

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 17, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 7:03 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

VISITORS: Sara Hurst, John Walter Finley, Tricia Nesselroad

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John Wells.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John Wells.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of May 3, 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.

Special Minutes of May 10, 2011

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

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

Councilman Bragg questioned if we were still getting a box blade. VA Brown stated yes. Councilman Bragg then asked why we were not hauling our own stone. Mayor Wells stated we will begin doing it ourselves again; now that are pretty much full staffed.

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Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilman Morrow.

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

Mayor John Wells

Mayor Wells stated he may not be present at the next council meeting. He will notify Councilman Inman in advance so he can be prepared.

Councilman Matheney entered the meeting at 6:34 P.M.

Chief of Police Rocky Woodburn

Chief Woodburn reported in the month of April, the Police Department had driven 4,039 miles and used 373.3 gallons of gasoline. The police department issued 50 warnings, 45 traffic tickets, 10 misdemeanor citations, making a total of 55 tickets issued. Chief Woodburn reported total hours worked for all officers was 760 hours and 32 minutes; they issued 2 crash reports and 18 incident reports.

Fiscal Officer Ellen Hemry

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported April's month and year to date expenditures and percentage of the year to date budget for the following departments: Police Department month to date \$16,851.12; year to date \$76,863.07, or 26%; Mayor's Court month to date \$584.77; year to date \$3,354.26, or 26%; Parking Facilities month to date \$1,113.07; year to date \$3,579.41, or 26%; Street M & R month to date \$6,467.06; year to date \$22,405.46, or 22%; Water Fund month to date \$13,237.88, year to date \$70,566.17, or 39%; Sewer Treatment month to date \$20,127.18, year to date \$70,430.53, or 27%; Sewer Fund month to date \$7,081.68, year to date \$24,906.76 or 23% of the YTD budget.

Fiscal Officer Hemry stated the following departments went over in the month of April: Parking Facilities supplies and materials due to purchasing parking tickets; Street M & R salaries to paying Neal strictly from that fund due to his being off on sick leave; Sewer Salaries due to paying out some of Scott Tredway's comp time; and, Water Contractual Services due to the following: Pump rental; PRV installation by Pioneer Plumbing; Rewiring the new generator; paying Badger for the annual support fee on the Trimble's.

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported April's month and year to date revenue and percentage of the year to date budget as follows: General Fund month to date \$41,339.20, year to date \$201,408.46, 36%; Street M & R Fund month to date \$7,216.92, year to date \$27,574.74, 33%; Water Fund month to date \$36,621.50, with \$5,705.13 of that being from Morgan Meigs, year to date \$149,682.15, 37%; Sewer Fund month to date \$71,402.30, with \$3,660.57 of that being from Malta for Joint Sewer Operations, year to date \$186,885.44, 45% YTD budget.

Fiscal Officer Hemry stated April is at 33% of the year and all of the expenditures except in the Water Fund are under 33%; and, the revenues are right at or a little over 33%. The Sewer Fund appears to be considerably over; however, we transferred \$31,750.00 from the General Fund to pay off the sewer note; in reality it is right in line with the other at 35%.

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Village Administrator Scott Brown

Village Administrator went over the report he passed out to council (see attached). VA Brown reported the total water loss for the month is 16% and for the year is currently at 8%. VA Brown stated he sat down with the water clerk and went through the billing; this should be a more accurate account of water loss.

Village Administrator Brown reported the average water and sewer bill is \$58.77; before installing meters, our flat rate was \$59.00. VA Brown stated council done a good job in figuring the prices to keep them within the same range. Those using more water are paying more and those using less are paying less. VA Brown stated the water consumption for the majority of our customers are between 2,000-4,000 gallons per month.

Ordinance 11-16

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-16, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE THROUGH THE ODOT CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate and distinct readings and place 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.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-16 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.

Ordinance 11-16 was duly adopted.

Ordinance 11-12

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-12 for the second 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 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Inman made a Motion to pass Ordinance 11-12 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.

Ordinance 11-12 was passed on the second reading.

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Ordinance 11-13

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-13 for the second 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 DIRECTING THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to pass Ordinance 11-13 on the second reading, 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.

Ordinance 11-13 was passed on the second reading.

Resolution 11-17

Mayor Wells introduced Resolution 11-17, 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 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Wells stated we have received the estimate from the County Auditor and it remains fairly similar as in the past at \$22,094.00. Mayor Wells stated if Council wishes to put this renewal on the ballot, they will need to pass this resolution.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to pass Resolution 11-17 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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 first reading.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Matheney reported as soon as we get a break in the weather we will be painting the pool. Due to the weather situation, we have not been able to get it ready early; therefore, he okayed the manager to cancel the school parties that were scheduled for May 23rd and 24th.

Councilman Matheney reported O.P. Aquatics will be here Thursday to install the new computer and chemical pumps on the baby pool. Councilman Matheney explained this regulates the amount of chlorine and muriatic acid that is added throughout the day. Councilman Matheney stated we installed one on the big pool last year and with the savings on the chemicals, it paid for itself.

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Mayor Wells stated he believes Councilman Matheney made the right choice in adding these features to the pool; it solved the problems and it paid for itself last year.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned when the pool would be open. Councilman Matheney stated we are shooting for the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Mayor Wells stated he was recently at a Muskingum River Meeting and it was reported there that this has been the wettest spring since 1901.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Morrow stated it was the committee's recommendation that we do not vacate the alley by the Historical Society.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion not to close the alley by the Historical Society, 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.

Mayor Wells stated the alley will not be vacated.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned the Village Administrator if there were any grants out there that would help with what we could do with the old reservoir site. Councilwoman Blackburn stated she felt it was a prime piece of land.

VA Brown stated if you wanted to turn it into a park there were grants; however, just for tearing it down, he has not come across any.

Mayor Wells stated there have been numerous sightings of coyotes within the village limit; in which, is not a good thing.

Mayor Wells stated he felt we should pursue the tax-back idea that Councilwoman Blackburn had brought to the last council meeting.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Inman stated he has some language written up on the sidewalks and has sent to council members. He will ask Solicitor Tarbert to write up something for us.

Councilman Inman stated he feels the repair on Kennebec should be placed on high priority.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned who was responsible to move the bales of straw. VA Brown stated the village.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned the pipe lying on the ground at the tank. VA Brown stated most of that will be used to complete the river crossing.

Councilman Inman stated Captain Copeland has passed out a handout to council regarding the purchase of a motorcycle for the police department rather than the cruiser. Councilman Inman stated he feels it is food for thought.

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Mayor Wells stated he felt it could be a good potential; it would not only save money on the purchase, but on gasoline also. Mayor Wells turned it over to the committee to review.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Bragg reported the Joint Meeting with Malta was held the evening prior to council. He believes everyone now has a clear understanding of what capital improvements are. Councilman Bragg stated the VA brought up the matter of a charge on their telemetry system that did not pertain to us. Malta was in agreement and will be crediting us for it.

Councilman Bragg stated he felt it was a good meeting; a lot of things were hashed out. The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2011 in McConnelsville Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M.

Councilman Bragg stated they also discussed calibrating the meters; in which, Malta did not have a problem with. They also decided to go with a flat rate on the gasoline to be charged to Malta for the Waste Water Plant as we do not know when we are using the trucks for other purposes. The flat rate will be \$200 per month.

Mayor Wells questioned who was setting up the calibration. VA Brown stated he would take care of it.

Tractor Loan

Mayor Wells reported the village had received bids from the local banks in regards to the loan for the tractor purchase in the amount of \$20,000. They are as follows: First National Bank, 2.85% for 60 months; Peoples Bank, 4% for 60 months; North Valley Bank, 4.25% for 60 months; Citizen's National Bank, 4.9% for 60 months.

Ordinance 11-18

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-18, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MCCONNELSVILLE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRACTOR AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

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

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-18 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 11-18 was duly adopted.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Bragg 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 7, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Office.

John A. Wells
Mayor

Ellen M. Hemry
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.