

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 1, 2014

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:18 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 Darrell Newton	Present
Councilman Terry Robison	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Absent

EMPLOYEES: Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Carol Morris, Fred Morris

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

Excuse Absent Council Member

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to excuse Councilwoman Gessel from the meeting, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of March 18, 2014

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

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

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

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Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

Council signed off on the March Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported March Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$268.00; Meters - \$1,490.84 for a total of \$1,758.84.

Mayor Finley reported March Income Tax receipts as \$18,562.13.

Mayor Finley reported January Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$3,393.82; Morgan County Treasurer - \$273.40; Treasurer of State - \$699.60 for a total of \$4,366.82.

Mayor Finley stated it was questioned at the last meeting when the Meter calibration was completed last; in looking at the records, we paid for it in August of 2011.

Ordinance 14-09

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 14-09, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PUBLIC ADMISSION CHARGES AND ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AND RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES WITH REGARD TO THE MCCONNELSVILLE SWIMMING POOL.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to pass Ordinance 14-09 on the third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

Ordinance 14-09 was duly adopted.

Resolution 14-10

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 14-10, A RESOLUTION URGING THE VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE TO SUPPORT STATE ISSUE 1, A RENWEAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM ON MAY 6, 2014 BALLOT AND DELCARING 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 Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-10 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

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Resolution 14-10 was duly adopted.

Ordinance 14-11

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 14-11, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

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

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

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-11 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Newton.

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

Ordinance 14-11 was duly adopted.

Mayor Finley reported we have received information about finalizing the Nature Works Grant for the boat docks.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported on the following items:

- 1) The pump and control system was ordered for the Kennebec pump station.
- 2) He received plan approval from the Health Department for the pool slide.
- 3) There are problems with grinder pump at the Park. They will be checking into it to see if it is electrical or not.
- 4) The Electric Aggregation Contract is being extended. Those who have previously opted out are not to receive the letters; only those who are already in the program.
- 5) MS Consultants have completed a physical survey on the storm sewer separation.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has received a billing from a Funeral Director out of Zanesville for cremation from an indigent person that lived inside the Village. The billing actually was sent to the Veteran's Association; they passed it on to the Commissioners; the Commissioners then turned it over to the Township; and, they brought it to him. The Solicitor and Village Administrator are looking further into the matter.

Village Administrator Thompson reported there is a sink hole on Seventh Street. They have patched the worst section; and, will be watching it. This may be too big of a job for our crew and may have to look at obtaining a contractor to repair this.

Village Administrator Thompson had a Sign-In Sheet for everyone to sign for the Public Meeting that is required for the Distress Grant.

6:14 P.M. Councilwoman Gessel entered the meeting.

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Fiscal Officer Henry

Fiscal Officer Henry stated Chief Copeland asked her to see if Council would approve him to get a \$1,000 Credit Card from First National Bank like he done last year. There will be a fee for the cards; last year they cost \$3.95 each. This will enable him to make purchases online for supplies and materials.

Councilman Dille made a Motion to allow the purchase of \$1,000 Credit Card from First National Bank plus the cost of the cards, seconded by Councilman Robison.

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

Fiscal Officer Henry was given permission to purchase a Credit Card for \$1,000 from First National Bank for Police Department purchases.

Fiscal Officer Henry questioned if Chief Copeland has the need to reload these cards; does Council wish him to come back for permission again; or, can he do so without additional approval. Council all agreed they wish for him to come back with a request again.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported she attended the Park Board Meeting. Councilwoman Gessel stated the Baseball League was also in attendance and placing the signs on the buildings was discussed. Councilwoman Gessel stated she requested them to ask the Village's permission prior to doing so since the Village's own the buildings.

Councilwoman Gessel reported the sewer grinder is not working at the Park; it has been removed and is under warranty.

Councilwoman Gessel stated they would also like additional Police protection on the weekends and evenings; there was a truck stolen from there last weekend. It was noted that the Police Department does patrol the area throughout each shift.

Councilwoman Gessel stated the Board had been approached about adult softball tournaments; and, they decided against that.

Councilwoman Gessel stated she has been approached by two Park Board members to see if the Village's would be willing to lease the park to a corporation or something, and they would then maintain the park. Councilwoman Gessel stated she suggested they approach the Village's regarding this.

Councilman Bragg stated he has talked to the Village Administrator regarding the insurance on the Opera House. Village Administrator Thompson stated he has given Adam Shriver a copy of the Village's Declaration Page showing the coverages.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if the Street Sign has been removed from South Eighth Street yet. Village Administrator Thompson stated he did give direction to the crew to do so; and, he will double check and make sure they did remove it.

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Councilman Dille questioned if the Chief or one of the officers could be on Poplar at 5:00 P.M. on Friday evenings; there is a Trash Truck crossing Beechwood even though there are signs stating they cannot.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the committee met after the last Council Meeting and discussed different ideas about the Festival and Fireworks. There is going to be a Community Meeting this Thursday evening at 6:30 P.M. at the Reicker Building to discuss more ideas. Councilwoman Blackburn stated she has contacted the Fire Works Company and explained the situation about the fireworks; and, they are willing to work with us on this. She will have another report after the meeting.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Dille reported he has been in contact Allen Craig and Dean Wright in the regards to the Safe Route to School Program. It appears it is favorable this funding will happen.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison reminded Village Administrator Thompson he needed the information to add the survey to the website for the Distress Grant.

Executive Session

Councilman Robison made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate, seconded by Councilman Dille.

Solicitor Tarbert, Village Administrator Thompson; and, Fiscal Officer Henry were requested to stay for the Executive Session.

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

The Motion carried. Council went into Executive Session at 6:49 P.M.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Robison.

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

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:17 P.M.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

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Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; 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 April 15, 2014 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.