

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 7, 2018

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:21 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	Absent
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilman Darrell Newton	Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chief of Police Troy Copeland, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson

**VISITORS:** Devan Cain, Ginny Bond, Matt Morris

#### **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 Robison from the meeting, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Minutes of July 17, 2018**

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

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Councilman Newton made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

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

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

#### **Public Participation**

Mr. Devan Cain addressed Council regarding Morgan County Heritage Days. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2018 beginning at 12:00 P.M. They requested to close Main Street from Fifth to Eighth; and Kennebec from Domino's to People's Bank beginning at 10:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Bragg made a Motion to close Main Street from Fifth to Seventh (not Eighth) as was done last year from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Hughes.

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

Ms. Ginny Bond addressed Council regarding the decorations she would like to make and decorate the Parking Meters and around the Square for the Holidays. She would put them up the first Saturday of December and take them down right after the Holiday.

None of Council had any objection and thanked her for her hard work.

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

Mayor Finley brought to Council's attention the new framed Resolution on the Council Chamber's wall. Mayor Finley stated he recently met with State Representative Ron Hood and he presented him with a Resolution honoring the Village on their Bicentennial. This was put aside and did not get to us until this year. Mayor Finley thanked State Representative Hood for bringing it down.

Mayor Finley read over the monthly water and sewer consumption report from Water and Sewer Clerk Scott. *See attached.*

Mayor Finley reported July Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$4,834.89; Morgan County Treasurer - \$48.60; Treasurer of State - \$1,315.40 for a total of \$6,198.89. Mayor Finley reported July Income Tax receipts as \$32,805.42. Mayor Finley reported July Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$255.37; Meters - \$2,056.09 for a total of \$2,311.46.

Mayor Finley reported Mr. Dennis Ryan from the Cincinnati area, with the Antique and Classic Society contacted him that they will be doing a boating trip with antique wood boats to Marietta from our Wharf Park on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and then returning back here. He requested permission to leave their vehicles in the Wharf Park overnight and asked if the Police Officers could do extra patrols at the Park that evening.

None of Council had any objection to this.

Mayor Finley reported Court was very busy again this evening. He had more drug cases and/or alcohol, or both. Mayor Finley commended the Police Department for all of their hard

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work along with the assistance from the K9. Mayor Finley stated they are working very hard to get drugs off our streets.

#### **Ordinance 18-17**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 18-17, AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE A LEVY OF 1.5 MILLS TO RAISE \$33,488 FOR THE OPERATION AND THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING McCONNELSVILLE CEMETERY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CEMETERY OR THE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING 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 Dille.

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

Councilman Newton made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-17 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

Ordinance 18-17 was duly adopted.

#### **Ordinance 18-18**

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 18-18, AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VARIOUS CONTRACTORS, MANUFACTURERS AND ENGINEERS FOR THE MANUFACTURING AND THE INSTALLATION OF HAND RAILS FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWER PUMP STATIONS. DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, SUSPENDING THE RULES FOR FORMAL BIDDING OR ADVERTISING AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY NECESSITATING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HAND RAILS AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

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; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

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

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

Ordinance 18-18 was duly adopted.

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

Village Administrator Thompson reported we received two bids on the water line. Both bids came in under the Engineer's Estimate of \$449,000. DD Weber bid \$448,858 and Stonegate Construction bid \$374,626. They are both reputable contractors; the Engineer's evaluated and contacted references. The Village will be responsible for half out of pocket and half will be covered by grant money.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to accept the bid from Stonegate for \$374,626, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

Village Administrator Thompson stated he is hoping this project will begin in the middle of September.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has received the Engineer's estimates for the Generator Project in the amount of \$456,900. This will be for portable ones instead of permanent; one for each lift station; Fourth Street, McConnel and the Sewer Plant, for a total of three.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has received the Engineer's estimate for next phase of sewer separation in the amount of 1.3 million dollars.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he will be submitting a grant for street paving for North Eighth Street from Liberty to State Route 78 and Oakwood Drive. This will be a combined project with the county and the paving would be in 2019.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has been in contact with Ann Bonner regarding the trees on the hillside that will be removed with the round-a-bout. They are nice trees and instead of destroying them, we are looking to move them somewhere. He will be meeting with her the end of August.

Mayor Finley stated the bids for the round-a-bout are out; Shelly and Sands received the bid. He understands the bridge projects will be completed this year and round-a-bout portion next year.

#### **Chief of Police Troy Copeland**

Councilman Bragg questioned about the house on Fourteenth Street.

Mayor Finley stated the Chief has been working with them. They were to have it cleaned up by today; however, that did not happen. The Chief will get with them again.

The property on Bell Avenue was mentioned.

Chief Copeland stated he sent a letter out to the property owner; however, it came back undeliverable.

Mayor Finley requested the information on it as he will know who to contact.

It was mentioned about the Wallace rental having a trash problem and the weeds between Save-A-Lot and the new build.

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Chief Copeland stated the current Property Maintenance Ordinance does not state what can be done if the property owners are unreachable. He feels it needs to be added that if we cannot contact them that we can do the necessary work and add the fees to their property taxes.

Councilman Newton is working on this Ordinance along with building and demolition ordinances. He stated he is in receipt of a letter from Solicitor Tarbert suggesting we contact New Concord and some other places to see what they do to enforce theirs.

Mayor Finley asked Councilman Newton to include the Village Administrator and Chief of Police in their meetings on these ordinances.

Councilman Newton stated he currently has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Finley stated he would also like the committee to review signage about town; yard sales, etc.; attaching them to poles. He would like to come up with some type of ordinance on this.

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

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the Pool Manager has had some issues with the upkeep at the swimming pool, such as weeds.

Village Administrator Thompson stated she had not come to him about it.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated the High School has contacted the Pool Manager stating they were hiring someone to clean off their hillside and they were requesting our hillside be cleaned off also since the football games will be starting soon.

Mayor Finley stated he just sentenced someone tonight to clean off that hillside, so it should be taken care of within the next two weeks.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated there are a few pool parties next week to finish up the season.

Mayor Finley stated Pool Manager Brannon has put a lot of work into the pool and has done a great job this year.

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

Councilman Dille reported when they paved Poplar Drive last year, he thought they were to go back and seal the edges; this has not been done yet.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he will check into it.

Councilman Dille stated he has been contacted by Ms. Martha Harlow and she wants to be contacted by the Village Administrator.

#### **Other Business**

Councilman Bragg stated Foreman Bragg's surgery went well for him today.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she has been working with the Park Committee and they are looking into new signage for the Park.

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#### **Executive Session**

Mayor Finley requested Council to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, with no action being taken when coming out. Mayor Finley invited Village Administrator Thompson and Fiscal Officer Hemry into the Executive Session.

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

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

Council went into Executive Session at 7:06 P.M.

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

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

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:20 P.M.

#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

The meeting was adjourned till August 21, 2018 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. Hemry  
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.