

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 3, 2015

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:10 P.M. in the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers. 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

**VISITORS:** Jay Cordray, Shawn Shannon

#### **Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Minutes of October 20, 2015**

Councilman Robison made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 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, Abstain; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Abstain.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Bills of the Village**

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to approve the bills, 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.

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

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

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

Mayor Finley reported October Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$403.00; Meters - \$2,068.30 for a total of \$2,471.30. Mayor Finley reported October Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$5,829.52; Morgan County Treasurer - \$66.00; Treasurer of State - \$1,005.30 for a total of \$6,900.82. Mayor Finley reported October Income Tax receipts as \$47,429.62.

Mayor Finley reported he recently attended the Mayor's Court update. He noted the Village paid for the training; however, he covered the mileage and parking expenses.

Mayor Finley stated he received a letter that the Christmas Parade will be held on November 27, 2015; leaving Malta at 6:00 P.M. If anyone has any questions, they are to contact Leslie Robbins.

Mayor Finley reported after the last council meeting a young lady stopped in from Skills USA. They are planning a Turkey Day 5K with Skills USA and a 1K for children on November 26, 2015. Registration for the 5K begins at 7:00 A.M. with the run/walk beginning at 8:00 A.M.; the 1K registration begins at 8:15 A.M. and run/walk begins at 9:00 A.M. If you purchase your registration prior to November 26th, the cost is \$20.00; and it will be \$25.00 on the day of the race. If you have any questions, you are to contact Patty White at 740-962-2944, Extension 3419.

Mayor Finley reported he met with a potential business that may be interested in moving to our area. Mayor Finley stated we are competing with other areas as well. He spent the day with them today and gave a lot of recommendations. They have requested the business remain unnamed at this time.

Mayor Finley stated he contacted the new owner of Save-a-Lot, Joe Janes. Mr. Janes currently owns fourteen stores and Real Estate Company. Warren's IGA is closing the store as of this Saturday and Mr. Janes is hoping to open Save-a-Lot by the end of the year or the beginning of next year. They are not planning on having a bakery; but, the deli and meat market will remain.

It was noted the Mr. Brewer is keeping the gas station.

#### **Resolution 15-20**

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 15-20, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND.

Councilman Bragg 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 Blackburn made a Motion to adopt Resolution 15-20 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 15-20 was duly adopted.

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#### **Resolution 15-21**

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 15-21, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Councilman Robison 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 Bragg made a Motion to adopt Resolution 15-21 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 15-21 was duly adopted.

#### **Ordinance 15-22**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 15-22, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 84-20.

After a brief discussion, Council requested this to go before the Finance Committee. Mayor Finley requested they meet and bring their decision back to the November 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

#### **Ordinance 15-23**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 15-23, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CURFEW LIMITS.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to pass Ordinance 15-23 on the first reading with the removal of the word "Minor" in Section 4, 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.

Ordinance 15-23 was passed on the first reading.

#### **Ordinance 15-24**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 15-24, AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EVOQUA AND OTHER CONTRACTORS AND OR ENGINEERS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE CLAIRIFING TANKS AT THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT, AND TO SEEK POSSIBLE FUNDING FROM ANY GRANT FUNDING SOURCE OR APPLY FOR LOANS THROUGH ANY LENDING INSTUTION THAT GIVES THE BEST INTEREST RATE AND OR LOAN CONDITIONS. DECLARING AN EMERGENCY,

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SUSPENDING THE RULES AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY NECESSITATING THE REPAIR OF THE CLAIRIFIERS WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING OR ADVERTISING.

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 Newton made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 15-24 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 15-24 was duly adopted.

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

Village Administrator Thompson reported the patching is completed and the leaf pick up is going well. They are out almost every day. If you have leaves to be picked up; please contact the Village Office to be added to the list.

Councilman Bragg questioned if the leaf vac will make it through the season.

Village Administrator stated he believes it should; however, it is twenty-five years old and we should probably place it on the budget next year to purchase a new one. Village Administrator Thompson stated we have replaced parts, it has been a good machine; however, it has seen its life cycle.

Mayor Finley noted he has discussed the curfew ordinance that is currently in effect with the Chief; and, they are enforcing it.

Mayor Finley stated the Eagles are asking for two additional handicap parking spots for in front of their building.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to permit them to add two additional handicap parking spaces, 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.

The Motion carried.

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

Councilman Newton stated he had nothing on Recreation and Buildings; but, he questioned about the Grant Writer that was supposed to be at the meeting this evening.

Mayor Finley stated he was tied up; however, he will get him in as soon as he can.

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Councilman Newton questioned if we could put up light reflectors on the corners of the square like we used to so it would help with lighting it up.

Village Administrator Thompson stated Council voted to take them out when the Downtown Revitalization was done. They did not want electric light reflectors out there.

Councilwoman Bragg stated she remembered people stating the lights were causing accidents also.

Councilwoman Gessel stated the problem will be keeping them working just like we are having with the ones that currently light up the monument.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he will contact Jim Eppley and have him quote a price on it.

Councilman Dille reminded everyone there will be a Park Board Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Dille stated he attended two trick-or-treat festivities and he felt they both went very well. He noted he was questioned why the Square was not closed.

Mayor Finley stated no one brought a request to Council to close it; when Chief Copeland contacted him regarding it, he made the call not to close it. Mayor Finley stated he hates seeing the Square closed as it causes so many problems. Mayor Finley stated the Officers were out; and, Chief Copeland himself was a constant presence on the Square all evening as he was passing out candy in front of the Mayor's Office

Councilwoman Gessel questioned if we have appointed anyone to the Park Board.

Mayor Finley stated not at this time; if anyone has any names, please get them to him.

#### **Streets & Alley Committee**

Councilman Bragg questioned if we should make it one way traffic into Kroger's parking lot and make an exit at the Wharf Park with the amount of traffic there will be with the closing of IGA.

Mayor Finley stated it is a challenge and he requested the Streets and Alley Committee to meet and discuss it.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he was not sure if it was an alley and that it may be County owned property.

Councilman Robison stated he felt it was a good idea; even if we only done it temporarily until the new Save-a-Lot Store opens.

Councilman Dille stated he will get with the committee members and set a meeting date.

Mayor Finley noted that Kroger has contacted Chief Copeland and requested to use the Village's Wharf Park for their employees parking. Mayor Finley stated he did not feel this was necessary as there is other street parking they can use; and, the Wharf Park was designed for recreation parking.

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#### **Economic Development Committee**

Councilwoman Blackburn reported Amy Grove received feedback from people that they were happy to see Main Street was left open for traffic during the Heritage Days. Councilwoman Blackburn stated David Griesmeyer does amazing work with welding. He has a business in the Malta Facility. She recommends everyone to go see his work.

#### **Public Utilities Committee**

Councilwoman Gessel thanked the members of council that attended the last Joint Utility Meeting; however, that meeting was actually scheduled for Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in McConnelsville Council Chambers.

Mayor Finley stated the Village Administrator sent the Sewer Budget out today for everyone to review and he will be presenting it to Malta prior to the meeting for their review.

#### **Finance Committee**

Councilman Bragg reported there will be a Finance Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adjourn, 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.

The meeting was adjourned till November 17, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers.

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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.