

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 21, 2013

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 8:20 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	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: John Kirkbride, Bob Jones, Darrell Newton

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of May 7, 2013

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

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

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

Public Participation

Mr. Bob Jones of 90 East McConnel Avenue addressed Council regarding water and sewage damage at his home. Mr. Jones brought pictures and passed around to Council. Mr. Jones stated this damage was caused by water that came up through a manhole. Mr. Jones is requesting to be reimbursed for damages done to his property in the amount of \$400.

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Mr. John Kirkbride addressed Council stating he also has had damage and brought more pictures for Council. He stated one manhole was sealed and it now causes the other one to overflow.

Mr. Kirkbride is requesting an \$821 reimbursement from the Village for his damage.

Mayor stated they would like to keep pictures; they will discuss matter with the Village Administrator; and, they will get back with them.

Mr. Darrell Newton addressed council regarding the possible raising of the water and sewer rates. Mr. Newton questioned our Water Agreement with the Village of Malta. Mr. Newton requested Council to address the water agreement and see if it is a legal agreement before we raise the rates. Mr. Newton stated the village is spending \$100,000 a year and we don't own anything. Mr. Newton stated the Village should not have cut the old well at the Water Works Park either.

Mayor Finley stated all of this was done prior to his term; and, he has looked over the Agreement several times.

Mr. Newton stated he thinks the Village should have someone else look at it.

Mayor Finley stated the Village's challenge, whether the agreement is legal or not is; this is our only source for water at this time. Mayor Finley stated in the meantime Council has to be responsible for our financial situation; and, we don't have a choice other than to raise our rates.

Mayor Finley stated everyone in this Council Chambers is concerned about the rates going up and what we are going to have to do.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported the Attorney for Wing Slingers contacted him to see if he or Council had any questions. Mayor Finley stated he told him no; however, we would like to meet with Mr. Spurlock to see what his plans are.

Mayor Finley asked Council if they had come to a decision on this.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she couldn't see turning a business away from the Village.

Councilman Robison stated he felt it would be hard to deny as it would bring more income into the Village.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she would like to see the front of the building cleaned up.

Councilman Bragg stated the Liquor Permit will have to be approved every year.

Chief Copeland was questioned if there were problems there when it was opened before. Chief Copeland stated it got out of control several times. Chief Copeland stated one of his concerns is that Mr. Spurlock will not be around to monitor it.

Councilman Bragg stated if we have problems, we can file a complaint with the State Liquor Board; and, or it can be addressed when it comes time for renewal. Councilman Matheney stated Mr. Spurlock had to do a lot of work to bring the building back up to code.

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Councilwoman Gessel stated she did not feel it would be an asset to our Village; fighting outside, etc.

Councilman Bragg stated if that was the case, we would have to ban every bar for fighting.

Councilman Robison stated he agreed with Councilwoman Gessel, he doesn't want any of that to happen either; however, he doesn't feel we should turn a business down.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the transfer of the liquor license; seconded by Councilman Robison.

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

The Motion carried. Mayor Finley stated he will contact Attorney Hastie and let him know.

Mayor Finley reported he attended a meeting today at Mike Workman's office on Strategies for Rural Growth. Mayor Finley passed a handout around for Council to view. Mayor Finley stated this meeting was very well presented and attended. It was very informative regarding growth for the entire county. Mayor Finley stated this is being presented in several counties throughout the Appalachia. They were very impressed with our county and the job creation we have done.

Mayor Finley stated the Village Administrator has been in contact with Malta's Village Administrator regarding the Bergren billing. Mayor Finley stated this is the billing Council denied payment on a couple of months back. Mayor Finley stated Mayor Hill went back to his Council and they agreed for him to get with Mayor Finley and try to come up with a decision. Mayor Finley told Mayor Hill he had to bring it back before our Council prior to paying anything.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he felt paying 50% of the total bill would be within reason. Village Administrator Thompson stated this is a yearly maintenance fee on their telemetry.

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to pay 50% of the total billing; or, \$775.00; seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

The Motion carried. Fiscal Officer Hemry will cut the check and mail it to Malta.

Mayor Finley reported he has spoken with Mayor Hill regarding their water and sewer rates. Mayor Hill stated for 3,000 gallons their water rate is \$26.00; and, sewer is \$52.00 for a total of \$78.00 per month. Their water recovery charge is \$3.00 per thousand over the 3,000 gallons and \$6.00 per thousand on the sewer. Mayor Hill had stated their average water and sewer billing per month was between \$82.00 and \$84.00.

Councilman Bragg stated currently our water and sewer combined rate is \$54.00 per month for 2,000 gallons.

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Ordinance 13-04

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 13-04, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES.

Council discussed different scenarios regarding the increase of these rates and tabled it until they have another committee meeting to finalize all the figures; and, will bring it for the first reading on June 4th.

Mayor Finley stated this is a very painful subject, we here are all paying this bill; just as all the other residents.

Councilman Robison scheduled a Utility Committee Meeting for May 30, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. to finalize the ordinance.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported the pool is filled and ready to go. The Health Inspector will be there on Wednesday. We have spent extra money this year on getting the pool open.

Village Administrator Thompson reported we are going to install a 24 inch pipe at the end of Seventh Street. We are going to have to connect the sanitary sewer and the storm sewer for a combined sewer overflow until we can get more of the separation completed. We will need to do the same process by Bragg's Furniture as we have the same problem there.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we are going to have to do the separation on Eighth and Ninth Streets as closing these CSO's off did not work out like it was planned on.

Village Administrator Thompson stated the LED lights should be ordered in the next week or two.

Village Administrator Thompson reported Mayor Finley signed the grant extension for the UV Disinfection Grant. The Bid went out in the paper today; we will bid for two weeks and the opening will be on June 17, 2013.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Gas Company has been working on their project. They currently have a lot of sewers videoed for us.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Flags are displayed on the poles.

Village Administrator Thompson reported we will be opening the Wharf Park restrooms this week.

Village Administrator Thompson reported Cliff Littlefield will be starting on the Opera House roof in two or three weeks.

Council requested Village Administrator Thompson to get with Mr. Jones and Mr. Kirkbride; and, come to a decision.

Chief of Police Troy Copeland

Chief Copeland reported in the month of April there was a breaking and entering at the park in Malta; theft of mini bikes; theft of wallet (found and recovered); theft of prescription drugs; theft of a credit card that was used to purchase items on the internet; and, a felony theft on an elderly person.

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Chief Copeland reported they repaired Patrolman Weyant's car brakes; and, his car has no air conditioning. Chief Copeland is not going to repair the air conditioner as labor alone was estimated at \$1,500. Chief Copeland stated we have had a lot of issues with this cruiser since purchasing it.

Chief Copeland reported he has recently purchased urine sample cups, OSP in Columbus will let us use their lab; and, DNA kits.

Chief Copeland reported he has been working on a grant to submit for equipment. This Grant is coming up the first part of June. He has been receiving help from Ohio Grant Help; he will meet with them Thursday. Chief Copeland is applying to get four in car cameras at a cost of \$18,000. They are helping it at no charge since this is Chief Copeland's first time working on a grant.

Fiscal Officer Ellen Hemry

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported April month to date expenditures and revenues; and, year to date expenditures and revenues, as follows: General Fund month to date expenditures \$39,745.71, revenue \$60,820.83; a difference of \$21,075.12; year to date expenditures \$153,266.49, revenue \$269,690.05; a difference of \$116,423.56. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$106,047.25 leaving a balance of \$10,376.31.

Street Fund month to date expenditures \$4,881.94, revenue \$5,020.66; a difference of \$138.72; year to date expenditures \$20,861.99, revenue \$23,420.31; a difference of \$2,558.32. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$9,121.12 leaving a deficit of \$6,562.80.

Water Fund month to date expenditures \$25,446.45, revenue \$32,146.44, \$5,584.94 of that amount came from Morgan Meigs; a difference of \$6,699.99; year to date expenditures \$83,929.05, revenue \$151,333.91; a difference of \$67,404.86. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$53,920.22 leaving a balance of \$13,484.64.

Sewer Fund month to date expenditures \$34,515.31, revenue \$44,707.31, \$3,634.99 of that amount came from Malta for Joint Sewer Operations and Maintenance; a difference of \$10,192.00; year to date expenditures \$109,737.06, revenue \$195,157.33; a difference of \$85,420.27. Current monies reserved for encumbrance \$92,616.15 leaving a deficit of \$7,195.88.

Water Capital Projects Fund month to date revenue \$1,793.70; year to date revenue \$8,524.96.

Fiscal Officer Hemry stated a few Council members had requested charts; so I have attached those to my report.

Councilwoman Blackburn noted the meeting at Finley Fire was very nice. Mayor Finley stated the next meeting is in Parkersburg if anyone wants to go to let him know.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Dille had a complaint on tennis court maintenance; he has not had a chance to look at it yet.

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Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Matheney announced he is not running for re-election this next term. He is in hopes that two or three people step up and give the residents someone to choose from.

It was noted that trash trucks are still using the alleys.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported the demolition of Elliott's Laundromat is scheduled for this summer; it will be made into a parking lot for the transit buses. Shannon Wells was requesting permission to add a sign on the garage. It was noted they are not in the Downtown Historic District; therefore, no permission is required.

Councilwoman Gessel stated the sign at Max Bingman's business was hit by a drunk driver. He contacted her regarding signage stipulations. It was noted he also is not in the Downtown Historic District.

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Economic Development Office is moving into Dr. Henthorn's old office. They are going to have extra office space; and, they will be able to be supportive in helping other businesses get started through this extra space.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Robison reported the Public Utilities Committee will have a meeting on May 30, 2013 at 1:00 P.M.

Finance Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the Tax Committee held their meeting this afternoon. After determining the ODOT Garage is within the corporations limits; the committee is agreeance with Council to have the withholding taxes begin as of July 1, 2013. Tax Administrator Henry will get this information out to them.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Bragg stated we have already discussed the water issue at Bragg's; it gets pretty deep at times and needs to be fixed.

Other Business

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from CDBG; our grant application has been approved for the boat docks.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he would like Council to take a look at the selling of spaces at the Kiwanis-Jaycee's Park and placing signs on the concession stand. Village Administrator Thompson stated we need to put some rules in effect if it is going to be allowed. If the Park Board authorizes it; the Village needs to govern it somehow. It is the Village's structure and we have to maintain it. We will need to get with Malta to make a joint decision on this matter.

Mayor Finley requested Councilman Dille, Chairman of the Buildings and Recreation Committee, to get with them regarding this matter.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Robison.

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The meeting was adjourned till June 4, 2013 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.