

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 19, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 6:56 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	Absent

EMPLOYEES: Chief of Police Rocky Woodburn, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator Scott Brown

VISITORS: Sara Hurst

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John Wells.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John Wells.

Ordinance 11-11

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-11, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INSTRUMENT GRANTING AN EASEMENT ACROSS THE HESS RECREATION PARK TO A NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNER.

Mayor Wells explained the gentleman that purchased property from Mr. Hess is requesting a defined easement from the Village, to make a road to get to his property. Mayor Wells stated there was already an easement with the deed, it was just an undefined location and the new owners would like it defined.

Councilman Inman 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 Blackburn made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-11 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.

Ordinance 11-11 was duly adopted.

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OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of April 5, 2011

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Bragg 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.

Mayor John Wells

Mayor Wells gave an update on the park. He stated the play ground equipment is in and will be installed Saturday. They are starting at 8 A.M. and need 5-8 volunteers.

Mayor Wells questioned if Duane Jago or Tim Bowman had contacted any of council. He stated they are wanting to have a girls basketball camp for Junior High and High School at the park throughout the month of July and then try to continue doing it once a week.

Mayor Wells stated the courts are a little slippery and there is a solvent you can put on it to get rid of it. Mayor Wells stated the company come down about 50% on the price and will do it labor free if we can come up with the money to purchase it. The Park Board is all for it, they just don't have enough money currently to pay for it. Steve bought and donated lines to put on court

Councilman Matheney questioned if we could see if Malta could go in on any of it with us.

Councilman Bragg stated if the Park could come up with \$500; maybe, each village could divide the balance of the expense.

Mayor Wells stated the park can put in \$500 and they have \$1,000 donation and that would only leave \$2,000. Mayor Wells questioned if he had the OK from council to pay for \$1,000; Council stated yes.

Mayor Wells stated Councilman Inman purchased and donated the lines to put on the courts.

Village Administrator Scott Brown

Village Administrator Brown stated the ARC funded portion of the Sewer Separation Project will be out next Wednesday in the paper. We will be accepting bids until May 16th to line the sanitary sewer along the river.

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Chief of Police Rocky Woodburn

Chief Woodburn reported in the month of March, the Police Department had driven 3,447 miles and used 339.3 gallons of gasoline. The police department issued 25 warnings, 15 traffic tickets, 13 misdemeanor citations, making a total of 28 tickets issued. Chief Woodburn reported total hours worked for all officers was 746 hours and 54 minutes; they issued 7 crash reports and 21 incident reports.

Mayor Wells stated the owners of the property that is in disarray will be coming to court on May 3rd.

Councilman Rhett Matheney

Councilman Matheney questioned when the hydrants would be back up and running on Kennebec. VA Brown stated the current 3 hydrants were on a four inch line and they cannot work on a larger line; therefore, we will need to purchase new ones.

Councilman Matheney stated he went over the water situation with the VA prior to the meeting. Councilman Matheney questioned what happened with the PRV's and our plans to install them with the meter project and when it went out to bid.

Mayor Wells stated it went out to bid without the PRV's being on it. Councilman Matheney questioned if the Engineer had them on; how did they get off knowing the pressure issues.

Mayor Wells stated the previous Village Administrator took them off to save money.

Councilman Matheney stated he felt the Engineer should be held responsible for some of these issues. Mayor Wells stated the engineer did not make the decision.

Councilman Inman questioned when the clean up of the yards would begin on Kennbec. VA Brown stated the best answer he could give was when we had enough man power, equipment, and a weather break. Once they all fall in line, we will break ground.

Councilman Matheney left the council meeting at 6:35 P.M. due to work.

Public Participation

Mr. Quincy Robe introduced himself as a trustee for the Morgan County Historical Society. Mr. Robe addressed council requesting to use the alley between their newly purchased property at 158 East Main Street and their previously owned proeprty. They now own from the Napa store down to beyond the Doll Museum. Mr. Robe stated it is two lots; however, four properties. They would like to consolidate the property and be able to use the alley for enhancing the landscaping and parking. They now own the property on both sides of the alley. Mr. Robe stated they are asking to close the alley way to the public and allow them to use it. They have no intention of building on it; so, it would still be available for emergency vehicles.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned what type of landscaping would they be doing. Mr. Robe stated they would be using parking in the front and back; and would just like to make the property more presentable and tie them together as they have people walking back through the alley to go to the Blacksmith Shop.

Mayor Wells stated 723.04 in the Revised Code states the proper process of closing an alley. Mayor Wells stated that anytime the Village vacates an alley, a permanent easement remains for public utilities.

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Mayor Wells referred the matter to the Street and Alley Committee to review and make a recommendation to Council. Mayor Wells requested them to bring the recommendation back to the next council meeting.

Councilman Bragg questioned if it would work to temporarily close it during events they are having. Mr. Robe stated that might be a solution as they are not necessarily looking for ownership of the alley way; just the ability to close it when necessary and modify it some.

Councilman Inman stated they needed to research it and take into account how it would affect the neighborhood and traffic control, etc.

John Walter Finley entered the meeting. 6:39 P.M.

Mayor Wells asked Mr. Finley if he had any public participation. Mr. Finley stated no, he was just here to observe.

Ordinance 11-10

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-10 for the second reading, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO BACKFLOW OF CONTAMINANTS THROUGH THE WATER SERVICE CONNECTION INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.

Councilman Inman made a Motion to pass Ordinance 11-10 on the second reading, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

Ordinance 11-10 was passed on the second reading.

Streets & Alleys Committee

Councilman Morrow questioned when Kennebec would be patched. VA Brown stated Foreman Bragg said historically around the middle of May.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Inman stated he wanted to add a sidewalk provision to our current ordinance and in looking at the Basic Code there are four or five options. Councilman Inman stated he would get with Solicitor Tarbert for a rough draft.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Bragg stated he had talked to Councilman Jamie White from the Village of Malta and they want to clear the air regarding questions on the billings at the next meeting that is scheduled for May 16th.

Councilman Bragg questioned where we were at with the fence for the Water Treatment Plant. VA Brown stated Malta is ordering it; they made a few changes that reduced the price.

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It was brought up regarding the 10 feet of fill that is being put on top of our water line. Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if we could stop them. VA Brown stated he did not know what actions to take. Councilman Bragg stated he would talk with Councilman White tomorrow.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Inman made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

The meeting was adjourned till May 3, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Office.

John A. Wells
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.