

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 16, 2015

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 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	Absent
Councilman Darrell Newton	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, and Village Administrator John Thompson

VISITORS: Carol Morris, Richard Troup, Teresa Brannon, Jay Cordray, Larry Cordray

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

Excuse Absent Council Member

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to excuse Councilman Bragg from the meeting, seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of April 7, 2015

Councilman Newton made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilman Dille.

Votes were: Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Abstain; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

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

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Votes were: Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Public Participation

Mr. Richard Troup addressed Council regarding his driveway. When the Village was snowplowing this winter they hit the edge of it and damaged it. Mr. Troup would like to have the same person repair it that originally made it; and, have the Village pay for it.

Mayor Finley asked the Streets and Alley Committee to review this and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley thanked Council for changing the date of the Council Meeting as he will be out of town next week.

Mayor Finley stated the Council Chambers is coming along very well.

Mayor Finley reported there will be an OPWC District 18 Round Table Training Session on June 11, 2015.

Mayor Finley reported the Village Administrator put an ad in the Herald this week to bid on the used Street Sweeper. Mayor Finley stated we found after the last Council Meeting that this is not on the State Bid as he was originally informed due to being used. Mayor Finley stated due to the bidding laws, we have to bid it out for two weeks.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a contract if it meets the same criteria; seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Mayor Finley reported he attended a Mayor's Meeting in Harrisville West Virginia last week and he mentioned to them we would be selling the old sweeper; there were some that were interested in possibly purchasing it.

Mayor Finley stated has received the 2014 Annual Report from Mike DeWine's office if anyone would like to see.

Mayor Finley asked the Technology and Website committee to review the purchase of computers for the Council Members, Village Administrator, Solicitor; and, the Mayor and bring a recommendation back. Mayor Finley stated he wants to go as green as possible. Council has been interested in doing this for some time. Mayor Finley stated he has received some quotes and has passed them on to the Committee.

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Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson stated he wanted to clarify on the report he made at the last Council Meeting as there has been some confusion on what was read in the Herald. Columbia Gas has not washed their hands of the situation on Fourth Street; he had just stated his opinion.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Tim Leasure that takes care of the Ohio Development Office. There may be some issues regarding the CDBG Grant for the Sewer Separation Project; he needs to discuss this with them further. The issue is we are receiving monies for this project from the same pot of funds with the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. When this was applied for they did not realize it was coming from the same source.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has installed the electric boxes in the Council Chambers and will hopefully have the woodwork done next week, except for the trim; and, then just have to wait for the countertops. It takes approximately two weeks for delivery of the countertops once they have been ordered. Village Administrator Thompson stated he has a call into light people regarding the purchase of the new lights.

Village Administrator Thompson reported there was a water main break on Seventh Street where Seventh and Eighth Streets meet; it appears it may have washed under the road some; will have to check it out further.

Mayor Finley questioned when he felt the hot mix would be ready to purchase.

Village Administrator Thompson stated normally around the end of April; the Foreman is looking into it already.

Councilman Newton questioned how the building for the Pool was coming.

Village Administrator Thompson stated it is pretty much ready to go; they are just waiting for it to dry out before they move it down there.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we have begun mowing the Park and starting to put the Pool together.

Mayor Finley reported Council has received copies of the monthly report from the Fiscal Officer.

Chief of Police Troy Copeland

Chief Copeland reported Officer Weyant has begun the K9 Training in Hiram, Ohio. This is a six week training course; however, he is able to come home on the weekends.

Chief Copeland reported we have been contacted by Pet Smart out of Athens and they are donating free food and toys for the life of the K9.

Chief Copeland thanked the community for all of the support we have received for the K9. Chief Copeland stated it went well beyond what he was hoping to receive. Chief Copeland thanked everyone for all the donations and the support of the raffle.

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Mayor Finley stated we have a new K9, his name is Samo; and, he will be coming home with Officer Weyant on the weekends.

Councilwoman Gessel noted there was a large service and community support for the K9 that died in the house fire in Athens.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Pool Manager, Teresa Brannon reported she is having trouble getting lifeguards. There are those who are interested; however, the cost of the license and the low wage deters them.

Councilwoman Gessel feels the Village is going to need to start helping pay for the training. Councilwoman Gessel stated she went to see Job and Family Services regarding this last year and they will help them if they meet the guidelines.

Mayor Finley stated there are Civic Organizations that may help with this.

Ms. Brannon stated the next class is not until the end of May.

Mayor Finley stated he would be willing to donate \$100 as a Grant towards each of the two needing to get their license; and, there may be others that would be willing to assist also. Mayor Finley suggested they could get together with the other life guards and do fund raisers.

Ms. Brannon stated she would like to have a total of seven life guards; if everyone gets their license she will have what she needs to open the pool.

Ms. Brannon reported as a concerned citizen there are issues with the kids in town hanging around the park and the library. Ms. Brannon stated the law has been up there; she and the Library have both had to call the law. Ms. Brannon stated she spoke with the Chief this evening and Patrolman Hill the other day; and, they are going to patrol more.

Councilman Newton stated he brought up last year to abolish the amendment to the Income Tax Ordinance and nothing has been done. Councilman Newton stated he would like to have it turned over to a Committee and a recommendation brought back to Council.

Mayor Finley stated that item would need to be turned over to the Income Tax Review Board. Fiscal Officer Henry stated the Board meets every quarter and the next meeting is currently scheduled for June 16, 2015 at 3:00 P.M.

Councilman Newton stated he would like to attend the meeting to discuss the matter.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille reported it has been reported to him and he has also noticed that there has been excessive speeding on Oakwood and Poplar Drives. The matter was turned over to Chief Copeland.

Councilman Dille reported he has been contacted by someone regarding the Parking Meter not registering and then they receive a ticket. Councilman Dille questioned if the Parking Enforcement Officer could test the meters.

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Mayor Finley stated yes, he does test them. Mayor Finley stated if they find that a meter is not working, they should contact the Village Office to avoid getting a ticket.

Councilman Dille reported the Streets and Alley Committee will be meeting on April 23, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison reported they will be having a meeting on April 23, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Newton made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till May 5, 2015 at 6:00 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.