

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 1, 2014

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:51 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	Absent
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 Hemry, 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.

Excuse Absent Council Member

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of June 17, 2014

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

Votes were: 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

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

6:04 P.M. Councilman Bragg entered the meeting

Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

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

Public Participation

Mr. Fred Morris brought to Council's attention that Mr. Spurlock had his Semi-cab sitting on Main Street for five days. It was obscuring vision of cars coming in and out of Main Street Church of Christ's Parking Lot.

Mayor Finley stated unfortunately there is no ordinance prohibiting parking there and with no meters controlling two hour parking there is nothing we can do. Mayor Finley stated this is something Council may want to look into and consider creating an ordinance for this. Mayor Finley stated he will research into it; he appreciates their concern.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from THP regarding the Village's current Health Insurance Plan. Mayor Finley passed it around for Council to review.

Mayor Finley reported June Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$245.26; Meters - \$1,043.88 for a total of \$1,289.14. Mayor Finley reported June Income Tax receipts as \$15,341.46. Mayor Finley reported June Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$3,898.50; Morgan County Treasurer - \$168.50; Treasurer of State - \$751.00 for a total of \$4,818.00.

Mayor Finley reported Halsey Sites on N St Rt 60 made a complaint to the OEPA about a possible sewer leak. Village Administrator Thompson had the crew walk the line and there were no issues or problems with the line by Mr. Sites property. They did however find a minor problem further up on St Rt 60; repaired the problem immediately and reported that to the OEPA. Mayor Finley stated he has asked the Village Administrator to visit Mr. Sites and let him know if he has a problem to let the Village know immediately.

Resolution 14-22

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 14-22, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (GASB) STATEMENT NUMBER 54, FUND BALANCE REPORTING AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE DEFINITIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH GASB STANDARDS AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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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.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Resolution 14-22 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.

Resolution 14-22 was duly adopted.

Resolution 14-23

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 14-23, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN THE PRECINCTS OF MCCONNELSVILLE A, MCCONNELSVILLE B, AND MCCONNELSVILLE C OF THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A TAX SHOULD BE RENEWED UPON THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Newton 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, Abstain; 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 Resolution 14-23 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

Resolution 14-23 was duly adopted.

Resolution 14-24

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 14-24, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND.

Councilman Robison 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.

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Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adopt Resolution 14-24 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.

Resolution 14-24 was duly adopted.

Ordinance 14-25

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 14-25, 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 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.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-25 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 14-25 was duly adopted.

Resolution 14-26

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 14-26, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE TO CREATE A THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDER TO PAY G & M CONSTRUCTION AND MS CONSULTANTS; 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 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.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Resolution 14-26 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.

Resolution 14-26 was duly adopted.

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Mayor Finley stated he has asked the Chief of Police to make note of addresses around town that have unruly properties and send letters to them. Mayor Finley stated if Council knows of any place that needs addressed, to get the addresses to the Chief.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson had the following reports:

- 1) The pump has been installed at Kennebec Station; start- up will be tomorrow.
- 2) Clayton Sobers took another job; so he has been replaced at the Village with Michael Apperson.
- 3) He sent in a grant extension and changes of scope for the two ODNR projects for approval to try and add it to the boat docks project.
- 4) HVAC Project has started at the Opera House.
- 5) CCR's are all handed out.
- 6) He completed the monthly water report and passed it out to council.

Councilwoman Gessel reported she has been receiving complaints from residents on Kennebec Avenue about drains not being cleaned.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has to juggle the Crew's time; we only have so many employees and are not able to get everything done that everyone wants.

Chief of Police Troy Copeland

Councilman Dille reported a neighbor is upset with the deer population and questioned if there was anything that could be done.

Chief Copeland stated a few years ago we received permission from ODNR and got deer permits. He can check into that again.

Fiscal Officer Ellen Hemry

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported she made the last payment on the 1990 Sewer Treatment Plant Improvement Loan today. It was costing approximately \$42,000 a year. That loan payment will be replaced with the new one that was taken out for the Sewer Design and the annual payment will be slightly higher than we were currently paying.

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported she had prepared paperwork for reimbursement of the Engineering Fees for the CSO Project, but was informed since the Engineering had not been procured it could not be reimbursed. She then contacted Josh Martin with MS Consultants and explained to him what she was being told. He stated if the Engineering couldn't be reimbursed and it could be used as match on the last draw; that the Village should be able to take that into consideration on the first draws. The Fiscal Officer, Josh Martin and Traci Baker discussed this possibility and had to receive approval from the State. This past Thursday the State contacted Ms. Baker with approval and the Village could be reimbursed their overpayment as long as all the paperwork was completed by the next day. Josh Martin had everything together and immediately forwarded it to Ms. Baker; who then finished everything up for signatures and mailed it in for reimbursement on Friday. The Village should be receiving a reimbursement of \$28,790 within the next few weeks; the money will be placed back into the Sewer Fund from which it was expended.

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Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Park had a Softball Tournament over the weekend; it was packed. Family Dollar reported they had the biggest sales they ever had; and, Little Dog Deli also reported large sales that day. Councilwoman Gessel stated she feels the Park is a wonderful asset to our County.

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Pool is busy. The pump at the Baby Pool has failed again; they are thinking there may be an electrical problem.

Mayor Finley stated the Pool looks great. He would like to see the bathroom walls get fixed; he has some ideas he has been discussing with the Village Administrator.

Councilman Newton questioned if Teresa had given the Village Administrator samples of things to put on the bottom of the pool instead of paint.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has received some things from OP Aquatics.

Councilman Robison reported Chris Scott has been down to the Pool and looked at the signs.

Councilwoman Gessel reminded everyone of the Employee Pool Party on August 10th at 6:00 P.M.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Newton stated there is discussion on making Plum Street one-way from the Car Wash to Fourth Street.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reminded everyone this weekend is the 4th of July Festivities; the Parade will begin at 6:30 P.M. in Malta; after the parade there will be two local bands performing until the time of the Fireworks. The Opera House is having a free movie for children; and, there will be a few vendors. They have received \$3,400 in donations for the Fireworks; and have received a donation to pay for the bands; the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the insurance for the event. They are still working on getting more donations.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison reported he has talked with the Pool Manager; and, there was a complaint about the pool hours being incorrect on the website. He stated he could not find it on there; however, he is going to add the pool hours, phone number, swimming lesson dates and times; and add some pool slide pictures.

Councilman Robison reported there will be a sign noting Emergency Parking only in order to access the current gate at the Pool. He is going to schedule Squad Training with the Lifeguards.

Councilman Newton questioned the Village Administrator if the chlorine sign for the pool had been ordered.

Village Administrator Thompson stated no; but, he would make a note to do so.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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The meeting was adjourned till July 15, 2014 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.