

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 2, 2014

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The Village of McConnelville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:33P.M. in the McConnelville 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	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Absent
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry and Solicitor David Tarbert

**VISITORS:** Carol Morris, Fred Morris, Owen Robison

#### **Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **Excuse Absent Council Member**

Councilman Robison made a Motion to excuse Councilman Dille from the meeting, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Minutes of August 19, 2014**

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

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

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

#### **Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation**

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

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

Mayor asked for moment of silence for past Chief Rocky Woodburn.

Mayor Finley reported August Income Tax receipts as \$28,436.26. Mayor Finley reported August Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$2,367.26; Morgan County Treasurer - \$22.00; Treasurer of State - \$560.50 for a total of \$2,949.76. Mayor Finley reported August Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$246.00; Meters - \$1,256.35 for a total of \$1,502.35.

Mayor Finley reported there was Ohio Municipal League information in the packets for the Annual Conference if anyone wishes to go.

Mayor Finley reported there was one bidder for the bid opening of the boat docks; American Muscle Docks and Fabrication. Mayor Finley stated he needed Council's approval to accept this bid in the amount not to exceed \$42,208.09.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to accept American Muscle Docks and Fabrication for an amount not to exceed \$42,208.09; seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

The Motion Carried.

#### **Ordinance 14-33**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 14-33, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO A REVERTER CLAUSE IN A PRIOR TRANSFER TO THE VILLAGE.

Mayor Finley stated the Ordinance in front of them tonight has been amended by the Village Solicitor for the second reading.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to amend Ordinance 14-33, seconded by Councilman Robison.

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

Ordinance 14-33 was amended.

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Councilman Bragg made a Motion to pass Ordinance 14-33 on the second reading as amended, seconded by Councilman Newton.

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

Ordinance 14-33 was passed on the second reading.

#### **Resolution 14-34**

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 14-34, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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

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

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Resolution 14-34 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Newton.

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

Resolution 14-34 was duly adopted.

Mayor Finley stated Village Administrator Thompson was unable to attend the meeting tonight and requested he inform Council of the tree that was damaged by lightning this morning. The tree was in the tree strip; and, Village Administrator made the decision for the Village crew to remove it.

Councilman Robison asked the Mayor to inform the Village Administrator of the employee meeting that is scheduled for Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.

Mayor Finley passed around an invitation he received from Appalachian Ohio for a meeting at Zane State in Cambridge on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Finley stated it is being sponsored by Buckeye Hills.

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

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Park is busy with Soccer and Football practices; and, the pool has been cleaned and is closed.

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#### **Economic Development Committee**

Councilwoman Blackburn reported both shows for the Special Guest at the Opry on September 20th is sold out. Councilwoman Blackburn is asking businesses to be prepared for the large crowds.

Councilwoman Gessel stated she appreciates Deana Clark's efforts; she does a lot for the community.

#### **Public Utilities Committee**

Councilman Bragg reported they had the Joint Utility Meeting last Monday. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P. M. here in McConnelsville Council Chambers. Councilman Bragg stated Malta will be cleaning one of the wells next year that will create an extra expense.

#### **Other Business**

Councilman Bragg stated he felt we need to contact WODA about their steps. Mayor Finley stated he has contacted them several times with no response.

#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned till September 16, 2014 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.