

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 20, 2014

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:19 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, Shannon Wells

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of May 6, 2014

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to approve the bills, 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.

Public Participation

Shannon Wells addressed council regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant survey. They received over 100 surveys back; the highest priority was water with the second highest being street improvements; then sidewalk and sewer improvements.

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Mrs. Wells is seeking approval from Council to apply on behalf of the Village for this Grant. It is due June 20, 2014 and the monies received will come from the Ohio Department of Development. The Grant is for \$300,000, with \$30,000 of that amount going toward administrative fees.

Resolution 14-15

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 14-15, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MORGAN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN COORDINATION WITH THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION GRANT AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate and distinct readings and place 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.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to adopt Resolution 14-15 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.

Resolution 14-15 was duly adopted.

Commitment Letter

Councilman Robison made a Motion to write commitment letter that the Village will expend One Million Dollars in leverage monies in order to apply for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant, 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.

The Motion carried.

HVAC Bid Opening

Village Administrator Thompson reported we received one bid from G and M Construction for the HVAC System in the amount of \$87,500. Village Administrator Thompson stated he received an e-mail from MS Consultants recommending that we accept the bid.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to accept the bid from G and M Construction, 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.

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Mayor Finley reported our Audit is going on; due to receiving Federal monies over \$500,000; we are not able to have an AUP Audit; but will be having a full Audit.

Resolution 14-14

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 14-14, 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 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.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to adopt Resolution 14-14 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 14-14 was duly adopted.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported the Village Administrator gave him a copy of a Demolition Permit for the demolition of the building at 229 First Street. Mayor Finley stated the building is down and the property has been cleaned up.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Pool is ready; however, new pumps have been ordered for the Baby Pool. Fiscal Officer Hemry noted she had not received a request for a Purchase Order to order these pumps and would need one completed as soon as possible.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Diving Board came in last Friday; it cannot be installed until after pool season is over. The old Diving Board is still accessible for this season.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Slide just came in; it was not galvanized and has been sent to Columbus. It is to be installed Thursday.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Sycamore Trees at the new bridge died over the winter. Ann Bonner will be coming here May 30th to look at them.

Village Administrator Thompson reported Marzane has been running a top coat; therefore, we have not been able to do any hot mix.

Mayor Finley stated he has called and asked ODOT for assistance on the repair on Kennebec.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Zemba about the issues on South Seventh and McConnel with the storm drain; they are sending a crew down to check it out.

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Mayor Finley stated this job is out of warranty; however, he called and talked to Steve Zemba, and they are going to take a look at it to see if they can help us.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has started interviewing; he has a few more interviews before he makes his recommendation.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has worked up the advertisement for the lease of the office space. Mayor Finley asked Council to take it home for review and bring it back for a Motion at the next meeting.

Mayor Finley stated the light globes on the cabinet are going to be put on the Square to see if it lightens the area any better. Lamp Post Globes has lent these to us to see if they help out.

Mayor Finley stated he, the Fiscal Officer; and, the Chief have discussed purchasing a new cruiser. It was budgeted for this year. Mayor Finley is beginning to get some state bid pricing. This would replace the Crown Victoria.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported she received an e-mail from a gal working for a local insurance company, requesting the correct name and who was ahead of the non-profit park committee. They are having a contest for local non-profit organizations; and, whomever wins will be given a \$1,000.

Councilwoman Gessel and Councilman Newton have been working and cleaning at the Pool.

Councilman Dille stated he noticed two trucks from Shelly and Sands were parked at the Park and was wondering if they were chipping and sealing at the Park. No one was aware of anything being done.

Councilwoman Gessel stated she was approached by a resident on Eighth Street; they are having a problem with bag worms. They stated the bag worms were in a Village owned tree and would like to have them taken care of.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Newton reported the Streets and Alley Committee reviewed the bag worm problem and the committee recommends the tree being cut down.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to cut down the tree on Eighth Street with the bag worm problem; seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

The motion carried.

Councilman Newton stated the Committee reviewed the situation on Poplar Drive and have determined it isn't a Village problem. They recommend nothing to be done.

Councilman Newton stated the Committee reviewed the street light request in Kendlewood Subdivision; they do not recommend a light being placed there.

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Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported she has been working on the July Fourth event. They are working on getting a band on the Court House steps; a parade at 6:30 P.M.; and fireworks later in the evening on July Fifth. They also have a couple of organizations wanting to put up some food stands. The Chamber of Commerce has sent out letters to get donations for the fireworks; so far they have received donations from four businesses; and a couple of private donations.

Councilwoman Blackburn asked Council if the Village would give a donation as they have in the past.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to donate \$1,000 for the fireworks; 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, Abstain; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Blackburn reminded everyone the Extravaganza will be held on May 31st; with the Concert starting at 6:15 P.M.

Councilman Robison stated he received a questionnaire from Advanced Auto Parts.

Finance Committee

Councilman Robison reported a Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for 6 P.M. on May 28th here in Council Chambers.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Dille reported he is seeing several yards that need mowing.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison stated when he went to get the survey results off of the website, they were not there as the free survey site was only good for ten days.

Fiscal Officer Henry

Fiscal Officer Henry passed out April's Expenditure vs Revenue Chart to Council.

Other Business

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from the Morgan County Engineer thanking us for endorsing and supporting the State Issue I proposal.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

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The meeting was adjourned till June 3, 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.