

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 3, 2012

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 8:07 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 Rhett Matheney	Absent
Councilman Terry Robison	Absent
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief of Police Rocky Woodburn, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, and Village Administrator John Thompson

VISITORS: Jan Snouffer; Michael Southard

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

Excuse Absent Council Members

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to excuse Councilman Matheney and Councilman Robison from the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

Mayor Finley stated he excused Solicitor Tarbert from the meeting as he had family activities planned.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of June 19, 2012

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

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

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

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Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

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

Public Participation

Mr. Michael Southard thanked the Village employees for being prompt on the clean up after the storm.

Mr. Southard addressed Council in regards to the Moving Ohio Forward Fund out of the Attorney General's Office for removal of abandoned homes and dilapidated buildings.

Mayor Finley commented Shannon Wells with the County Economic Development has already received and dispersed funds through this and has more coming this week to continue cleaning up around the County.

Mr. Southard asked Council to think through carefully the one source garbage pick-up. Mr. Southard is not in favor of this. Mr. Southard believes the smaller independent businesses have smaller trucks and he only sees problems with the bigger trucks.

Mayor Finley stated Mrs. Jan Snouffer came to him with an idea on improving participation at the swimming pool.

Mrs. Jan Snouffer addressed Council stating she had been thinking and feeling guilty of the children in the area that does not have power due to the storm and not having the funds to go to the pool. Mrs. Snouffer proposed to Council to make admissions half price through this time where the weather is so hot. Mrs. Snouffer has received \$800 in donations that she would use to pay the other half of the admission for these children to be able to go to the pool and the Village wouldn't lose any money.

Councilman Dille stated he was going to mention something to Council tonight also.

Councilman Bragg questioned if we would have to change our ordinance to incorporate the half-price admission.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we could amend our current ordinance and state for a given period of time; stipulate temperatures, etc.

Mayor Finley stated in talking to Manager, Teresa Brannon; and Assistant Manager, Tricia Nesselroad many concerns came to mind over the half-price admission and how it would be handled.

Councilman Bragg stated he has seen kids swimming in the river this past week and feels this would deter them from that.

Mayor Finley stated he feels it is a great idea and the Village wants to help out all they can.

Mr. Southard questioned if the kids could work and/or volunteer to earn the ticket instead of giving it away.

Mayor Finley stated the Village could not take on that liability.

Village Administrator Thompson stated since Mrs. Snouffer has the donations; we need to act on it as soon as possible.

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Discussion was also made that Mrs. Snouffer could purchase daily tickets with the donations she has received and pass the tickets out through one of the County offices.

Mrs. Snouffer stated she also has a suggestion from Sharon Allen to allow the power guys to take a dip in the pool for free an hour or two each night. Council agreed this was a good idea.

Mayor Finley thanked Mrs. Snouffer.

Mrs. Snouffer thanked Council for everything the Village does for our children.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley stated Council received a fee breakdown for MS Consultants and questioned Council if they had any questions. There were none.

Mayor Finley reported June Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$324.13; Meters - \$1,364.23 for a total of \$1,688.36.

Mayor Finley reported he received a nice letter from the Eyes of Freedom and the Wall. He instructed Fiscal Officer Hemry to give each a copy. Mayor Finley stated this was a very nice event for the entire community.

Mayor Finley reported June Income Tax receipts as \$15,816.29.

Mayor Finley stated Village Administrator Thompson is going to review the Malta Water billing and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Mayor Finley reviewed the monthly water sewer information for June. (See attached report)

Mayor Finley reported June Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$3,470.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$21.00; Treasurer of State - \$872.00 for a total of \$4,363.00.

Mayor Finley requested Fiscal Officer Hemry to give a report on the Swimming Pool Expenditures and Revenues report.

Fiscal Officer Hemry stated the expenditures are pretty much in line with what was expected to date; the revenues in daily admissions and passes are up \$1,464 from last year; and, concessions are up \$1,099.40. Fiscal Officer Hemry noted concession expenditure verses revenue at the end of June in 2011 showed a profit of \$1,222.09 and as of the end of June this year we show a profit of \$2,585.12.

Mayor Finley stated he wants Council to be thinking of long term goals and things they would like to see done within the Village. Mayor Finley stated not just recreation; but, anything they would like to see improved upon.

Mayor Finley reported Steve Inman forwarded minutes of the last Park Meeting to him. Council was given copies for review. Mayor Finley stated he has seen major improvements with the board.

Mayor Finley stated he could not think of anything the Village could do with the Hess property. Mayor Finley stated if Council isn't opposed to giving it back, maybe we should go to the county and let them know. Council was in agreeance.

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Mayor Finley reported we had an emergency loan of our generator to Muskingum County Sewer Treatment Plant for the City of Zanesville. Mayor Finley stated they still currently are using it. Mayor Finley stated it was full of fuel when we loaned it out and he asked for it to be brought back full of fuel.

Mayor Finley stated the storm was very bad and devastated many. Even though we have a large generator; we have not set the village up to take care of a long term problem such as that. We have six sewer stations that need electricity; Sunset, Riverside Drive, Fourth Street, McConnel Run, Hawk and Sewer Plant. We have three water stations that need electricity; Hawk, First Street, and Kennebec. There are a total of nine stations to run a generator from and we only have one large generator. Mayor Finley stated we need to study and see what size generators we would need for each area and check pricing. Village Administrator Thompson stated he would need to look at our infrastructure and see what we can run with what we currently have.

Mayor Finley stated we had fine workers cleaning up the Lowe properties.

Mayor Finley reported we have an ad in the paper for a new Patrolman and it is on the website. The deadline for applications is July 10, 2012. He will get with Chief Woodburn and go over the applications and schedule interviews.

Mayor Finley stated he wanted to commend the crew on a great job they done working together on the storm damage.

Mayor Finley reported he attended a three days Mayor's Conference last week at Westlake. Mayor Finley reported he got a lot out of the meeting; met a lot of people; and, networked with a lot of Mayor's.

Mayor Finley stated he has been approached by several people of the curfew not being enforced. Mayor Finley asked Chief Woodburn to see that the Patrolmen take care of this.

Mayor Finley reported we received a request from the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control to transfer the liquor license from Smokin' Joe's LLC at 86 West Main Street to Smokin' Joe's LLC at 975 West Riverside Drive.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the transfer seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

The Clerk of Council is permitted to sign and return the paperwork back to the Department of Commerce.

Mayor Finley complimented Village Administrator Thompson on doing a great job on the CCR. Village Administrator Thompson passed out the CCR's and the trash survey at the same time.

Mayor Finley reported the Kiwanis Jaycee Community Park has an opportunity to get the grindings where the roads are being ground in McConnelsville, to put at the parking lot at no charge. Mayor Finley stated he needed Council's approval and we will need to send a letter out to the State. Council approved.

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Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Distress Grant is complete and has been filed. Attached to his report is a listing of the projects for this grant along with a listing of the alley's to be paved. (See attached)

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Consumer Confidence Report's have been delivered along with the survey for the trash hauling. We have received approximately 50 responses to date with approximately 20 for and 30 against. Village Administrator Thompson stated he has given until the end of July to return the survey.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the easements for Long and Kirkbride properties are completed and ready to be signed. These easements are for the Seventh Street Sewer Separation Project.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has gotten the streets measured for the Paving Project for 2013 in conjunction with the County. Once he has it written up; he will give copies to Council.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the storm damage wasn't as bad for our Village as it was in other communities. The Village did lose power for a short time; however, it didn't affect the water as much as the sewer plant. The Sewer Plant and McConnel Run were without power over night; everything is up and running normal now. We have talked with the EPA and everything should be alright.

Village Administrator Thompson reported we started with the largest areas of debris first; and, that which is impeding traffic or pedestrians; from the sidewalk to the curb. We are working on catch basins now. Once the smaller debris is cleaned up we will begin to run the street sweeper.

Councilman Bragg questioned who was responsible for the trees in the tree strips.

Village Administrator stated ultimately it is the property owners responsibility; however, the crew has been cleaning up some of the tree strip areas also. A lot of the homeowners are doing their own which is greatly appreciated.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the State Health Inspector inspected the pool today; everything passed and was in good shape.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has not been able to finish the personnel or water ordinance yet; and, will hopefully get to them next week as things are beginning to get caught up.

Mayor Finley questioned Chief Woodburn if he had any offers on the Ford Crown Vic. Chief Woodburn stated he needed to get it stripped down first.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Dille questioned if Radcliff's had been informed of the minimum bid on the property behind theirs, that the Village will be putting out to bid. Village Administrator Thompson stated yes he has talked to Mr. Radcliff.

Councilman Dille stated he is drafting the employee party invitations and will have them completed by the next Council Meeting.

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Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Bragg stated the crew done a great job in getting everything cleaned up after the storm.

Economic Development Committee

Councilman Blackburn stated the weather put a little damper on the weekend activities; however, everything went good on Saturday.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Bragg reported we are still working on the water and sewer ordinance. The Joint Meeting will be held on July 23rd with Malta.

Mayor Finley stated if there were any questions or concerns on the Malta water billing to get with Councilman Bragg or Village Administrator Thompson.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Dille stated he sent a copy of the password policy he uses with his business to Village Administrator Thompson.

Councilman Dille stated he would like to see an LCD on the wall to share report information and save on paper copies.

Mayor Finley stated we need to think about more room for Council and Court. This needs to be addressed down the road.

Community Clean-Up Committee

Councilman Bragg stated we needed to keep up on the unkempt properties. Councilman Bragg questioned what could be done about all the cigarette butts on the square; we put up ashtrays and they aren't being used. He would like to see a way to curb people from throwing the butts around.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has been discussing removing and resetting some of the benches in other areas; as people sit on them to smoke and then just throw the butts down.

Mayor Finley stated concern is being brought to Council about how much littering is in the Downtown Square area; he wants to make citizens aware that cigarette butts are litter and if you are caught you could be cited.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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The meeting was adjourned till July 17, 2012 at 6:30 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.