

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION

Held: August 26, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in special session from 12:00 P.M. to 12:15 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	Absent
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

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

VISITORS: None

Excuse Absent Council Member

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to excuse Councilman Morrow, seconded by Councilman Matheney.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Finance Committee had a meeting Monday, August 22nd with the Schwendeman Agency and Greer-Dille Insurance. Councilwoman Gessel stated they listened to both agents presentations.

Councilwoman Gessel stated it was the committees recommendation to go with Health Plan 1a through THP Insurance; Dearborn National for the dental coverage; and, EyeMed Medium Option. Councilwoman Gessel stated with the dental insurance being so much lower than the premium we paid last year; we can offer eye insurance to our employees and spend the same dollar amount that we did just for dental last year.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated Fiscal Officer Henry budgeted for a 15% increase in premium. The new annual premium with the current \$1,000 deductible is \$90,374.40 and if we decrease the deductible to \$500 and make a couple changes to the office visit and drug plan it will only increase the annual premium by about \$1,000 and give the employees a better deal on their deductibles. Councilwoman Blackburn stated if we go with the \$500 deductible, dental and vision coverages, we are still below the 15% that was budgeted.

Mayor Wells stated that would be like giving every employee a \$500 raise and it only costing the village \$1,000.

Councilwoman Gessel stated some employees have been disgruntled with Greer-Dille Insurance and with the presentations made; she felt the Schwendeman Agency with having an employee website and training for the employees (they also handle the employees life insurance) would be the better agent to go with.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to approve the three plans as discussed with lowering the deductible through the Schwendeman Agency; seconded by Councilman Inman.

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Council Discussion:

Councilman Bragg stated if it doesn't save the village any money in going with an out-of-town agent; he feels we should stay local.

Councilman Matheny stated he was in agreeance with Councilman Bragg.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she believes in staying with local business. Councilwoman Blackburn also commented that she agreed the Schwendeman Agency had a great presentation.

Councilman Inman stated he is all for local service when all things are equal; however, based on the presentation and services they provide, he feels the Schwendeman Agency offers a better package.

Village Administrator Brown stated from an administrative stand point he has to deal with the agent and the employees complaints. VA Brown stated that up until August 8th Mr. Greer didn't know who our dental carrier was; plus he brought in an agent from Zanesville because he was unauthorized to sell us the plan. VA Brown also stated that Mr. Greer referred our employees to the agent in Zanesville when they had issues. VA Brown stated we were also told we had to deal with the health insurance company direct when new employees were hired rather than going through the agent.

Mayor Wells questioned if everyone was in agreement with the policies brought forth and lowering the deductible on the health insurance. All of council concurred they were in agreement with the polices; just not the agency.

Mayor Wells stated we have had a Motion for the Schwendeman Agency by Councilwoman Gessel, and seconded by Councilman Inman.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Nay; Councilman Rhett Matheny, Nay; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Nay; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Mayor Wells stated the Motion failed. Mayor Wells then asked if there was any other Motions.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to go with Greer-Dille Insurance, seconded by Councilman Matheny.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheny, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Nay; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Nay.

The Motion carried.

Village Administrator Brown questioned if this is no longer an administrative decision was council going to handle the agent?

Mayor Wells stated council has always selected the insurance in this village. The Village Administrator and or Clerk has always done the work to gather the information. It is however as council selects to do.

Councilman Inman questioned who was to contact Schwendeman and let them know we are changing agents back to Greer-Dille. Mayor Wells stated it is the Village Administrator's responsibility.

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Village Administrator Brown questioned what if Mr. Greer cannot get this done in the six days before the renewal on September 1st.

Mayor Wells stated he will be able to get it done or it will have to come back to council for other consideration.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

The meeting was adjourned till September 6, 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.