

# RECORD OF ORDINANCES

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE

Ordinance No. 18-10                      Passed this                      day of 2018

### **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF THE MCCONNELSVILLE CEMETERY FROM THE MCCONNELSVILLE CEMETERY COMPANY**

**Whereas;** The McConnelsville Cemetery Company has approached the Village of McConnelsville to transfer ownership of the McConnelsville Cemetery from The McConnelsville Cemetery Company to the Village of McConnelsville;

**Whereas;** The McConnelsville Cemetery Company is going to run out of funds to operate the cemetery without any resources to generate funds to keep operating the cemetery as needed in the future;

**Whereas;** the Village is required under the Ohio Revised Code to accept ownership and responsibility for cemeteries within its Village limits not otherwise controlled by a separate entity; and

**Whereas;** the Village has the opportunity to levy a tax to operate the cemetery.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it be ordained by the Village of McConnelsville, County of Morgan, State of Ohio, that,

**Section 1.** The Village of McConnelsville shall take ownership of the McConnelsville cemetery located on South 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Riverside Drive in the Village of McConnelsville and a small part of the cemetery located in Morgan Township as shown by attached map (attached hereto and incorporated as though rewritten herein).

**Section 2.** The Mayor of the Village of McConnelsville shall appoint a cemetery committee from the existing council members to make recommendations on the amount to charge for the opening and closing of graves and cremations and the cost for buying a cemetery space.

**Section 3.** It will be the Village Administrator's responsibility to oversee the operation of the cemetery. The Administrator has the authority to use the Village's existing equipment and manpower or hire temporary or part-time labor to maintain the cemetery or contract out the mowing and landscaping of the cemetery.

All the other maintenance such as maintaining the driveways, hedges, trees, storm damage, repairing of any stones and any other issues that may arise will still be the Village's responsibility.

**Section 4.** The Village has not budgeted, made appropriations or in any way allowed for the operation of a cemetery. Seeing that acquiring a cemetery will put an undue burden on the Village's finances the Village authorizes the Village Administrator to prepare for and implement any work necessary to put a levy on the November 2018 ballot to operate and possibly expand the McConnelsville Cemetery.

**Section 5.** The Village authorizes the Village Administrator to proceed with the acquisition of the McConnelsville Cemetery and to sign all documents necessary to complete the transaction at the earliest date possible once the ordinance is in effect.

