

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 21, 2018

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:28 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
Councilwoman Crystal Hughes	Present
Councilman Terry Robison	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilman Darrell Newton	Present

EMPLOYEES: Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Matt Morris

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of August 7, 2019

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

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Abstain; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

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

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported he received a letter from Attorney John Wells addressed to Mayor and Council regarding Issue I on the Ballot to amend Ohio's Constitution. Attorney Wells does not believe this will help our community or the State and included with his letter a statement

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from the Ohio Common Pleas Judge's Association opposing this Issue. Mayor Finley stated he supports his efforts in his opposition of this amendment.

Mayor Finley stated the Fiscal Officer has been working on figures for 2019 and brought to Council's attention the outstanding debt the Village will have as of January 2019; a total of \$2,041,829.23. The amount required for payment in 2019 is \$106,303.66 in Principal and \$7,153.10 in Interest. Mayor Finley stated Council has a lot of responsibility in seeing the finances are there to make these payments.

Ordinance 18-19

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 18-19, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate and distinct readings and place on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-19 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Dille.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

Ordinance 18-19 was duly adopted.

Ordinance 18-20

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 18-20, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR OPENING AND CLOSING GRAVES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MCCONNELSVILLE CEMETERY AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate and distinct readings and place on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-20 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

Ordinance 18-20 was duly adopted.

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Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported we received a quote on the handrail for the sewer plant; he is holding off on revealing the amount as he is hoping to get one more before the next council meeting. The Engineer's will start the background check and reference process on the one we have next week. He will bring a recommendation to council at the next meeting.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he is getting ready to apply for a grant through Ohio Public Works for the next phase of the sewer separation. He will be asking for a grant of \$399,000, a loan of \$399,000 and \$477,988 will come out of the Village's funds. Village Administrator Thompson stated he does not foresee being funded; however, this is the process that he must take in order to go through Small Government.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if we had a grant for the handrails.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we looked; however, nothing went through.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the roof on the back of the Council Chambers would be spray foamed on Friday.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the pool was kept open a little longer than anticipated. The Manager had parties booked; she did not open during the week after school, just the weekends and for parties.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Robison questioned if the Wharf Park restrooms have been repaired.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he assumed they were open; but would check. He stated Malta Village just closed theirs last week due to vandalism.

Council did not feel we should open them until the cameras were installed.

Mayor Finley noted it was so late in the season, maybe we should wait until next year to open them up.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has met with Eppley Electric in regards to the LED lighting for down there.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille stated the Church is paving their parking lot and questioned if we needed to have the alley's it surrounds paved at the same time.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we done it the last time and it was a good savings for both; however, he does not think they need to be repaved at this time, but will check into it.

Councilman Dille reported the curb that was installed on Poplar Drive needs to have reclaiming done.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he assumed that had already been done; however, he recently found they had not done the one on Eight Street either. He will have it taken care of.

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Councilman Dille questioned about the trash problem.

Village Administrator Thompson stated they have taken some of the trash and are getting more tomorrow.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the Joint Utility Committee met last evening. She reported Malta is hiring a company to service their generators at a cost of under \$2,000 per year; they will still do the oil changes and filters themselves. They had to sign a five-year contract on this. Councilwoman Blackburn stated they asked about the rails at the sewer plant and if we had any luck in receiving any grants and they also questioned where we were at with the generators. They requested Village Administrator Thompson to send Malta Village Administrator Drake an e-mail and let him know where things stand with those items.

Mayor Finley reminded them they will need to get the sewer budget set up for 2019, along with Malta preparing the water budget, to present at the next meeting.

Finance Committee

Councilman Bragg reported he cancelled the August 20th Finance Meeting and rescheduled it for August 28th at 5:00 P.M., with the Cemetery Committee meeting directly following it at 6:00 P.M.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Newton reported on the ordinance for the demolition of houses. Councilman Newton stated the committee met and went over the ordinance sent to him by the Solicitor. They plan to use that and he has requested the Fiscal Officer to prepare it and send out to Council and the Solicitor for review.

Mayor Finley asked how they were coming with the new construction ordinance.

Solicitor Tarbert stated it is much easier to do a demolition ordinance, with a building ordinance you need a building department and a lot of it goes through the zoning department.

Mayor Finley questioned if we could write one up and change it from where it would say zoning to Village Administrator.

Mayor Finley stated he would also like to see a sign ordinance in place. He wants to keep the village cleaned up and there are signs all over town for yard sales, etc. and they are never taken down once the event is over.

Solicitor Tarbert stated he would try to find something to cover this issue.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison questioned if Council wished to add a cemetery page to the website.

Mayor Finley stated he felt that would be a good thing to do.

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Other Business

Fiscal Officer Henry reported she received a transfer of liquor license from Smoking Joe's to Maxwell's Pizzeria. Fiscal Officer Henry stated she must respond back to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control as to whether or not Council requests a hearing on this.

No hearing was requested.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till September 4, 2018 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.