

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 18, 2015

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 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	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

EMPLOYEES: Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry and Village Administrator John Thompson

VISITORS: Jay Cordray, Dan Downs, Carol Downs and Shawn Shannon

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of August 4, 2015

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

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, 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 Newton.

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

Public Participation

Mr. Dan Downs addressed Council regarding McConnel Run and the dike across from their property. They questioned if it was going to be moved.

Mayor Finley stated Mr. Hammond has been given a year to move it and he does not think it will take a year to do it.

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Village Administrator Thompson stated he has intentions to move it but he does not know when. Village Administrator Thompson stated they have a year to abate it after the application is completed.

Mayor Finley stated if it was not completed in that years time, they would be cited into court.

Mrs. Carol Downs stated their neighbor put in a dirt dike in to keep water from going into his building; however, it directed all the water towards their property. Mrs. Downs questioned if the Village was going to clean up any damages they are experiencing since they are giving him a year to move it.

Mayor Finley stated no, we did not make the law, we just have to enforce it.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned when the year was up.

Village Administrator Thompson stated March or April, he would have to check on the application. Village Administrator Thompson stated this is a new process and it is the first time we have ever done it.

Mrs. Downs stated she has lived there for 65 years and it never done this before. It came up to the neighbors foundation in July during the flash flood. Mrs. Downs is concerned it will get into the basement of her home and ruin her furnace and other items.

Mayor Finley asked Village Administrator Thompson to follow up on it with Mr. Hammond this week.

Ordinance 15-14

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 15-14, AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT SWIMMING AND FISHING FROM THE BOAT DOCK AND BOAT RAMP AT THE WHARF PARK.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to pass Ordinance 15-14 on the second reading, seconded by Councilman Newton.

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

Ordinance 15-14 was passed on the second reading.

Resolution 15-17

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 15-17, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT; AND, OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adopt Resolution 15-17 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

Resolution 15-17 was duly adopted.

Mayor Finley noted the Fiscal Officer passed out her financial report to council.

Mayor Finley reported he had a resident of Malta complain about their admission to the pool being more than McConnelsville. Mayor Finley stated he explained to them Malta is not part of the pool anymore; so they understood it better.

Mayor Finley asked the Public Safety Committee to review the Amusement License Ordinance to see if it needs updated. It is dated 1948.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported he is looking into purchasing a new mower. The Village's current Kubota is starting to wear and having issues. Village Administrator Thompson stated he is unable to purchase a factory blade for it; and, would have to purchase an aftermarket blade. Village Administrator Thompson stated he can purchase a new one between \$17,000 and \$20,000. Village Administrator Thompson noted it will be under the threshold of needing to bid it out.

Village Administrator Thompson reported we have had three water main breaks on State Route 78 last week. Village Administrator Thompson stated a pump failed at the hawk site that might have increased the pressure creating these breaks.

Village Administrator Thompson passed out informational sheets to council that he uses when filing Public Works Applications. They included a five year proposal and listed our projects by priority.

Mayor Finley stated he and the Village Administrator have been discussing the need to advertise for the Village Administrator's position in the near future. Mayor Finley stated he does not know if it will be a full or part-time position as of yet.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Newton reported they aren't going to put the signs up since it is so late in the year; they will store them until next year.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille reported after different complaints being received on the traffic light at Fifth and Main; the lights did come back on. It was a safety concern.

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Mayor Finley stated himself and all of Council had received several complaints; so he personally turned them back on, bagged the stop signs and contacted the State.

Councilman Dille made a Motion to discontinue the study on the traffic light at Fifth and Main; seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

The Motion carried.

Councilman Robison stated he felt one complaint in the Letters to the Editor was unnecessary. Councilman Robison stated they do what they do to help people; if there are complaints, complain to Council, and do not bring their families into it.

Councilman Bragg stated he stopped to talk to Claude Maxwell; he wasn't in, so he discussed making a no turning left with Mr. Maxwell's son. Councilman Bragg stated he did not think they were opposed to it. Councilman Bragg stated they would like to see parking meters placed back down in that part of town to regulate the parking.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Joint Utility Committee met last evening. The July wastewater billing had charges on it for Craig VanNess for education expenses; it had been previously agreed on at the May 18th meeting the expenses to be charged to each village are only those for the plant operators. Malta will be removing those charges prior to making payment. Councilwoman Gessel reported they are still moving the generator; the pad is not poured. Councilwoman Gessel reported the next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on November 16th in McConnellsville Council Chambers.

Finance Committee

Councilman Bragg reported the insurance deal is completed. Councilman Bragg stated the Fiscal Officer sent a notice to all the employees regarding the possible changes next year.

Public Safety Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported there is a Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 P.M. to go over the Curfew Ordinance; and, the Ordinance on amusement devices.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison reported he and Councilman Dille will be setting up the new computers for council tomorrow night.

Executive Session

Councilman Newton requested to go into Executive Session to discuss property; with no action being taken when coming out. Councilman Newton requested Village Administrator Thompson and Fiscal Officer Henry to attend.

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Councilman Newton made Motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Robison.

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

Council went into Executive Session at 6:40 P.M.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Robison.

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

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:30 P.M.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

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

The meeting was adjourned till September 1, 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.