

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 19, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 7:06 P.M. in the McConnelsville Village Office. Mayor John Wells called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Councilman Tom Bragg	Present
Councilman Rhett Matheney	Absent
Councilman Steve Inman	Present
Councilman Kevin Morrow	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief of Police Rocky Woodburn, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator Scott Brown, Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Sara Hurst, John Walter Finley

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John Wells.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John Wells.

Excuse Absent Council Member

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to excuse Councilman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Inman.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of July 5, 2011

Councilman Inman made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Chief of Police Rocky Woodburn

Chief Woodburn reported in the month of June, the Police Department had driven 3,308 miles and used 293.4 gallons of gasoline. The police department issued 32 warnings, 30 traffic tickets, 4 misdemeanor citations, making a total of 34 tickets issued. Chief Woodburn reported total hours worked for all officers was 664 hours and 25 minutes; they issued 3 crash reports and 22 incident reports.

Chief Woodburn reported in the first six months of the year, the Police Department had driven 21,359 miles and used 2,059.4 gallons of gasoline. The police department issued 189 warnings, 129 traffic tickets, 77 misdemeanor citations, making a total of 206 tickets issued. Chief Woodburn reported total hours worked for all officers was 4,262 hours and 2 minutes; they issued 29 crash reports and 131 incident reports.

Mayor Wells questioned Chief Woodburn if we had ordered the antennas for the cruisers yet. Chief Woodburn stated no; they are trying one on the lapel first to see if it works better prior to ordering those for the cruisers.

Councilman Bragg questioned if there was anyone selling bath salts locally. Chief Woodburn stated none that he knew of.

Fiscal Officer Ellen Hemry

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported June's month and year to date expenditures and percentage of the year to date budget for the following departments: Police Department month to date \$27,580.80; year to date \$124,820.33, or 42%; Mayor's Court month to date \$521.39; year to date \$4,385.44, or 35%; Parking Facilities month to date \$895.25; year to date \$5,088.07, or 37%; Swimming Pool month to date \$11,389.95, year to date \$14,587.43, or 21%; Street M & R month to date \$7,291.01; year to date \$36,024.54, or 36%; Water Fund month to date \$8,759.43, year to date \$94,873.24, or 53%; Sewer Treatment month to date \$19,696.73, year to date \$110,771.76, or 42%; Sewer Fund month to date \$11,678.14, year to date \$43,478.10 or 40% of the YTD budget.

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported the Police Department, Water, and Sewer salaries and benefits went over due to employees cashing in time; Police Department supplies and materials went over due to repairing the cruiser; Sewer Treatment Supplies and Materials went over due to purchasing valves, chlorine and a tool kit; and, Sewer Supplies and Materials went over due to televising and jetting the sewer line at the WODA Project.

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported June's month and year to date revenue and percentage of the year to date budget as follows: General Fund month to date \$63,260.65, year to date \$375,778.84, 66%; Street M & R Fund month to date \$6,362.54, year to date \$40,316.89, 49%; Water Fund month to date \$35,803.61, with \$5,731.46 of that being from Morgan Meigs, year to date \$223,234.01, 56%; Sewer Fund month to date \$34,914.54, year to date \$265,857.11, 60% YTD budget.

Fiscal Officer Hemry stated June is at 50% of the year and all of the expenditures except in the Water Fund are under 50%; and, the revenues are pretty much on track.

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Village Administrator

Village Administrator read over his report to council. (*See attached*)

Councilman Bragg questioned if a date for the calibration of the meters had been set. VA Brown stated Mr. Grove from Malta has not set a date yet.

VA Brown reported the Ras pumps at the sewer plant were put in around 1994 and our Engineer stated their life span is between 10-15 years. VA Brown described how they work and the problems we are facing with them currently. VA Brown stated we financially were not able to replace them in 2010. We can replace and install them this year at a cost of \$13,000.

Mayor Wells stated Malta has financial concerns and we are going thru the separation project so he requested the VA to bring it to council's attention.

Councilman Bragg questioned if the pumps could be rebuilt. VA Brown stated possibly; however, time wise to pull and rebuild them would take approximately eight weeks which is the same time it takes to get new ones in. VA Brown stated he was not sure of the cost difference.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if we could replace one pump now and then see where we are with the project and possibly order the second one later in the year. VA Brown stated that was another possibility; however, the installation cost would double since they would have to come twice.

Mayor Wells stated his initial inclination was to tell the VA to do it; however, he wants council to think about it and let him know their thoughts. Mayor Wells stated he was afraid once we get into sewer separation project we might find issues like we did with the streamlining project and the cost might increase more than we are expecting.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned the VA if his recommendation to replace them. VA Brown stated yes.

Streets and Alley Committee

Councilman Morrow stated he has talked to a lady on Kennebec that is having a problem with water coming off the street onto her property. Councilman Morrow questioned if the Village was responsible. Mayor Wells stated possibly if it is legitimately street run off. Mayor Wells requested VA Brown to look into the matter.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated McConnel Manor is going to pave their lot; and, the alley we own adjoining it is in bad shape. Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if we could repave the alley at the same time; it could save us a lot of money. Mayor Wells stated he felt that was a good idea and requested VA Brown to get in contact with Cliff Littlefield regarding it.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported Main Street Café is getting her pictures of the sign they want to install; and, once she receives them she will get with the committee.

Finance Committee

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Councilwoman Gessel stated it was her understanding that we currently do not have anyone cleaning the office. Councilwoman Gessel stated she has talked with Wendy Gorrell, who is the Job Manager at the Department of Disabilities and if council doesn't have objections they are going to set someone up with a supervisor to clean the office on Saturday's. She stated they could sweep and dust; however, maybe the crew could wash the windows since they could not do this. Mayor Wells stated he felt this was a good idea.

Public Safety

Councilman Inman reported there was a noxious weed violation at 421 Kennebec in which he has already made the Village Administrator aware of.

Mayor Wells stated he was in contact with the Lowe properties Executor regarding them. The Executor is not getting much cooperation; however once he has the money in place he will get the properties mowed and locked up. Mayor Wells stated the Village had the dumpster cleaned up.

Councilman Inman reported monies were budgeted this year to purchase a police cruiser. He has talked to the Beverly Fiscal Officer and they purchased refurbished cruisers from Emergency Services Supply out of San Antonio, Texas. Councilman Inman stated they turn over their cruisers between 60-80 thousand miles. Councilman Inman stated Beverly has been very pleased with what they have purchased. If you look on their Website they have all Crown Victorias; the bottom line is Beverly bought 2 for \$20,800 plus a \$1,700 shipping charge for both vehicles. They have offered to show them to us if anyone wants to take a look at these units. Councilman Inman stated in his opinion this is an excellent option for us and we should proceed; we may want to consider purchasing one on a trial basis this year.

Mayor Wells stated John Walter Finley has also looked some things up and e-mailed to him; in which, he forwarded on to Captain Copeland.

Mayor Wells requested Chief Woodburn to talk to the Chief of Beverly's Police Department and see what he thinks of the cruisers. Mayor Wells requested the Public Safety Committee to get back together and hash out our options.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to adjourn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till August 2, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnellsville Village Office.

John A. Wells
Mayor

Ellen M. Henry
Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of McConnellsville concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.