

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: February 5, 2019

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 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 Rhett Matheney	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, Gary Woodward

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of January 15, 2019

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

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

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

Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

Council signed off on the January 2019 Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.

Public Participation

Morgan County Auditor, Gary Woodward addressed Council regarding the cemetery levy that was passed this last November. Auditor Woodward stated he did not certify the new

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cemetery levy to the State Department of Taxation; therefore, there is no cemetery levy on the tax bills that went out. After speaking with the Department of Taxation, they have come up with the resolution to send out another tax bill to the residents of the Village of McConnelsville with a letter stating the error, after March 4th. If they waited until the second half of the taxes are due, it would delay the village in receiving their funds to operate the cemetery. They will make a special settlement for the cemetery fund and the auditor fees will be waived.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported the Committees for 2019 remained the same as 2018; Councilman Matheney replaced past Councilman Bragg's spots. *Committee listing attached.*

Mayor Finley reported January Income Tax receipts as \$35,264.91. Mayor Finley reported January Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$3,933.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$36.90; Treasurer of State - \$1,046.10 for a total of \$5,016.00. Mayor Finley reported January Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$335.00; Meters - \$1,596.60 for a total of \$1,931.60.

Mayor Finley stated he received an e-mail from Dominic Ciano, the Southeast Regional Liaison for Auditor of State Keith Faber. He has all the contact information if any of council would like to have it.

Mayor Finley reported he is in receipt of a letter from a concerned citizen, Vicki Cozzens regarding a traffic problem on Main Street in front of Maxwell's Drive Thru. A copy of the letter was in council's packets. Mayor Finley stated this is a matter that was previously turned over to the Streets and Alley Committee and he requested them to review it again at their next meeting.

Mayor Finley stated Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bowman were here earlier this evening regarding the golf cart ordinance. The current Ordinance reads you cannot drive a golf cart on the State Route. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman live on State Route 60 and they are not able to drive one from their home; but would like to do so.

Councilman Robison originally wrote the ordinance and he will look into it.

Ordinance 19-01

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 19-01, the ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

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

Votes were: Councilman Rhett Matheney, Abstain; 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 19-01 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

Ordinance 19-01 was duly adopted.

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Ordinance 19-02

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 19-02, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2019 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF MCCONNELSVILLE, OHIO, AND DELARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 Rhett Matheney, 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 19-02 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

Ordinance 19-02 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has an estimate to finish replacing the waterline up Kennebec in the amount of \$273,000 for construction and the Engineering should be around \$30,000-\$40,000.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we have another issue we need to look at. Since the end of December, we have been having a high water usage around 100 to 150 thousand gallons a day. The meters on both sides of the river are very close in the readings, so we do not feel it is a meter issue. He is going to try to get ahold of a leak detection company to check it out.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he received a call from the Engineer's today and the material for the handrails is to be shipped on February 20th and the preconstruction meeting is next Wednesday.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the work on the Opera House is progressing.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he would probably be advertising for bids for mowing the cemetery in the next week or so. He feels it will be best to contract it out instead of hiring employees to do it.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has an estimate on a mini excavator for the cemetery at a cost of around \$60,000. He will wait until the first round of the taxes come in before purchasing it. We will also use it in water and sewer, so the monies will come out of more than one fund; plus, we will be trading in one of our backhoes.

Village Administrator Thompson stated our current employees could do the grave digging, as it does not take up much of their time like the mowing would.

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Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Robison scheduled the Council Work Session on the Swimming Pool for Monday evening at 6:00 P.M.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille reported the committee met regarding parking meters between Fourth and Fifth Streets. Their recommendation is to regulate the parking by putting up two hour parking signs and to look at installing the meters when the sewer line replacement down through there happens in a couple of years.

Mayor Finley stated he feels it will be very hard to enforce the two-hour parking during business hours.

Councilman Robison questioned if they discussed putting in a turn lane down there.

Councilman Dille stated it was discussed; but they feel it would take away the parking for those living in the apartments down there.

Councilman Robison stated he could hardly pull out onto Main Street.

Councilman Newton stated he feels we could eliminate the parking and put in a turn lane like in front of Kroger's.

Mayor Finley stated we are facing and addressing two different problems. A turn lane would help the blocking of traffic; but the meters are for parking places for the businesses.

Councilman Matheney stated Maxwell's like the idea of parking meters down there.

Councilman Robison stated he feels we need to take care of the worse of the two evils.

Councilman Dille stated the committee recommends putting up two hour parking limit signs and matching the time on the parking meters.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to go with the committee's recommendation, seconded by Councilman Matheney.

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

The Motion carried.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to purchase the twenty meters at a cost of \$396 each, seconded by Councilman Newton.

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

The Motion carried.

Councilman Dille stated the landowner on Poplar is not opposed to the Village going onto their property to try to eliminate part of the problem on that side of the wall.

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Village Administrator Thompson stated we do not want to do that. If we start going onto private properties working, we are setting a precedence and opening ourselves up. Village Administrator Thompson stated we will put a gutter in and cut it back down; and, they have to take care of what they need to on their own private property.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison stated there have been some issues with the website, it is not publishing things correctly and several of the ordinances are not opening up.

Other Business

Councilwoman Blackburn reported there was a park meeting this past Saturday. They are still working on fund raising projects and getting a sign. Councilwoman Blackburn stated the committee is working together and they are still looking for someone to replace the vacant position.

Mayor Finley stated he had received some photos about the park.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she had not seen them.

Fiscal Officer Hemry stated she sent them to Amanda McCoy on the Park Board.

Mayor Finley requested them to be sent on to Councilwoman Blackburn.

Councilman Robison stated when the Street Committee met he would like to attend to discuss the Golf Cart Ordinance.

Executive Session

Mayor Finley requested Council to go into Executive Session to discuss property; with no action being taken when coming out.

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

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

Council went into Executive Session at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:25 P.M.

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Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned till February 19, 2019 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.