

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 16, 2013

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 8:40 P.M. in the McConnelsville Village Office. Mayor John W. Finley called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Councilman Tom Bragg	Present
Councilman Rhett Matheney	Present
Councilman Terry Robison	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief of Police Troy Copeland, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Steve Williams, Wendy Gorrell, Deana Clark, Dwight Newell

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of April 2, 2013

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

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Abstain.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Robison made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilman Matheney.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Public Participation

Mr. Steve Williams addressed council regarding ODOT and Monastery Road. Mr. Williams discussed the road construction that has been done; and, the fact they will be tying in the two ends in the near future.

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Mr. Williams stated he was here regarding the notification received from the Village informing them they are inside the corporation limits. With this new information it has brought to light that the curve changes on the road are within the Village also. There could be a liability of the Village in the amount of \$102,000.

Mr. Williams presented Council with two maps showing a way to get out of this. Mr. Williams stated he wanted to let Council know up front that regardless of the outcome; he is waiving the \$102,000 expense to the Village. His first proposal is to move the annexation so none of the road is in the Village; and his second proposal was to move the annexation line to go behind their complex so it will not be within the Village corporation. Since they are currently in Village; they have tax liabilities; and, they will amount to around \$1,400 per year.

Mr. Williams left the mapping for Council to view and will look forward to hearing their decision.

Mayor Finley questioned why the Village would have the liability of paying the \$102,000. We have several state highways currently within the Village that we do not maintain and questioned why this would be different.

Mr. Williams stated it was due to it being a new highway; but, he has waived the Village's responsibility for the \$102,000. Mr. Williams stated they currently perform all work in the villages; but, ORC states they do not have to.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned how many employees this would effect. Mr. Williams stated three employees would pay at 100% and the rest will pay at 10%.

Mr. Dwight Newell with the Ohio Health Consortium addressed council regarding Drug Testing. Mr. Newell's company is based out of Newark and they have a branch office in Zanesville. He manages substance abuse programs for employers. Mayor Finley requested he come and explain testing procedures and how to implement it in the Village. Mr. Newell put together some questions he felt needed to be answered (see attached); and, passed copies out to council.

Mr. Newell explained briefly how the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation awarded discounts to those enrolled in such programs.

Mr. Newell went over the questions he prepared.

Councilman Bragg questioned if other Village's included their elected officials in the testing process. Mr. Newell stated yes; Shelby, Ohio is one who does test their elected officials.

Mayor Finley asked Mr. Newell to explain the consortium of other employers.

Mr. Newell stated it was a group of employers who come together and make a pool for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of a Drug Testing Program. Mr. Newell stated it would be random testing.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Newell for coming and sharing his information.

Mrs. Deana Clark representing the Morgan County Visitor's Bureau addressed Council regarding the office front rental the Village owns. Mrs. Clark stated Mary Hammond would like to stay in the space along with the Visitor's Bureau. Mrs. Clark requested the Village to keep the rent at \$400 per month as they are struggling with their finances due to the closing of Burr Oak Lodge and are not sure when they are going to reopen.

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Mrs. Wendy Gorrell representing the Morgan County Board of Developmental Disability addressed Council informing them they are trying to move forward with having their individuals be in community settings rather than segregated settings. It has been very positive in the past and their intent is having them come back up here and reopen the store front.

Mayor Finley questioned Mrs. Gorrell when they thought they would be reopening the store and their hours of operation. Mrs. Gorrell stated their operation hours would be the same as before from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and someone will be there on Saturdays. Mrs. Gorrell stated they will be providing habilitation services out of the business setting.

Mayor Finley questioned Mrs. Clark what her hours of operation would be. Mrs. Clark stated she is part-time and is there between 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P. M. or 5:00 P. M. on the days she can be; however, she is away at conferences different times.

Mayor Finley stated one of his concerns was the doors are dark a lot of the time during the day and this is a prime spot for someone.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned if they would need the entire space as the Village itself is very crowded in its office and needs to expand.

Mrs. Gorrell stated when they are in there; yes, they need the entire space as they set up tables for them to make what they are selling.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned if they were willing to continue paying the \$400 per month. They both stated yes; just that they could not swing the \$600 currently. Mrs. Gorrell stated they wouldn't mind step increases to get to the \$600 if that is where the Village wanted to be.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned how soon they would reopen the store front. Mrs. Gorrell stated at this time she wasn't for sure.

Mayor Finley stated he and Council know that the Visitor's Bureau and the Mary Hammond Program are both needed in our community.

Mayor and Council thanked them for coming.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley declared May Motorcycle Awareness Month by Proclamation. He will be sending a copy of this back to Terry Billy with A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio.

Mayor Finley stated he also had received a request for Proclamation 2013 from the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to approve Proclamation 2013, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Mayor Finley stated he encourages everyone to attend the MS Walk this Friday; check in time is from 5:30 P. M. to 7:00 P. M. Mayor Finley read over the Schedule of Events.

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Mayor Finley reported he attended the Ohio River Valley Mayor's Association Meeting last Wednesday. Mayor Finley stated he is now a member of this Association; and, that anyone from Council is welcome to attend any of these meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.; and, will be held at Finley Fire Equipment. Mayor Finley stated he would like reservations for all who planned on attending as a meal will be provided. The Agenda is currently not complete.

Ordinance 13-04

Ordinance 13-04, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES. This Ordinance is tabled for additional information for completion.

Village Administrator Thompson stated Mr. Rauch's computer crashed and has delayed his information getting back to us.

Resolution 13-09

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 13-09, A RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION. Mayor Finley stated if Council wishes for Village Administrator Thompson to apply for the Nature Works Grant, we will need to pass this Resolution. It is for \$13,000 and will help us with installation of the boat docks for our Wharf Park, if granted.

Councilman Matheney 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 Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Resolution 13-09 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Resolution 13-09 was duly adopted.

Mayor Finley reported he has received correspondence from the Mayor's Association of Ohio. Mayor Finley stated he attended the seminar last year; it will be held again in Canton this year from June 5, 2013 through June 8, 2013. Mayor Finley stated he will try to attend again this year.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has submitted the application for the CDBG Grant last week for a diving board and platform. Village Administrator Thompson stated ours is wearing; and, he is switching out the old high dive with the low dive. It needs repair done and it will be at a cost of just over \$700. Village Administrator Thompson stated he did not feel we could go a year without a dive. Village Administrator Thompson stated he has received a quote from OP Aquatics to replace the dive including installation at a cost of \$30,000; the quote from Dowling Pool for the dive and platform without installation is at \$12,000 and from OP Aquatics without installation would be around \$19,000.

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Village Administrator Thompson reported one LED light and globe have been installed at Fifth and Main. Village Administrator Thompson asked Council to look at it and see if it is what they are wanting prior to purchasing the rest of them. The Distress Grant will cover the expense of the lighting and globes.

Village Administrator Thompson reported they started preparing the pool for the season yesterday. They are getting the grass area dug out so they can pour the concrete. This is being covered by the CDBG Grant that we received last year.

Village Administrator Thompson wanted to thank David Bailey for coming down and helping with the installation of the new light.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Todd Young today regarding the Alley Paving Project; getting general ideas and cost. Village Administrator Thompson stated the cost of the paving we are going to do will be covered by the Grant; however, we need to mill Fifth Street and that will be an extra cost of around \$12,000.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he spoke with Cliff Littlefield today; and, he should have an estimate by the end of the week to finish the roof on the bell tower of the Opera House.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has been working with three different insurance companies to quote our Property and Liability Insurance. He hopes to have information back by first of May.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has received the CCR from Malta; and, will get ours completed and out to our customers within a month.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he is still waiting on the signed contract from ODNR for the lift chair at the pool.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he will be meeting with OP Aquatics tomorrow in reference to the slide on the Distress Grant; and, opening and operating of the pool. Village Administrator Thompson stated the walls we painted in the boy's restroom last year are flaking badly.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned if we were hiring summer help this year. Village Administrator Thompson stated we are looking at participating in the eight week program through the County Youth Program.

Fiscal Officer Ellen Hemry

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported March month to date expenditures and revenues; and, year to date expenditures and revenues, as follows: General Fund month to date expenditures \$32,412.52, revenue \$127,300.24; a difference of \$94,887.72; year to date expenditures \$113,520.78, revenue \$208,869.22; a difference of \$95,348.44. Fiscal Officer Hemry stated the General Fund Revenue looks to be up; however, it is due to receiving the reimbursement from the Grant for the Opera House Roof in the amount of \$39,650. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$61,135.80 leaving a balance of \$34,212.64. Fiscal Officer Hemry stated if we had not received the reimbursement; the General Fund would have a deficit of \$5,437.36 year to date on income verses expenditures.

Street Fund month to date expenditures \$7,961.87, revenue \$7,000.35; a deficit of \$961.52; year to date expenditures \$15,980.05, revenue \$18,399.65; a difference of \$2,419.60. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$4,784.69 leaving a deficit of \$2,365.09.

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Water Fund month to date expenditures \$29,691.00, revenue \$41,086.84, \$7,167.84 of that amount came from Morgan Meigs; a difference of \$11,395.84; year to date expenditures \$58,482.60, revenue \$119,187.47; a difference of \$60,704.87. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$58,221.99 leaving a balance of \$2,482.88.

Sewer Fund month to date expenditures \$25,063.32, revenue \$39,249.53, \$3,637.64 of that amount came from Malta for Joint Sewer Operations and Maintenance; a difference of \$14,186.21; year to date expenditures \$75,221.75, revenue \$150,450.02; a difference of \$75,228.27. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$86,366.81 leaving a deficit of \$11,138.54.

Water Capital Projects Fund month to date revenue \$2,302.07; year to date revenue \$6,731.26. We have not begun expending out of this fund.

Mayor Finley stated he and Chief Copeland have several applications they are reviewing for the open Police Officer position and will have information back to Council once they are able to meet and make a decision.

Mayor Finley stated he received notice from a resident in regards to their receiving a few harassing calls; in which, they have determined to be a fake telemarketer. The caller represented himself as David Miller with the Firefighters Association and was asking for donations for the Fire Department. He was rude with this resident when they wouldn't donate. Mayor Finley stated he tried to call them back and the number is now out of service. Mayor Finley stated he wanted to inform everyone that the Fire Department does not solicit donations by calling and harassing people. This person is not a legitimate caller. Mayor Finley stated Fire Chief Gary Woodward has received notification of this also.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Matheney reported he still sees trash trucks traveling the alleys.

Mayor Finley stated he does not feel the Skate Boarding Ordinance is being followed either.

Councilwoman Gessel reported she has been contacted regarding a house on Ninth Street with a dead tree in the tree strip. Will the village remove this tree?

Mayor Finley stated no, it would be the property owner's responsibility.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported she is still trying to get in contact with Shannon Wells.

Councilwoman Gessel reminded Council that Mr. Mike Workman will be here on May 7, 2013 to speak on annexation.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the Festival will be held on July 5th and 6th; with the fireworks being displayed on July 6th at 10:00 P. M. The Chamber will be soliciting for donations.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Robison reported the Joint Utility Committee met last evening. James Whitcraft from HD Water Services attended the meeting and discussed the Media at the Water Treatment Plant. The total cost will be around \$70,000 to \$74,000.

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Councilman Robison reported the Village Administrator discussed the improvements being made at the Sewer Treatment Facility. They are still waiting on the EPA to approve the plans; and, then they have to bid the project out. This could be a possible savings of \$15,000 by changing the way the plant is routed.

Councilman Robison reported the water telemetry was discussed. Both Mayor's and Village Administrator's are going to get together and determine a way to help defray this cost. Our Village Administrator feels we should only pay a percentage of this cost.

Councilman Robison reported they briefly touched on contingency plans if something happens to Malta's well field or their plant; and, what we will do to provide water to all customers. The Villages of Malta and McConnelsville; Morgan-Meigsville; and, Malta West rely on this one water source.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Bragg stated the properties that are in violation of the Property Maintenance Ordinance need to be addressed. Mayor Finley stated he is going to have Chief Copeland get back on these this spring.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn commented she has received a lot of compliments on our Website.

Executive Session

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters; seconded by Councilman Bragg.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Mayor Finley requested Fiscal Officer Hemry, Solicitor David Tarbert; and, Village Administrator John Thompson to attend the Executive Session.

Council went into executive session at 8:08 P.M.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to come out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Council came out of executive session at 8:35 P.M. No action was taken.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till May 7, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Office.

John W. Finley
Mayor

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.