

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: February 21, 2017

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:55 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: Chief of Police Troy Copeland, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, and Village Administrator John Thompson

VISITORS: Jay Cordray

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of February 7, 2017

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 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 Diane Offenberger, Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the bills, 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 Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported he received a call from Jensen Greer with the Morgan County Junior Leaders. As in the past, they would like to put bows on parking meters from March 5th thru March 13th. Mayor Finley stated he asked them to make sure they were taken care of while on the meters and removed at the appropriate time.

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Mayor Finley reported he received communication from OEPA Citizen Advisory. It was released on February 15, 2017 from Kristopher Weiss regarding "Ohio EPA Issues 401 Water Quality Certification to Columbia Gas for Leach Xpress Pipeline." Mayor Finley turned the paperwork over to Fiscal Officer Henry for filing and noted if Council wished to review it further they could contact her for the information.

Ordinance 17-04

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 17-04, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

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

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-04 on emergency measure, 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 17-04 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported the contractors are pretty much done with what they can do now; they will be back in spring to finish up.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he wanted to make Council aware that we have had several shut-offs for non-payment of water and sewer bills. Village Administrator Thompson stated these notices go out in plenty of advance; however, they wait until the day before or day of the shut-off to contact the office wanting exceptions made. Village Administrator Thompson stated if the individual(s) contact him the day they receive the notice in need of some type of exception or extension he may grant one; however, if they wait until the last minute, their water will be shut off. Village Administrator Thompson stated if they want us to help them they need to come to us to begin with not at the last minute. Village Administrator Thompson stated he wanted Council to know the situation in case they received any phone calls on it.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Offenberger reported the Joint Utility Meeting was held last evening. Councilwoman Offenberger read the minutes from the meeting. (See attached)

Finance Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported she needs to schedule a Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the credit card companies. Fiscal Officer Henry noted that one company will be here on February 27th to demonstrate their product.

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Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Dille reported he has renewed the e-mail exchange for 2017.

Councilman Robison reported he has updated the website. The mugs the Bicentennial Committee will be selling are displayed along with other information regarding the Bicentennial.

Executive Session

Mayor Finley requested Council to go into Executive Session to discuss property ; with no action being taken when coming out. The Village Administrator, Chief of Police and Fiscal Officer were invited to attend the Executive Session.

Councilman Newton 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; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:27 P.M.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to come out of Executive Session, 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 Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Council came out of Executive Session at 6:55 P.M.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adjourn, 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 Diane Offenberger, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till March 7, 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.