

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 1, 2017

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:05 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	Absent
Councilman Mark Dille	Absent
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Diane Offenberger	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief of Police Troy Copeland, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Jay Cordray, Halsie Sites

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

Excuse Absent Council Member

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to excuse Councilman Dille & Councilman Robison from the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Offenberger.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of July 18, 2017

Councilman Newton made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Offenberger.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to add the Malta Village's water billing to the bill sheet, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

The Motion carried.

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Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the bills with the addition of the Malta Village's water billing, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

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

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported July Income Tax receipts as \$36,866.97. Mayor Finley reported July Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$291.00; Meters - \$1,804.57 for a total of \$2,095.57. Mayor Finley reported July Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$5,591.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$244.69; Treasurer of State - \$1,819.55 for a total of \$7,655.24.

Mayor Finley reported he received a Public Notice from OEPA regarding the final issuance of Modification of Certification of Leech Express Project. Mayor Finley stated he will have the notice on file in the Mayor's Office if Council wishes to view.

Mayor Finley reported he met with Chief Copeland and discussed cameras for the cruisers. Mayor Finley stated after a thorough research, Chief Copeland found the Coban Company out of Houston Texas that is much cheaper than the original quotes he received. We can purchase a total of four cameras (front and back for each cruiser) at a cost of \$12,125.00.

Mayor Finley stated he believes these would be very beneficial for court and our Officer's safety.

Solicitor Tarbert stated he was in favor of purchasing them as they can be used to prove a case along with Officer protection.

Councilwoman Offenberger questioned if they were interchangeable, so if we purchased a new cruiser it could be transferred to it.

Mayor Finley stated yes, they are interchangeable.

6:10 P.M. Councilman Robison entered the meeting.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned the life expectancy of these cameras.

Chief Copeland stated he did not know.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if there was a yearly maintenance fee on them.

Mayor Finley stated no.

Councilman Bragg questioned what kind of warranty did they have.

Mayor Finley stated it shows a second and third year on the quote; however, there is no price beside it so he is assuming it is included in the total price.

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Councilwoman Offenberger questioned if they could be updated; or, were they no good after a period of time.

It was noted they could be updated.

Councilwoman Offenberger questioned if there was a body cam.

Chief Copeland stated not with these cameras he has quoted.

Councilwoman Offenberger questioned Solicitor Tarbert what his stand on body cams was.

Solicitor Tarbert stated speaking from a Prosecutor's standpoint he feels they would be helpful in a case.

Mayor Finley reported he and Chief Copeland interviewed a gentleman for the vacant officer's position and if all the checks and references come back positive we will be hiring our fourth officer.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to move forward with the purchase of the camera's, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

The Motion carried.

Mayor Finley reported he has contacted Nick Porter; he installs cameras and system securities. He gave a price of \$4,170 to install cameras at the pool.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if this could wait until next year since there are only like three weeks left in the pool year.

Solicitor Tarbert suggested there be a camera added in the Court Room.

Chief Copeland stated there can be one more camera added to the system he has now.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to purchase the camera system for the pool and the court room and to take the monies from Lands and Buildings, seconded by Councilwoman Offenberger.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

The Motion carried.

Mr. Jay Codray commented that he felt it would be good to install the cameras now since the football games will begin in the near future.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported he hired Carl Welling to replace the vacant position Jeff Abele left with the Village; he started July 31, 2017.

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Village Administrator Thompson reported the High Tank Project is to begin on Thursday and it should take about four weeks to complete.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he received the insurance renewal price from Jim Greer; it was only a 9.3 percent increase.

Councilman Bragg stated that was very low from what we were expecting and felt we should renew.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he would bring the figures to the next Council Meeting for them to act on.

Fiscal Officer Henry stated she thought they requested the paperwork to be signed and returned by August 15th.

Chief of Police Troy Copeland

Chief Copeland reported Officer Ferguson has been in K9 training over the last couple of weeks; he is in Marine training this and next week, then he will have two more weeks of K9 training after that. Chief Copeland stated there is a picture of the new K9 on the Police Department's Facebook Page. Chief Copeland stated hopefully in about a month Atlas will be here on duty.

Chief Copeland stated the officer he interviewed has fourteen years of experience and appears to be a very good officer and looks to hire him.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported she and the Pool Manager have been discussing a way to do a fund raiser for the pool before it closes for the season. The Extravaganza has offered to pay for any type of fund raiser they decide to do.

Councilman Bragg questioned when the roof was going to be done.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he currently does not have a start date.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Robison reported the committee met last evening; he has an ordinance for the fire lane and will present it at the next meeting.

Councilman Robison reported he has been approached about making a temporary handicap spot in front of a resident's home as he has lost both of his legs and the family cannot get him in and out due to neighbors parking in front of their home. The committee recommends that it be made a handicap parking space so he can get in and out of the house.

Mayor Finley questioned if we could have the Chief stop down and speak with the neighbors about leaving an open space for them, rather than making a handicap parking only spot.

Chief Copeland will stop down and speak with the neighbors.

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Councilman Robison questioned if there is an Ordinance stating there is no parking on the east side of Ninth Street from McConnel to Main Street.

Mayor Finley stated he believes there is; we just need to get the signs up and requested the Village Administrator to check into it.

Mayor Finley reported Councilman Bragg gave him addresses prior to the meeting and he has a few more houses to add to it. He will pass the list on to the Village Administrator and Chief of Police.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Offenberger reported the next Joint Utility Meeting will be held on August 21, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in Malta Village's Council Chambers.

Finance Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the committee met a couple weeks ago and then again last evening. They had year to date reports on payroll and insurance from the Fiscal Officer. Their biggest concern was insurance and not knowing what the rates were going to increase to and changes that might have to be made. Councilwoman Blackburn stated she was glad to hear the insurance did not have as big of increase as they were anticipating and they don't have to make those changes.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported on the Bicentennial funds. She stated they had enough to pay for the fireworks; and, some to reimburse Councilman Newton for Phil Dirt. Councilwoman Blackburn stated she doesn't have a final report as they are still receiving donations and that they do need to get Councilman Newton fully reimbursed for Phil Dirt.

Councilwoman Offenberger stated she still has more mugs to sell and is going to ask the VFW if she can set up a table over there during their Steak Fry.

Councilman Robison stated he still needs one more tag to finish up the board for the Flower Project.

Executive Session

Mayor Finley requested Council to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation; with no action being taken when coming out. Mayor Finley requested the Village Administrator, Village Solicitor and Fiscal Officer to be included in the Executive Session.

Councilwoman Blackburn made Motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Offenberger.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:51 P.M.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Offenberger.

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Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:05 P.M.

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; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till August 15, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers.

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.