

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 7, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 7:15 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	Present
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, Solicitor David Tarbert

**VISITORS:** Sara Hurst, Leslie Dunn

#### **Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John Wells.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John Wells.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Minutes of May 17, 2011**

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

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, 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 Councilman Matheney.

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

##### **Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation**

Council signed off on the May Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.

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#### **Public Participation**

Mrs. Leslie Dunn addressed council regarding our pool rates. Mrs. Dunn stated the pool rates for area pools was listed in the paper and our daily rates are higher. Mrs. Dunn feels our daily rates discourage people from coming to our pool if they do not have a season pass.

Councilman Matheney responded stating we had a \$20,000 plus loss in 2009; however, our loss was around \$4,000 in 2010. He would like to wait until this year is over before any decision on changing the rates was made.

Mrs. Dunn stated she felt we should put in a high dive or sliding board if we were going to keep our rates as they currently are.

Councilman Matheney stated it would cost in excess of \$30,000 to put in a new high dive and between \$42,000 and \$60,000 if they put in a slide and the Village currently cannot afford that type of expense.

Mayor Wells questioned if Councilman Matheney knew how many daily passes were sold in 2010. Councilman Matheney stated he did not know; however, he could get the figures from the Pool Manager.

#### **Mayor John Wells**

Mayor Wells reported May Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$3,753.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$25.00; Treasurer of State - \$1,258.00 for a total of \$5,036.00. Mayor Wells reported May Income Tax receipts as \$30,192.05.

Mayor Wells stated he wants to scheduled a meeting between himself and the Public Safety, Utility and Finance Committees before the evening is over and to hold them over the next month.

#### **Ordinance 11-12**

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-12 for the third and final reading, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

Councilman Inman made a Motion to pass Ordinance 11-12 on the third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Morrow.

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

Ordinance 11-12 was duly adopted.

#### **Ordinance 11-13**

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-13 for the third and final reading, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE AND

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Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to pass Ordinance 11-13 on the third and final reading, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

Ordinance 11-13 was duly adopted.

#### **Resolution 11-17**

Mayor Wells introduced Resolution 11-17 for the second reading, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS TO BE INSUFFICIENT, DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A RENEWAL LEVY EXCEEDING SAID RATE, DIRECTING THE CERTIFICATION THEREOF TO THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF THE LEVY TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to pass Resolution 11-17 on the second reading, seconded by Councilman Matheney.

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

Resolution 11-17 was passed on the second reading.

#### **Ordinance 11-19**

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-19, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate and distinct readings and place on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-19 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Matheney.

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

Ordinance 11-19 was duly adopted.

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#### **Resolution 11-20**

Mayor Wells introduced Resolution 11-20, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE GENERAL, WATER, AND SEWER FUNDS

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate and distinct readings and place on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Inman.

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

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to adopt Resolution 11-20 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

Resolution 11-20 was duly adopted.

#### **Recreation & Buildings Committee**

Mayor Wells stated the committee should do an economic analysis of the daily passes before any price changes should be made with regards to the pool.

Councilman Matheney stated we could possibly fix the old high dive for approximately \$10,000 and put it back up as it would not increase the insurance premium that much.

Councilman Matheney reported the pool is up and running, all leaks are fixed; we have been packed every day so far except today due to the weather. Councilman Matheney reported the pool opened up June 1<sup>st</sup> and we have currently taken in around \$8,500; pool passes are up compared to last year.

Councilman Matheney reported Alan Page has come and helped him with the pool for three hours or more. Councilman Matheney stated there were things we did incorrectly and Alan was able to help correct them. Councilman Matheney stated he would like to do something for him for all his help.

Councilman Matheney stated he was not going to do anything with the rates this year. Councilwoman Gessel stated maybe we could drop the cost in the month of August; or even give a cut rate for large families. Councilman Matheney thought this was a good idea and stated it could be left up to the manager's discretion.

Councilman Matheney stated he is under budget on his expenses so far this year and hopes to show a profit or at least break even. Mayor Wells stated he has been associated with the pool for several years and if we make a profit this year, it would be the first time in over 20 years or more. Mayor Wells stated it is great that we are even thinking that is a possibility. Councilman Matheney stated if we did show a profit, we would put it right back into the pool for upgrades.

Councilman Matheney stated he felt we could increase our daily sales if we put the high dive back up.

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#### **Street & Alley Committee**

Councilman Morrow questioned if there was going to be any paving this year. Mayor Wells stated the committee is to bring a list to the Village Administrator and he should talk with him to see what his plans are.

Councilman Morrow questioned if we had any monies to do the sidewalk sharing program again this year. Mayor Wells stated we have designated \$5,000 to put towards the program in 2011.

Councilman Bragg asked for permission to close the streets for the 5K run coming up on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council granted permission.

Councilman Matheney stated June 11<sup>th</sup> was the Terry Roberts Poker Run and he is requesting permission to use the barricades from the Village; and, to close the street by the Eagles. Council granted permission.

Councilwoman Gessel stated she had received a complaint regarding storm sewers on Kennebec not being cleaned on a regular basis; and, the fact they would like the trash that is cleaned out of them to be loaded on a truck not put on the bank.

#### **Public Safety Committee**

Councilman Inman reported the Village Administrator has been sending letters to those in violation of the property maintenance ordinance.

Councilman Inman thanked the Village for getting the project on Kennebec started.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if it was only up to the Village Administrator now whether a sign could be placed at the new bridge or not. Mayor Wells stated he told him to remove all signs except for the not for profit organizations.

Chief Woodburn stated he has been asked by the Relay for Life if they can put a sign up. Mayor Wells stated yes, those types of signs could be put up.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated currently all of the signs are being removed. Mayor Wells stated the VA must have misunderstood him and he would talk with him.

#### **Committee Meetings**

Public Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Public Utility Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM.

#### **Public Utilities Committee**

Councilman Bragg stated he received an e-mail from the VA regarding the gentleman running the plant in Malta having surgery and wants our committee to talk to Malta about it. Mayor Wells stated by our agreement, we do have that right.

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#### **Finance Committee**

Councilwoman Gessel reported there will be an Income Tax Committee Meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM.

**Mayor Wells requested notices to be sent out on all meetings.**

#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

The meeting was adjourned till June 21, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Office.

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John A. Wells  
Mayor

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Ellen M. Henry  
Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of McConnelsville 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.