

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: December 5, 2017

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 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 Diane Offenberger	Present

EMPLOYEES: Fiscal Officer Ellen M Hemry, Tim Bragg and Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Jay Cordray, Duane Jago, Crystal Hughes

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of November 21, 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; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, 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 Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

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

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley thanked Crystal Hughes for her attendance at the meeting.

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Mayor Finley reported November Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$330.00; Meters - \$1,795.07 for a total of \$2,125.07. Mayor Finley reported November Income Tax receipts as \$25,711.74. Mayor Finley reported November Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$4,493.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$59.85; Treasurer of State - \$1,468.15 for a total of \$6,021.00.

Mayor Finley reported he was in receipt of a letter from Community Action. House Bill 412 that passed in 1984 requires them to give local officials the opportunity to review the agency's Community Service Block Grant funding applications. It is now available for review if anyone so wishes to do so. Mayor Finley required Fiscal Officer Henry to e-mail a copy of the letter to all of Council.

Mayor Finley reported he has spoken to the County Prosecutor and Sheriff McGrath in regards to donating the Village's old white cruiser to the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Finley stated we need to look into the proper statute in the ORC that allows the village to donate property to the County. They stated they will accept the donation and thank Council for that.

Mayor Finley reported it has not been received in writing yet; however, Damon Drake has verbally given his resignation with the Village and has accepted a position with Malta. Mayor Finley stated we will need to advertise to replace his position right away. The Village Administrator is contacting the EPA and discussing the situation with them. Mayor Finley stated our Village Foreman and Street Foreman have experience down there; however, no one has the knowledge to run the plant.

Mayor Finley reported he has information regarding seminars for 2018 newly elected or veteran councilmembers. The Fiscal Officer has sent this information out in their packets if anyone is interested in refreshing their knowledge or for the new ones coming in.

Ordinance 17-20

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 17-20 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAE OF THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE HAWK NATIONAL GUARD BASE SEWER PLANT.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to pass Ordinance 17-20 on the first reading, 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 Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Ordinance 17-20 was passed on the first reading.

Mayor Finley noted the Village Administrator is in continuing education for a couple of days and was unable to attend this evening; and, the Chief is at an Awards Banquet.

Mayor Finley reported the person that created the damage to the Town Square took responsibility this evening at Court; and, it will be fixed shortly.

There was discussion of putting up flashing lights or some form of lighting to brighten up the area.

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Public Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Offenberger reported they are working on making adjustments to Ordinance 13-04 that handles the water and sewer billings. They are making some progress; and, will be meeting again on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 5:15 P.M. in the McConnellsville Mayor's Office. Councilwoman Offenberger stated she needs to meet with Solicitor Tarbert on a couple of items.

Councilwoman Offenberger stated it was brought to her attention by a resident that on the Village website there is a form for an Abandonment of Tap. Councilwoman Offenberger stated she did not know if anyone was aware that it was on there (it is dated back in 2010); but, questioned if the Village should uphold it since it was on our website.

Solicitor Tarbert stated the form could not supersede the Ordinance; it needs removed from the website.

Councilman Newton questioned when they plan to bring the Ordinance for the first reading.

Councilwoman Offenberger stated after the first of the year.

Councilman Newton questioned if the three percent increase will go into effect the first of the year then.

Mayor Finley stated yes, as that Ordinance will still be in effect.

Councilman Newton stated that he did not like it that the Ordinance reads that way.

Mayor Finley asked the committee to get with the Village Administrator and Village Foreman on the expenses and projects they foresee before making their final decisions.

Councilwoman Offenberger stated they intended to do so.

Finance Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn rescheduled the Finance Meeting for Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison questioned how satisfied was everyone with our current website.

Mayor Finley stated he thinks it is very nice.

Councilman Robison stated if everyone is satisfied, we could keep what we have.

Mayor Finley stated he would like to see that people could pay their water and sewer bills or fines online with Pay Pal.

Councilman Robison stated if he made the change, it would cost around \$3,000. Councilman Robison stated it would give the village more capabilities.

Mayor Finley stated it would be strictly up to Council; and, to present Council with the proposal.

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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 Diane Offenberger, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till December 19, 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.