department saw needed improvements in a cruiser, portable radios, first aid kits, upgraded computers, and state provided printers for the cruisers. This will greatly enhance officer safety and provide better protection for the residents. Samo, our first K-9 officer, continues to do a wonderful job in aiding the continued drug problems in our community. The police department is up to full speed and should be in good shape without that capital expenditure for a few years.

At the 14th Street Maintenance Facility, we replaced the old lights with LED lighting and replaced the leaking roof. The water treatment plant saw some much-needed improvements of clarifiers, and we just purchased new flygt pumps. The street department, water department, and waste water treatment plant are all currently in good shape.

We completed the new council chambers and court room in the fall of 2015, but have continued to improve on it throughout 2016. We installed two new high efficiency furnaces in the mayor's office and council chambers, increasing our electric efficiency.

We provided Malta with a large percentage of the funds to repair and maintain the standby generator system for the Malta Water Treatment Plant as well as tank cleaning and other needed repairs and maintenance. Finally, we have continued our commitment to obtain grants and zero percent loans to assist us with our ever-demanding infrastructure improvements as well as EPA, state, and federally required improvements.

Our current checking account balance is \$2,422,335.50, which includes the following:

	2014	2015	2016
General Fund	\$468,537.64	\$504,122.01	\$509,086.97
Street Construction Maintenance & Repair	\$55,474.64	\$36,803.63	\$43,515.44
Water Fund	\$509,421.81	\$730,552.34	\$836,748.67
Sewer Fund	\$525,856.41	\$704,975.55	\$755,221.13
Water Capital Projects Enterprise Fund	\$52,856.41	\$74,035.74	\$94,763.71

In conclusion, all our efforts have the same goal in mind; to make McConnelsville, Ohio the best it can be and improve the safety, health, and welfare of our entire community while striving to put our best foot forward for our community, village, county, and the great state of Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted,
John W. Finley, Mayor
Village of McConnelsville