

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 7, 2015

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:55 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	Absent
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

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

VISITORS: Carol Morris

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 Robison from the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of March 17, 2015

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

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

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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 he received a copy of a letter that was sent to the County Commissioners from John Wells in regards to the real estate tax charges for the Hess property. Mayor Finley stated the County and Village should not owe fees for taxes for the time it was in their name; therefore, it is going to the tax review board.

Mayor Finley reported on the status of the K9 funds. Mayor Finley stated we are still accepting and receiving donations. Mayor Finley stated he was very pleased with the positive Community support.

Mayor Finley reported March Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$5,413.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$57.50; Treasurer of State - \$1,028.50 for a total of \$6,499.00. Mayor Finley reported March Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$470.00; Meters - \$1,871.60 for a total of \$2,341.60. Mayor Finley reported March Income Tax receipts as \$21,234.11.

Mayor Finley questioned if the Village Administrator had time to look over the bills from January and February for the Malta Water Cost Sharing. Village Administrator Thompson stated he had January's; but, not February. Council took a brief time to look them both over.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to pay January and February bills from Malta; however, they wished to remove the billing from Bergren Associates in the amount of \$3,410.00 from the January billing making the total due to Malta \$23,097.42; seconded by Councilman Newton.

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

The Motion carried; Fiscal Officer Henry was authorized to cut a check to Malta Village in the amount of \$23,097.42.

Mayor Finley reported on his mandatory court training. Mayor Finley stated he pays for his own meals, mileage and hotel expenses; the Village just pays for the actual classes.

Mayor Finley reported he has been appointed to the Integrating Committee again; he has John Thompson listed as his alternate.

Mayor Finley reported he has been appointed to the board of the Mayor's Association of Ohio.

Mayor Finley reported he has received information from the Auditor of State on the Affordable Care Act. Mayor Finley is making it available for anyone who would like to look over it.

Mayor Finley stated the Village Administrator has previously brought to Council the need to replace our current street sweeper. After searching; he has found a used one that will

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take care of the Village's needs at a cost of \$75,000. This has previously been leased by the City of Akron for five years. Mayor Finley stated they go over the unit and redo it; giving a six month bumper to bumper warranty.

Mayor Finley stated we can purchase this through the State Bid; therefore, the bidding process will not be necessary. The company we are looking to purchase this through does offer a lease to own payment plan with a 2 ½ percent interest rate; making annual payments and the loan being paid completely off in three years. The first payment is due with delivery of the unit. Mayor Finley stated this unit will be paid out of our Street and Sewer funds.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he contacted the City of Akron and talked to their supervisor prior to going and looking at it.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to approve the Village Administrator to purchase the street sweeper at a cost of \$75,000; to check with the local banks regarding financing; or, to purchase it through the lease to own program through the company we are purchasing it from; and authorize the Fiscal Officer to cut a check for the initial down payment and application fee if applicable; seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

The Motion carried.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to declare the old street sweeper excess property and put it out for bid; or, auction it off; seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

The Motion carried.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Lise Sibicky from Burgess & Niple; they are preparing a contract to proceed with the Hawk-Kennebec Interconnect. The estimate is for sections of four water lines on Kennebec and two sections on State Route 78; and, a section on Terrace Circle. They are also preparing an estimate for repainting the tanks.

Mayor Finley stated we have some major projects coming up and will be meeting with the Committee to prioritize them.

Councilman Newton questioned the status of the Fourth Street slip.

Village Administrator Thompson stated Columbia Gas is going to do core drilling; they do not believe they caused the slip. Work will not be able to be started on it until June or July when after things have dried up some.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he is progressing slowly on the Council Chambers; he hopes to have it roughed out by the end of the week. He will be contacting the Contractor in regards to the lighting; and, order the counter tops.

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Councilwoman Gessel questioned if we were working with a full staff.

Village Administrator Thompson stated no, we are still one short. He is looking to interview closer to May; and, is going to select from current applicants.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with MS Consultants regarding the sewer separation design work. They are just finishing it up. As soon he receives applications for the ARC and CDBG Funding he will be applying for grants for this project. Village Administrator Thompson stated he hopes to be able to put it out for bid by late fall with the project getting started no later than the spring of 2016; it all depends on when the grant money comes through.

Police Department

Mayor Finley reported Chief Copeland is attending an Active Shooter Class this evening so he was unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Finley reported Chief Copeland volunteered to turn the new cruiser over to Officer Weyant to use for the K9 Unit. Chief Copeland has taken the oldest of the Dodge Chargers as he gave the newest one to Officer McGrath. Mayor Finley stated we are not going to purchase a new cruiser tomorrow; however, we possibly could be looking at purchasing one later this year or the first of next.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille reported he was invited by Shannon Zumbro to speak with the Third Graders at East Elementary about being on Council. Councilman Dille stated most of the children were interested in when we are going to purchase the K9.

Mayor Finley reported the crew is doing some cold patching; once the hot mix is being made, we will begin using that.

Public Safety Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if there was a plan in place; and, what the risks would be for the Village of McConnellsville in regards to the Dam problem. She has been told the problem is fixed temporarily.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he did not believe it would be a major problem. He stated it would be devastating; but, not a catastrophic flood. Village Administrator Thompson stated they are watching it daily; and, she would need to get with ODNR regarding her questions.

Other Business

Councilwoman Gessel expressed her disappointment on the permanent closing of the Golf Course. Councilwoman Gessel stated this will be a big loss to our County.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

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The meeting was adjourned till April 16, 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.