

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 20, 2012

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 8:39 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	Absent
Councilman Terry Robison	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

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

VISITORS: None

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of March 6, 2012

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Robison made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

6:35 PM Councilman Matheney entered the meeting.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported the Reservoir and High Tank demolition is almost completed; Mondo is in the cleaning up phase and should be done weather permitting by the weeks end.

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Mayor Finley reported the gas to the Water Works building was disconnected on March 14th. LEPI did find some asbestos in the building and they will be doing an abatement.

Mayor Finley stated he has contacted people to get quotes for the demolition of the Water Works building; however, he has not received any as of yet.

Mayor Finley reported the Semi-Annual General Council Meeting will be held on April 6, 2012 at Buckeye Hills in Marietta. Mayor Finley stated he would be attending and Council was welcome to attend also.

Mayor Finley stated we have figures together for the Hawk Site Sewer Pump Station; the total cost will be approximately \$15,036.92.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has talked to the EPA and they okayed us to stockpile the sand until we can get it hauled away.

Mayor Finley reported he put a call in to the Captain of the Avenger and explained to him this facility was just for them; and, we would like some help from the Government on these expenses. He is going to check into it; so, hopefully we will get some help from them down the road.

Mayor Finley asked Village Administrator Thompson to give an update on the First Street sewer line.

Village Administrator Thompson stated the sewer line was broken at 631 Roberts Drive; and, he has drawn up an easement with their neighbor to cross their property in relocating the sewer line. The easement will be taken to the property owner tomorrow; the pipe has been ordered; and, we should hopefully begin this project by the end of this week or the first of next.

Mayor Finley asked Councilman Bragg to bring Council up to date on the Morgan Meigsville water tap.

Councilman Bragg stated he talked with the Village Administrator and found that we have an Ordinance stating the tap fees are \$800.00; therefore, Councilman Bragg does not feel we could charge them \$1,500.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we do not have a tap fee per say, it is an \$800.00 deposit and if the installation of the tap comes in more, we bill them.

Discussion was made as to whether or not we would own the meter once it was installed.

Village Administrator Thompson stated the policy with most water authorities are you own the meter once it is put in and we take over with repairs and such.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to rescind the original Motion from the February 7, 2012 Council Meeting; for the tap fee to be \$1,500 to Morgan Meigsville and go with the \$800 as per Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Matheney.

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.

Councilman Dille stated Council needs to review this ordinance for changes.

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Village Administrator Thompson is going to get with Terry Mayle from Morgan Meigsville in regards to the cost per thousand on the water billing.

Mayor Finley reported we have received the \$30,000 donation for the pool.

Councilman Matheney stated the advertisement for Pool Manager and Lifeguards have been sent to the paper with a May 1st deadline.

Mayor Finley stated today was the last day for application for the Village Administrator position; he has received several.

Ordinance 12-07

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

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

Ordinance 12-07 was passed on the second reading.

Ordinance 12-09

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 12-09, 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 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.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 12-09 on emergency measure, 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 12-09 was duly adopted.

Resolution 12-10

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 12-10, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE SEWER FUND.

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

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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.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adopt Resoltuion 12-10 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

Resolution 12-10 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported the two inch water line was replaced on Fourth Street.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Reservoir is completely down; the ditch on Fern Drive needs cut to finish up.

Village Administrator Thompson reported we had a leak on the 1 ½" water line at Tenth and Main crosswalk Sunday evening.

Village Administrator Thompson reported there was a meeting held on Wednesday to sign the contract for the Phase III CSO Project. In reviewing the plans they found the proposed sewer line will run right through our existing; so the process is currently stopped. Zemba came in and located what areas we thought were in conflict; so we cannot begin the project until the plans are redesigned. Village Administrator Thompson talked with the Engineer this afternoon and have went over different options we have for the redesign.

Mayor Finley asked Village Administrator Thompson to contact Scott Brown and discuss this with him since he was the Village Administrator when this was drawn up.

Mayor Finley questioned how we discovered all this. Village Administrator Thompson stated Tim Bragg had mentioned to him the depth of the existing storm sewers and when they pulled the plans and began looking, they found the existing storm sewers were in the line of the new construction.

Councilman Robison questioned what could the Village put in place today that would help out in the future so this issue didn't happen again.

Councilman Matheney commented we need to have blueprints on record for all the work we are doing now.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has been looking; but, has not found any maps on the latest projects since Burgess & Niple were our Engineers. Village Administrator Thompson stated we need to have the as-built drawings. Village Administrator Thompson stated when talking with Fred Smith, the worst case scenario is we can go to the EPA and get what mapping they have on file.

Councilman Robison questioned if the mapping was on paper or electronic.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he was not sure; however, the last he dealt with it was paper.

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Councilman Robison asked about SPOT GPS readings. Village Administrator Thompson stated that would be the best way.

Mayor Finley stated we have a computer set up for mapping, we just need to get the program from the County Engineers and get it loaded.

It was noted Buckeye Hills had been in and completed a GPS on the meters, etc. Village Administrator Thompson stated he has not found anything yet.

Councilman Robison stated we need to have something in place so no one has this problem in the future.

Mayor Finley stated he has spent a lot of time with Village Administrator Thompson going over what he can do for us; he is working fantastic with the crew; things are pulling together very well right now.

Chief of Police Rocky Woodburn

Chief Woodburn reported in the month of February, the Police Department had driven 4,432 miles and used 454.4 gallons of gasoline. The police department issued 30 warnings, 9 traffic tickets, 13 misdemeanor citations, making a total of 22 tickets issued. Chief Woodburn reported total hours worked for all officers was 675 hours 32 minutes; they issued 8 crash reports and 11 incident reports.

Chief Woodburn reported the new cruiser was put into service Friday evening. He is going to get new pictures of it for the Website.

Fiscal Officer Ellen Henry

Fiscal Officer Henry reported February's month and year to date expenditures and percentage of the year to date budget as follows: General Fund month to date \$40,625.53, year to date \$98,766.95, or 12% of the YTD budget; Street M & R month to date \$4,753.43, year to date \$9,204.35, or 10 % of the YTD budget; Water Fund month to date \$31,183.49, year to date \$40,805.43, or 7 % of the YTD budget; Sewer Fund month to date \$29,304.71, year to date \$54,001.88, or 9% of the YTD budget.

Fiscal Officer Henry reported February's month and year to date revenue and percentage of the year to date budget as follows: General Fund month to date \$74,408.42, year to date \$98,327.70, 18% YTD budget; Street M & R Fund month to date \$6,419.97, year to date \$13,565.92, 17% YTD budget; Water Fund month to date \$39,156.89, with \$5,299.93 of that being from Morgan Meigs, year to date \$74,730.56, 17% YTD budget; Sewer Fund month to date \$45,450.98, with \$5,352.62 of that being from Malta for Joint Sewer Operations, year to date \$90,316.99, 18% YTD budget.

Fiscal Officer Henry stated February is 17% of the year and you can see we are right in line with revenue received and under on our expenditures.

Mayor Finley asked Council to stop by and look at the property where the High Tower was removed. We may decide this is excess property. The Radcliff's worked with us on this project, when others wouldn't. The Radcliff's allowed us to store tools in their garage and they parked outside. They are interested in this property if we are going to sell it. Solicitor Tarbert is going to look at the deed; it does not appear there is anything stating the property reverts back to the original owner. This piece of property came from the Rocky Glenn Sanitarian. Village Administrator Thompson stated he thinks it is .17 of an acre.

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Mayor Finley stated we also have the old Reservoir property; it is a larger lot and is not sure whether we would want to sell it or not. Currently our pump station is there and our radio's.

Mayor Finley stated Councilwoman Blackburn had brought to his attention that Wing Slinger was selling beer and drinks Saturday evening. Mayor Finley has someone checking into this with the Liquor Control. Wing Slingers is now officially out of business and their building is for sale.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Matheney reported Cliff Littlefield will be starting on the pool tomorrow; the paint will begin next week; they are bringing the estimate to us this weekend. They told him the paint would be completed in less than two weeks.

Councilman Matheney passed out a sheet on the Pool Ordinance and what the Committee was recommending as changes. Residents season tickets remain the same price as last year and those out of town will be charged \$10.00 higher; the daily tickets for residents will be lowered a dollar; and, out of town will pay the same price as last year.

Ordinance 12-11

Mayor Finley read Ordinance 12-11 by title only; AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PUBLIC ADMISSION CHARGES AND ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AND RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES WITH REGARD TO THE MALTA-MCCONNELSVILLE SWIMMING POOL.

Councilwoman Gessel 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 Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 12-11 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

Ordinance 12-11 was duly adopted.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Robison stated he has received a request for a sign on South Fourteenth Street for kids; we will install one.

Councilman Robison reported the Fire Department has acquired the badging machine; they have everything except a monitor. Once it is up working, they will print off badges for the Village employees.

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Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the Memorial Wall is getting bigger and bigger. Councilwoman Blackburn stated we needed to make sure the Village is prepared with flags on the light poles, mowing completed; and, possibly do some kind of a Welcome. Councilwoman Blackburn stated we just need to be prepared for the number of people we are going to get; the week prior is High School Graduation; and, the following week is the Extravaganza.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Bragg stated he has done figures on the three months billings prior to the calibration and the total discount should be \$3,699.72; he feels we are within our rights to ask for this. Discussion was made over the current bill they sent us and the hauling of the stone. The committee will do more review of the billing and bring their recommendation to the next meeting prior to making payment.

Finance Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Income Tax Committee met today; to date 2011 collections are up \$353.60 increase over last year.

Councilwoman Gessel reported she has received information from Lisa Grasso; however, the general consensus is we cannot go with Peoples as we cannot set up an account with them. Councilwoman Gessel questioned if it was OK for her to get back with Chase Bank as she feels it would be good to use when traveling and certain purchases; however, she does not feel it would be good to use on day to day purchases. Mayor and Council concurred it was OK for her to get back in contact with them.

Councilwoman Gessel scheduled a Finance Committee Meeting for Monday, March 26th at 5:45 P.M.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Dille stated Neal Offenberger had contacted him regarding cleaning of the Swimming Pool and the use of muriatic acid. Councilman Matheney stated he has previously talked with Neal Offenberger and told him to use a respirator and protective gear.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Dille stated he has purchased the security software for the Village computers and will soon have it set up. He has gotten the new employee, Jonnie Mudd set up with her own e-mail.

Community Clean-Up Committee

Councilwoman Gessel stated she has talked with Kevin Morrow and he would like to be on the Community Clean up Committee.

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Other Business

Mayor Finley discussed possibly hiring seasonal help for mowing. Mayor Finley requested Council to think it over and we will discuss it at the next Council Meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Dille 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 3, 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.