

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 20, 2015

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:17 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, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Carol Morris, Fred Morris, Tim Bragg

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of January 6, 2015

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

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 Newton made a Motion to remove the OTCO bills from the December Water Operations and Maintenance billing from Malta; 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 passed.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to add the Malta billing minus the OTCO bills to the current bill sheet; seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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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.

The Motion carried.

Mayor Finley stated he would like to enter into a contract with Excel K9 for purchase of the K9 and training in the amount of \$12,800; and, to add the payment of \$6,400 to the current bill sheet as they require half down prior to purchase.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Dille made a Motion to enter into the contract with Excel K9 and add the downpayment of \$6,400 to the current bill sheet; seconded by Councilman Newton.

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

The Motion carried.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to approve the bills with the addition of the Malta and Excel K9 bills, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

Public Participation

Mayor Finley wanted to remind everyone that if someone from the general public requests to address Council, they must be listed on the Agenda. To be on the Agenda you must contact the Mayor's Office no later than the Friday morning prior to the meeting. The meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month. Mayor Finley also noted there is a five minute time limit to address Council; however, Council has the right to override that if they wish for them to speak longer.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported he has the contract with Excel K9 if anyone would like a copy of it.

Mayor Finley reported the Parking Meter Attendant needs to purchase ten new meters in 2015 as he does every year. Mayor Finley stated he has another challenge this year, as there are twenty other meters that cannot be calibrated with the new pricing. He has received quotes from P.O.M. to purchase ten meters at a cost of just over \$2,000; and, if he purchases thirty meters it will cost just over \$4,000.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to purchase the thirty meters at a cost just over \$4,000; 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. Fiscal Officer Henry will budget for thirty meters when preparing the Permanent Appropriations.

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Mayor noted all of Council received paperwork from Columbia Gas today.

Ordinance 15-03

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 15-03, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ATTORNEY DAVID TARBERT.

Councilwoman Gessel 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 Darrell Newton, 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 15-03 on emergency measure, 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.

Ordinance 15-03 was duly adopted.

Ordinance 15-04

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 15-04, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2015 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF MCCONNELSVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 Darrell Newton, 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 15-04 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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 15-04 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported Todd Kidd resigned from the Village.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has a meeting scheduled with Buckeye Hills next Thursday to look for funding for the next phase of the Sewer Separation. Village Administrator Thompson reported MS Consultants have the drawings pretty much completed; he will be meeting with them in the near future.

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Village Administrator Thompson reported he will be advertising for Engineers for the water project on the Hawk line; and, to finish up the sewer project. This will satisfy the grant requirement for RFQ's.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Newton stated he needs to get with Ms. Brannon to see if she is still interested in managing the pool; and, get the advertisement in the paper for lifeguards.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille reported Stephanie Tresso came down and presented the Safe Route to School recommendations last Thursday evening. She gave different points and what they recommend. Councilman Dille stated the next step is to get a Certified Cost Estimate and present it to the Ohio Department of Transportation prior to March 2, 2015. Councilman Dille stated he has been in contact with Allen Craig who prepares Certified Cost Estimates; and, he will be here on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. for a walk through. He will draw up the cost estimate and present it to the Ohio Department of Transportation for this project.

Councilman Dille reported the Committee recommends upholding the Village Administrator's decision in regards to the Penrose property. If the property owner disagrees the land is Village owned; then he must get his property surveyed as the Village goes by what the Engineers Office shows.

Village Administrator Thompson stated his decision was to not do any work on Village owned property; not that Mr. Penrose couldn't do anything on his own personal property.

Councilman Dille stated the Committee wants him to prove ownership.

Councilman Dille made a Motion to uphold the Village Administrator's decision; 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.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Gessel stated the last Public Utilities Chairman informed her of a meeting at 7:00 P.M. on January 12th; however, no one other than herself and the McConnellsville Village Administrator showed up. Councilwoman Gessel questioned if anyone else from the previous committee could tell her the date the next meeting was scheduled for. No one seemed to know when it was scheduled; therefore, Councilwoman Gessel will get with Malta Council to confirm the date.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison reported the Website is back up.

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Executive Session

Councilman Bragg requested an Executive Session to discuss compensation, retention and dismissal of public employees. Councilman Bragg requested the Solicitor, Village Administrator, Fiscal Officer, and the Village Foreman to attend the Executive Session.

Councilman Bragg 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 6:35.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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 7:14 P.M.

Other Business

Councilman Bragg set a Finance Meeting for January 27, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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 February 3, 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.