

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 7, 2014

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:11 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:** Chief of Police Troy Copeland, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert

**VISITORS:** Carol Morris, Fred Morris,

#### **Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Minutes of December 17, 2013**

Councilman Robison made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 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.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

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.

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

Council signed off on the December 2013 Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.

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#### **Elect President Pro-Tem**

Councilman Dille nominated Councilman Robison as President Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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.

#### **State of the Village Address**

See attached.

#### **Appointment of Committees**

See attached listing.

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

Mayor Finley reported December Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$3,418.55; Morgan County Treasurer - \$128.00; Treasurer of State - \$689.00 for a total of \$4,235.55.

Mayor Finley reported in the year 2013, the following number of citations were issued: 349 traffic; 116 criminal; 113 parking; 81 tax; 8 juvenile; and, 2 property.

Mayor Finley reported December Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$308.01; Meters - \$1,298.37 for a total of \$1,606.38.

Mayor Finley reported December Income Tax receipts as \$9,670.04.

Mayor Finley reported each Council Member received a copy of the classes being held through Ohio Municipal League for the year 2014.

Mayor Finley stated he wanted to publically thank previous Councilman Matheney for his four years of service to the Village. Mayor Finley stated he done a fantastic job for the Village.

Mayor Finley stated he wanted to remind the new Finance Committee we will be working on the annual salary raises.

#### **Ordinance 13-25**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 13-25, AN ORDINANCE DELCARING CERTAIN PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS OF SAID PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER OR DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY AS NECESSARY.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to pass Ordinance 13-25 on the second reading, 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.

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Ordinance 13-25 passed on the second reading.

#### **Ordinance 14-01**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 14-01, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ATTORNEY DAVID TARBERT.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate and distinct readings and place 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.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-01 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.

Ordinance 14-01 was duly adopted.

Mayor Finley reported the Village delivers around forty “Blue Tags” every month. These tags are for the residents who do not pay their water and sewer bill once they have received their late notice by mail. Mayor Finley stated he would like Council to consider imposing a penalty for this, as it is a lot of work for the Crew who delivers them door to door. Mayor Finley stated he has asked Village Administrator Thompson to work on an Ordinance regarding this.

#### **Village Administrator John Thompson**

Village Administrator Thompson reported he will be advertising for bids for the Pool slide. Village Administrator Thompson displayed a copy of the plans for Council to view. The Bid Opening will be on January 27, 2014. Council will need to approve of the successful bidder on February 4, 2014; and it will be presented to the Commissioners for approval on February 10, 2014.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has received information back from the Engineers on the Hawk Treatment Plant; they have a couple options. Village Administrator Thompson stated he just received the e-mail yesterday and will review those options.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has received pricing on the pumps, motors; and, fittings. He has put a call in to them to see if they priced a variable speed drive or not.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the new dump truck and snow plow are in service and doing a good job for us. Village Administrator Thompson stated he will need to add a tool box and the rhino lining to the pick-up truck.

Mayor Finley thanked Mrs. Carol Morris and the Herald for the article they put in the paper for us.

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

Councilwoman Gessel reported Teresa Brannon is interested in managing the pool again this year.

#### **Public Utilities Committee**

Councilman Bragg reported there will be a Joint Utility Meeting in Malta's Council Chambers on February 3, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

#### **Public Safety Committee**

Councilman Bragg questioned if we have gotten anything started regarding the laws on scooters.

Councilman Robison stated Chief Copeland got the information to them awhile back and he has been working on it. He has sent information to the Solicitor and he has responded. Councilman Dille requested Councilman Robison to get the information to him since he is now Chairman of that committee.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported she has spoken with Michele Tipton and there are grant opportunities out there along with programs that would possibly pay for a Manager for the Kiwanis-Jaycee Community Park. Councilwoman Blackburn stated she would get this information to Kevin Morrow, President of the Park Board.

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

Councilman Dille stated he would like to see a visual projection during the Council Meetings.

#### **Other Business**

Councilman Robison on behalf of Council, stated he would like to recognize Jimmy Woodward for the service he done for the Opera House, Fire Department; and, the Sons of the American Legion. Mr. Woodward was very active in services for the Village of McConnelville as well as other communities within the County.

Councilman Robison stated he would like to see a group picture of Mayor and Council be added to our website.

Councilman Bragg scheduled a Public Utilities Committee Meeting for January 14, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Village Hall.

#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adjourn, 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.

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The meeting was adjourned till January 21, 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.