

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 3, 2012

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 8:56 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	Absent
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief of Police Rocky Woodburn, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Tricia Nesselroad

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of March 20, 2012

Councilman Robison stated the minutes were incorrect and needed changed where they stated he voted "Nay" on Ordinance 12-09. Fiscal Officer Henry took note of this error for correction.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the change of Councilman Robison voting "Yea"; not "Nay", seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilwoman Gessel questioned if the new parking meters were installed. Chief Woodburn stated not yet. Mayor Finley noted these were only the inside of the meter; not the outsides. Councilwoman Gessel questioned if we could possibly paint them as some were looking bad. Mayor Finley stated Chief Woodburn was going to take some to Damien Lang to look at and see if they could powder coat them for us.

Councilman Matheney stated he would like a breakdown every quarter on the expenses to MS Consultants. Fiscal Officer Henry stated she would get that for Council.

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Councilman Bragg made a Motion to add Malta's Water Operation and Maintenance bills for January and February and to deduct \$3,699.72 for the calibration misread from last year as per Agreement; seconded by Councilman Robison.

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

The Motion carried.

6:38 P.M. Councilman Dille entered the Council Meeting.

Further discussion was made on the January and February billings regarding the hauling of stone. Council is opposed to paying for the hauling by an outside driver when we have a truck that can be used. Councilman Bragg will get with Village Administrator Thompson to draft a letter regarding these issues to send with the payment.

Fiscal Officer Henry stated January's billing is \$12,089.52 and February's is \$7,064.36; less the \$3,699.72 deduction will make the total due to Malta \$15,454.16.

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to approve the bills with the addition of Malta's billings at a total of \$15,454.16, 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.

Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

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

Public Participation

Ms. Tricia Nesselroad passed out paperwork to Council showing how she would change things as Pool Manager this year from what she previously done if they rehire her. Ms. Nesselroad stated she enjoys the job and she would like to promote different things to try and bring more families to the pool. Some other changes she noted was: taking inventory on concessions; program the cash register; and, generally do a better job in keeping things cleaned up.

Ms. Nesselroad stated if she gets the job, she had one request and that is; if complaints are brought to the committee, she would like the committee to ask the person if it had been brought to her attention first. If it had not been brought to her attention, she cannot attempt to fix the issue; however, if it has been and she did not take care of it, then it should be taken to the committee.

Ms. Nesselroad stated when she was a lifeguard, there was a "contract" signed between the lifeguard and the Village stating if they done something wrong, there would be disciplinary action taken against them.

Ms. Nesselroad stated if she is given the opportunity to be manager again, she is going to post the daily duties and give them sheets of what they need to do before opening and after closing; also, a check sheet for the bathrooms.

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Mayor Finley stated he felt the Village should hire the manager and have them help in hiring the lifeguards.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported we signed an agreement for Lepi to abate the Water Works building in the amount of \$2,200. They will be here in the next two weeks to complete this task. Mayor Finley stated the crew salvaged what they could out of the building and once it is cleaned out we will have to decide what we want to do with it.

Mayor Finley stated he requested quotes from companies for the demolition of the Water Works building. The quotes came in as: Newberry Trucking – \$6,750; Zemba Bros – \$9,505; Wolfcreek Contractor's – \$13,811; Scott Eddleblute \$5,800.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to accept the quote from Scott Eddleblute in the amount of \$5,800, 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.

The Motion carried.

Mayor Finley reported SRW Environmental out of Milford Ohio will be coming down to paint the building for Englefield Oil. They do pollution and emissions control.

Mayor Finley reported he is in contact with Ashland Oil every week and is still making progress. Village Administrator Thompson reported a consultant contacted him last week with questions, so they are working on it.

Mayor Finley requested Village Administrator Thompson to contact the Jobs Etc. crew to see if they would do some work throughout the Village cleaning up creek banks and possibly river banks.

Mayor Finley reported he has a meeting scheduled for April 12th at 10:00 at the Fourth Street Building with Ken Edwards and Greg Mercer with reference to the street sweeper. When the street sweeper was purchased there was an option the Council decided not to go with at the time and that might be one of the issues we are having with not picking up all of the dirt in the streets. They are going to evaluate our street sweeper to see if it is performing to specs and that we are running it properly. It was purchased in 2001 at a cost of \$83,146.57 and we traded in our old sweeper for \$1,400.

Mayor Finley reported where the drain was put in behind the old reservoir left a hole in the hillside and this needs addressed so it does not cave in. Mayor Finley stated he contacted Dave Lapp for a price on a block wall; and, it came back at \$2,279.88. Mayor Finley stated this would ensure the hill did not slip into our drain.

Mayor Finley reported he spoke with Mark Mondo today and told him he was dissatisfied with how they left the property and how he felt it should have been done. Mr. Mondo was not aware of the problem and stated they would come up and fix it themselves. Mr. Mondo proposed digging it back farther and put rip rap on it to avoid any slippage. Mr. Mondo stated this rip rap was nice looking stone. Mr. Mondo will be e-mailing pictures to Mayor Finley on what he is proposing. Mayor Finley feels this will look nice and take care of our problem and if Council has no objections; this is what we will do. Council had no objections.

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Mayor Finley reported Mayor's Court Clerk Scott will be holding a Clerk's Meeting here at the Village Office on May 9, 2012. Mayor Finley has approved this and will be stopping by the meeting.

Mayor Finley reported he has discussed seasonal help for mowing with Village Administrator Thompson and Fiscal Officer Henry; we have budgeted for this.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he talked with Foreman Bragg and he feels hiring just one worker would work best and to work them a longer period of time. Mayor Finley stated we can move forward once Council approves; we could use them right now.

Council gave Village Administrator Thompson permission to move forward with the hiring of a seasonal worker.

Mayor Finley requested Village Administrator Thompson to discuss the 2012 Street Paving. Village Administrator Thompson stated he recently met with the County Engineer, Steve Hook, and they are getting ready to do the next round of Issue I funding. Village Administrator Thompson questioned Council whether or not we wanted to participate in this. By the County, Villages, and Townships going together, we score more points and are more likely to get funded. Council agreed to join the County with the next round of funding.

Mayor Finley reported Ordinance 98-16 developed the Downtown Revitalization Committee which named those on the Board. They are to change every three years and has not been updated since. Mayor Finley stated we need to look at this Ordinance and update it at the next meeting. Mayor Finley turned this matter over to the Economic Development Committee for review and to bring a recommendation to Council.

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from the Ohio Utilities Protection Service and had given a copy of the letter to Council.

Mayor Finley reported March Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$427.01; Meters - \$1,682.75 for a total of \$2,109.76. Mayor Finley reported March Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$5,116.75; Morgan County Treasurer - \$75.00; Treasurer of State - \$652.00 for a total of \$5,843.75.

Mayor Finley stated he has asked Chief Woodburn to look into a gentleman by the name of Ken Koonce from Fairmont West Virginia. Mr. Koonce has received parking tickets for expired meters; when he issued his last check to us, he wrote it out to "Crooked" McConnellsville and wrote on the check "I have not yet begun to fight. He has also been following our Parking Enforcement Officer around taking pictures of him. Mayor Finley stated he just wanted to make Council aware of this situation.

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from Morgan Aerie #2187 requesting permission to close Second Street from West Liberty to the alley intersection. They are having a corn hole tournament on May 19, 2012 from 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. and would like to use Second Street to set up the game area.

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to allow the closure of Second Street from 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. on May 19, 2012 for the purpose of holding the corn hole tournament, 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.

The Motion carried. Fiscal Officer Henry will notify them.

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Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from Terry Billy with ABATE (American Bikers Aimed Toward Education) of Ohio; asking us to join them in celebrating May as Motorcycle Awareness Month by Proclamation.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to declare by Proclamation May as Motorcycle Awareness month; 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.

Mayor Finley reported March Income Tax receipts as \$13,016.54.

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from ODNR/FEMA and flood insurance rate maps. The letter is on file if anyone wants to look at it.

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from MS Consultants regarding the Clover Ridge landslide. He will give copies to council. Village Administrator Thompson stated they want us to video the sewer line that runs along the development and see if it is alright or if there are any issues.

Ordinance 12-07

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 12-07 for the third and final reading, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING REGULATIONS.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to pass Ordinance 12-07 on the third and final reading, 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.

Ordinance 12-07 was duly adopted.

Ordinance 12-12

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 12-12 for the first reading, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SKATEBOARDING, ROLLERBLADING, AND ROLLER-SKATING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to pass Ordinance 12-12 on the first reading, 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.

Ordinance 12-12 was passed on the first reading.

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Village Administrator Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson had the following reports:

- 1) First Street sewer line is completed.
- 2) The grant for CDBG money to concrete the grass area at swimming pool and the purchase of benches, picnic tables, and trash cans has been turned in.
- 3) The flights have been installed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the clarifier is back in operation.
- 4) The profile for the disposal of the Hawk filter sand has been completed. Received notification today there are some different testing that has to be done on it prior to it being accepted by the landfill; therefore, it will prolong the project approximately an additional three weeks.
- 5) The Notice to Proceed for Phase III Sewer Project has been signed. It is being redesigned to go on Seventh Street.
- 6) The income surveys will soon be completed. We have to do them to prove we meet the low to medium household income in order to receive certain grants.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Sorrell's on Kennebec; they are having water problems during hard rains. We are going to address this issue the best we can.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he had been in contact with Pat Tornes from ODOT and discussed right of way issues on State Route 60. Mr. Tornes stated basically anything that happens within the Village limits; if it is not on the pavement, they will not work on it.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Morgan-Meigsville Water regarding the water rate increase for them on April 1st. They had concerns and are requesting we postpone the increase until we can get them additional information explaining the rate increase.

Mayor Finley stated when he, Councilman Bragg, and previous Village Administrator Brown met with them the first time, they thought everything was understood and all questions had been answered. Mayor Finley stated he is willing to wait until May 1st for the increase so we will have time to answer their questions and work out any challenges.

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to extend the date for the water increase to Morgan-Meigsville Water District until May 1st, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

The Motion carried.

Mayor Finley reported the Fiscal Officer prepares the Agenda on Thursday and Friday prior to the Council Meeting; if they have anything they would like added, please e-mail her by then. Or if they have anything to add to the packets have it brought in to her by Friday.

Councilman Matheney thanked Village Administrator Thompson for everything he has done and is doing. He has put a lot of work in already on the projects we have going on.

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Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Matheney passed out a quote on the paint for the pool in the amount of \$2,450. He stated there will be approximately an additional \$400 for caulking. Once he gets the complete figure he will get with the Village Administrator to have a purchase order cut so it can be ordered. Councilman Matheney reported Judy Ray is going to do the other painting (inside the building).

Councilman Matheney stated Cliff Littlefield has done a great job on the pool. He is getting fans for the bathrooms; and, providing no rain, they should be installed tomorrow. He is putting the roof on the pavilion and little building today; everything should be completed this week.

Councilman Matheney stated he has a problem with the back building and storage closet. He would like to clean them out as there is a lot of junk in them.

Chief Woodburn reported he caught the vandals that vandalized the pool and other areas in town. One of them has confessed and the other is currently denying his involvement.

Councilman Matheney reported the new filters should be here on April 20th and he would like to start the installation of them the following Monday.

Councilman Matheney stated there is a storm sewer problem at the pool he would like the crew to check out.

Councilman Matheney reported Village Administrator Thompson has done a lot of work on a Block Grant for the pool. If we receive this grant, we will not get the money until 2013.

Councilman Matheney reported the pool parking lot is a mess; we may need to haul in some stone and patch it in places. Village Administrator Thompson stated he will look into it and see if we can do some hot mix.

Councilman Bragg reported the Park Joint Recreation Board decided to begin charging leagues \$500 to use the park. Councilwoman Blackburn stated the Committee did not realize how much money these leagues were making off of concessions. By collecting this fee, it will help in maintaining the park.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Robison stated he has been in contact with Bo Powell regarding GPS. Mr. Powell is looking forward to getting this going with the Village. Councilman Robison stated the County pays a maintenance fee per year and they may request the Village to chip in on it.

Councilman Bragg stated it would be nice to get a wireless laptop for the crew to carry in the truck with this information on it for them.

Councilman Robison stated he will get some clarification and bring it to the next meeting.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Bragg reported there will be a Joint Utility Meeting on April 16th at 7:00 P.M. in Malta Council Chambers.

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Finance Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Finance Committee met on March 26th. Councilwoman Gessel stated she contacted Marcia Smith with Chase to begin the paperwork for the credit card for the Village to use for travel expenses and some billing payments. Ms. Smith is requesting to know what type of credit limit we would want for charges.

Councilwoman Gessel stated the committee felt it would not be profitable for us at this time to do the online payments because the fee costs are too much. The customers will not want to pay it; and, the Village cannot absorb the cost.

Councilwoman Gessel reported the committee went over Ordinance 10-36 and made some changes. Fiscal Officer Henry e-mailed a copy to everyone.

Councilwoman Gessel stated there was a lot of discussion on vacation leave; the suggestion is any new hires would receive a max of 3 weeks' vacation. Councilwoman Gessel stated she was a government worker and there are no perks as a government worker like private businesses have; and, she feels we should stick with the Ohio Revised Code on vacations.

Mayor Finley stated once we get the rough draft complete, he would like to meet with employees and go over it with them in detail.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he had some concerns with the changes and would like to meet with Councilwoman Gessel to go over these.

Councilwoman Gessel stated she would schedule a committee meeting after she meets with the Village Administrator on his input.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Dille requested Village Administrator Thompson to set up a safety training schedule for once a quarter.

Councilman Dille stated he wanted to mention again the safety factor of the gentleman using his motorized chair on the Kennebec Avenue.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Dille reported he has purchased an additional e-mail for Captain Copeland and Village Administrator Thompson.

Councilman Robison stated he will be installing the website on the village computer within the next week.

Councilman Robison stated he now has a monitor so he will be able to do the badges for the village employees.

Other Business

Chief Woodburn reported the Durango has been repaired.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to adjourn, 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.

The meeting was adjourned till April 17, 2012 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.