

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 3, 2014

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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:** 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 May 20, 2014**

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 add the billing from Malta in the amount of \$6,250.87 to the bill sheet, 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 approve the bills with the addition of the Malta billing, 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.

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

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

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

Mayor Finley reported May Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$198.00; Meters - \$1,539.88 for a total of \$1,737.88. Mayor Finley reported May Income Tax receipts as \$26,628.64. Mayor Finley reported May Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$6,103.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$238.60; Treasurer of State - \$1,172.40 for a total of \$7,514.00.

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from the Mayor's Association of Ohio. They have appointed him to the committee for another two years.

Mayor Finley reported he will be meeting with Kathleen Young from Governor Kaisch office tomorrow.

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from someone doing research on prohibition from back in 1882; they are wanting some copies of ordinances. Mayor Finley stated he is going to respond that they can come in and look at anything in our archives if they wish to do so.

Mayor Finley stated he mentioned the purchase of a new police cruiser at the last meeting. We have budgeted to replace the used cruiser we purchased four years ago. It is in need of some costly repairs; and, we have elected not to spend any more monies on it.

Mayor Finley stated he has a State Bid of \$28,542.20 on a 2014 Dodge Durango police package. Mayor Finley stated we are asking Council to pass an Ordinance tonight on emergency measure to purchase this cruiser; if we do not, we will have to purchase a 2015 and it would be more costly. Mayor Finley stated this vehicle will go to Chief Copeland and his current cruiser will be passed down to Officer Weyant. Mayor Finley stated once the new cruiser is purchased, there will be other expenses such as radios, repeaters, light bars, etc. This vehicle would replace the Ford Crown Victoria.

#### **Ordinance 14-18**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 14-18, AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE CRUISER BY STATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT; 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 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.

Councilman Dille made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-18 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.

Ordinance 14-18 was duly adopted.

#### **Resolution 14-16**

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 14-16, A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH BLANKET CERTIFICATE LIMITS.

Councilman Bragg 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, 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 14-16 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 14-16 was duly adopted.

#### **Ordinance 14-17**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 14-17, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 84-20.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to Table Ordinance 14-17 until the next 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.

Ordinance 14-17 was tabled.

Mayor Finley stated Councilman Bragg has done some work on getting an estimate from Discount Signs and Awnings for construction of two awnings for the front of the Opera House at a total cost of \$6,100.00. Mayor Finley stated he talked with Village Administrator Thompson to see if this expense could be added to the grant we are applying for the Opera House; and he feels it would be a good candidate for this.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to try and add this expense to the Grant; 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.

Councilman Bragg brought in a sample awning for Council to see the type of framing and material they use.

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

Village Administrator Thompson reported the pool is up and running. Village Administrator Thompson stated the pool itself has been approved by the Health Department; however, there has been an issue with the slide. It is worked out now; he has e-mailed the information to them for approval this morning. Village Administrator Thompson reported the slide does work; we just need to teach people how to use it.

Village Administrator Thompson reported we should be getting the contract on the HVAC tomorrow.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with the gas company regarding the slip on Fourth Street; they are getting ready to repair it.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has hired two summer helpers through the Job and Family Services Program; one started Monday, and the other will be starting tomorrow.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the auction for excess inventory will be this Saturday at 10:00 A.M. at Fourth Street Tin Building. Tim Hallowell and his crew will be doing the auction.

Village Administrator Thompson reported they are looking at doing the alleys starting at Kennebec to Fourth, East and West; and, North and South through the next Distress Grant if it is awarded to us. He will be getting a price quote; he needs to expend around \$40,000; therefore, he may have to add or remove some footage.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Ann Bonner, Arborist with ODNR. They looked at the trees that died at the new bridge; and, she feels some type of herbicide was used around the trees and that is what killed them. We do not know who done it; we do know that the Village did not do it. Ms. Bonner is recommending we leave the grass growing and mulch around the trees and not mow close. Village Administrator Thompson stated with the grant agreement on the trees, the Village may be forced to replace them. She will be coming back to talk with Council.

Mayor Finley stated he read an article where another village had trees that were killed and it was from the salt run off of the highways in the wintertime.

Village Administrator Thompson stated Ms. Bonner was confident it was a herbicide.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he hired Todd Kidd tonight for the Street Crew; he will be starting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Finley stated he used to get a water usage sheet and he has not received them for awhile; he would like to begin getting them again.

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Mayor Finley stated we are hoping to get hot mix this week to start patching.

Councilwoman Gessel stated there is a catch basin on Kennebec between Braggs and Sorrels. Does it belong to the Village?

Village Administrator Thompson stated he does not know who put it in; it was prior to his working for the Village. Councilwoman Gessel stated it is plugged up now; and, they are asking for it to be cleaned out.

#### **Chief of Police Troy Copeland**

Chief Copeland reported Julie with Relay for Life contacted him last week regarding closing the Square for 45 minutes for the Cancer Walk. Council noted they previously had asked for the Square to not be closed; and, that the Police Department would assist them with the walk.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned if the Chief had gotten the guns taken care of.

Chief Copeland stated yes; the old ones were traded in; and, he received two new ones in place of them.

Councilman Bragg questioned if we hadn't disposed of a "308" awhile back and an "AR".

Chief Copeland stated yes. We did not need a "308"; and, the "AR" we had blew the side out of it when the first magazine went through it. Chief Copeland was in class at the time and had to get his personal gun to finish the course. Since it had never been sent in to be repaired, he thought it was best to get rid of it.

Councilman Robison questioned Village Police Cruisers being driven home; and, listing it as a benefit to those employees.

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

Councilman Newton questioned why we changed to liquid chlorine over powder chlorine at the pool. Village Administrator Thompson stated he did not know the reasons why; however, it is more efficient and safer than powdered.

Councilman Robison stated at one time it was discussed about putting an extra gate in down at the pool for emergency personnel to get in through if necessary. Mayor Finley stated yes we did; however, it has not been done yet. Village Administrator Thompson is to look into it.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she would like to see about getting a camera system for at the pool. Mayor Finley concurred and asked Village Administrator Thompson to get pricing.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she felt we should get a little bigger sign showing the location of the pool; some people do not realize there is one down there. Mayor Finley stated we are checking on getting some of the old signs replaced.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she thought it would be a good idea to put a story in the Herald to support the new slide.

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Mayor Finley stated he would like to have an employee party at the pool for all of the staff and their families again this year.

Councilwoman Gessel stated the Pool Manager had come to her regarding the Re-Enactors using the showers at the pool this year. Mayor Finley stated there is a public shower in Malta that is open for them to use rather than have her go down and wait for them to show up. Last year she waited every morning and only a couple showed up to shower.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to transition the Mayor's Court and Council Chambers to the office next door and to advertise for shared lease space; 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.

#### **Economic Development Committee**

Councilwoman Blackburn reported they have contracted for the fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; half of the money has been raised so far. The parade will be at 6:30 on Saturday evening and the entertainment will be held in front of the Court House.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned since Wing Slingers has closed, where their liquor license went. Mayor Finley stated he does not know at this time; he has not received any paperwork regarding it.

Councilwoman Blackburn thanked everyone for the support of the Outdoor Extravaganza.

#### **Public Safety Committee**

Councilman Dille reported he received a letter from Steve Williams stating the Safe Route to School Grant has been awarded; \$15,000 will be received this year to get the plan in order and the physical part of the work would begin in 2015. Councilman Dille stated this Grant is 100% funded.

Fiscal Officer Henry stated if this Grant was being given to the Village; she would have to show the monies running through her books and would need to pass an Ordinance to set up the Capital Project.

#### **Other Business**

Mayor Finley stated he wanted to briefly discuss a personnel issue; he feels Council should consider making the Part-time Administrative Assistant position a full-time position. Mayor Finley requested Fiscal Officer Henry to research the finances to see what additional costs it would be and if we have the monies to cover it. Then he would like Council and the Village Administrator to look at possibly making the change.

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#### **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.

The meeting was adjourned till June 17, 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.