

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: December 4, 2012

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 8:08 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	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chief of Police Troy Copeland, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert.

#### **VISITORS:**

#### **Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Minutes of November 20, 2012**

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 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.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Bills of the Village**

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to approve the bills, 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 November Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.

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#### **Mayor John W. Finley**

Mayor Finley stated Council received a breakdown on the latest expenses with MS Consultants and asked if anyone had any questions.

Fiscal Officer Henry stated their fee was less than they anticipated for the Sewer Project.

Mayor Finley reported November Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$6,895.07; Morgan County Treasurer - \$52.50; Treasurer of State - \$1,708.50 for a total of \$8,656.07. Mayor Finley reported November Income Tax receipts as \$24,098.84. Mayor Finley reported November Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$308.00; Meters - \$1,363.68 for a total of \$1,671.68.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned what the total collected year to date in taxes are. Mayor Finley stated \$364,126.93.

Mayor Finley stated he gave each Council Member a copy of a letter he received from Columbia Gas. They are going to be raising rates due to their infrastructure needs.

Mayor Finley stated in looking at next years budget; Mike Chern would like to purchase another dozen meters. The price quote he received from POM is \$2,067.36.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned how many meters we have in total. Mayor Finley stated he will find out and bring it to the next meeting.

Mayor Finley stated he gave each Council Member a copy of a letter he received from Opera House Inc. They would like to rent collectively with Morgan County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Morgan County Chamber of Commerce; and, the Ohio Valley Opry. They would also like to open the wall and expand the Opera House lobby.

Mayor Finley noted he also received an e-mail from Wendy Gorrell, the Program Director of Morgan County Board of Developmental Disabilities. They are requesting to keep their current lease.

Mayor Finley stated he felt the Park Meeting went well. Everyone is working together now and the Board will keep us more informed. Mayor Finley asked for the Committee Chair or a member of the Recreation Committee to attend the meetings to help keep us informed. Mayor Finley stated communication was a key complaint from every group.

Councilman Robison questioned if the villages of Malta and McConnellsville own that property. Mayor Finley stated we own everything over there. Village Administrator stated everything but the sports equipment.

Councilwoman Gessel stated she appreciated way the meeting was handled. The Mayor set a good tone.

Mayor Finley reported Malta Mayor, Greg Hill, appointed Homer Weekley to the board.

#### **Ordinance 12-39**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 12-39, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

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

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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.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 12-39 on emergency measure, 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 12-39 was duly adopted.

#### **Village Administrator Report**

Village Administrator Thompson went over the monthly Water/Sewer Meter Reading Report from Administrative Assistant, Missy Scott. *See attached.*

Village Administrator Thompson reported the roof on the Opera House is three quarters of the way completed; and, should be finished within the next couple weeks.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the flow meter has been repaired at the Fourth Street Pump Station.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has ordered two more loggers for the two additional flow meters at a cost of \$8,000; they will be paid through the Sewer Project.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the crew installed two valves in the Kennebec Booster Station today.

Village Administrator Thompson reported they are beginning to work on repairing the footbridge sidewalk on North Eighth Street.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Fred Smith from MS Consultants at the Sewer Plant regarding the UV Project and rotating screen. Mr. Smith took measurements and the plans; we will be starting on the Engineering.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he recently went to the Issue I Subcommittee meeting for the County. They can award up to 75 points to help in scoring points at the executive level. Village Administrator Thompson stated our pavement project in conjunction with the County project received 75 points and will hopefully be funded at the executive level.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he will be meeting with Columbia Gas Representatives tomorrow. They are bringing plans down to discuss their intentions for the Village regarding the upgrade to their system.

Councilman Matheney stated we have left the water system situation sit on the table for the past year and he feels we need to get it back on the table and see what needs done to fix it. We need to decide where we are going to get the funds and determine what we are going to do. Councilman Matheney stated we have already spent \$900,000 on this project and would like to see what can be done about making it work.

Village Administrator Thompson questioned what needed fixed.

Councilman Bragg stated the line down over the hill is just sitting there with water in it; and the Poplar lines blow when the valves are turned on.

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Mayor Finley concurred with Councilman Matheney.

Councilman Bragg stated he felt the same way regarding the new river crossing. It does not back us up like it was suppose to do; therefore, he would like to see it fixed.

#### **Chief Troy Copeland**

Chief Copeland reported the high bid on the Durango came in at \$600.00. He did not receive any bids on the Ford; therefore, we will be taking it to the scrap yard.

Chief Copeland reported Victor Weyant has been working for us for a month now; and is doing a very good job. Wade Carley will begin on his own next week.

#### **Recreation & Buildings Committee**

Councilman Matheney stated he talked with Rick Fox today to get a price for a new furnace for the pool.

#### **Streets & Alley Committee**

Councilman Robison questioned if the time limit is up for the alley weight limit? It was noted yes, December 6<sup>th</sup>. He questioned if the letters had been sent out to the haulers yet. Village Administrator Thompson stated not yet. Councilman Robison questioned if we had purchased signs yet. Village Administrator Thompson stated no.

#### **Economic Development Committee**

Councilman Blackburn reported Christmas in the Village was very successful; there were approximately 600 people in attendance. She stated the Christmas Parade was very well attended also. Councilwoman Blackburn thanked Chief Copeland and his officers for assisting with the parade.

Councilwoman Blackburn noted the next project will begin in the spring with the banners for the poles. Chris Scott is working on the banners and John Kitts is preparing names for the banners.

Councilman Robison stated if anyone gets pictures of any events; to please get them to him so he can add them to our website.

Mayor Finley stated the Sheriff's Office helped as well and wanted to thank them also.

Councilwoman Blackburn noted the window contest is sponsored by the Herald Office; and, Morris Hardware had ladies night.

Councilman Robison stated he wants to give hats off to the committee that done this.

#### **Public Utilities Committee**

Councilman Bragg stated there were some questions on the last billing from Malta. Village Administrator Thompson is going to contact them.

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#### **Finance Committee**

Councilwoman Gessel reported she and Village Administrator Thompson have been going over the employee ordinance and hope to have it brought to the next meeting for the first reading. Councilman Robison stated he felt we should look into adding the enforcement of drug testing for all employees in this ordinance.

#### **Public Safety Committee**

Councilman Dille questioned where we are at with the Apperson rental property. Mayor Finley stated he will contact them again.

#### **Technology and Website Committee**

Councilman Dille stated Councilman Robison and he have been working on getting the calendar on the website. In order for all to be able to add events to the calendar, he will need to purchase another e-mail license specifically for this.

#### **Other Business**

Mayor Finley stated there are some concerns about our next Council meeting conflicting with the Fire Departments Home for the Holidays benefit. After a brief discussion Council decided to have the Council Meeting rescheduled for 6:00 as the benefit starts at 7:00.

#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Councilman Dille made a Motion to adjourn, 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.

The meeting was adjourned till December 18, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Office.

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John W. Finley  
Mayor

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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.