

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 15, 2019

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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:

Councilwoman Crystal Hughes	Present
Councilman Terry Robison	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilman Darrell Newton	Present

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

VISITORS: Galen Finley, Kenny Moore, Tom White, and Cinda White

Invocation

Invocation given by Pastor Galen Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of December 18, 2018

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

Votes were: 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

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

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

Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

Council signed off on the December 2018 Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.

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Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor read his state of the village address. (See attached).

Mayor Finley reported December Income Tax receipts as \$30,410.46. Mayor Finley reported December Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$470.00; Meters - \$1,752.95 for a total of \$2,222.95. Mayor Finley reported December Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$5,218.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$34.50; Treasurer of State - \$989.50 for a total of \$6,242.00.

Mayor Finley noted that Rhett Matheney was unable to be here this evening as he had a funeral out of town to attend. Mayor Finley stated Council could still go ahead and appoint him this evening; or, they could wait until the first meeting in February to do so.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to appoint Rhett Matheney as Councilman to finish Tom Bragg's position that he resigned from in December, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes.

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

The Motion carried.

Mayor Finley asked Council if they wished to have anything special for the Work Session regarding the Pool.

Councilman Dille stated he would like to see the Pool Manager, Teresa Brannon attend. All of Council agreed; Councilman Dille will get in contact with her.

Election of President Pro-Tem

Councilman Newton nominated Councilman Robison.

With no other nominations the votes were: Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

Councilman Robison will be President of Council for the year 2019.

Ordinance 18-28

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 18-28, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CREDIT CARD POLICY COMPLIANT WITH THE NEWLY ENACTED PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to waive the third reading and place on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

Councilman Dille made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-28 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

Ordinance 18-28 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported all water lines have been installed, except for those on the Hawk line.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the contractor at the Opera House is moving along.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has sent in a grant application for Small Governments for the next phase of the sewer separation.

Village Administrator Thompson reported there has been three water breaks on the Main Line on Kennebec just above where we just replaced it. Village Administrator Thompson stated with that issue, he feels we need to replace the rest of the line up Kennebec. He will be presenting a Resolution to Council at the next meeting to finish replacing this water line. Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with the Engineers last week, they are going to get a price on the cost of the engineering for this project, and then we will get the cost of the project. He believes it will come in around \$300,000 for the line replacement and engineering fees.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the Engineers stated the manufacturing of the pipe for the handrails should be done by the end of this month and hopefully start the installation in February.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he passed out to Council the Sewer Budget for 2019.

Village Administrator Thompson reported we had to haul more sludge in 2018 as it could not be land applied due to weather conditions. We foresee the same issue this year until spring.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has been contacted about the traffic hazard situation down at Maxwell's regarding entry into the drive-thru. He told them Council has discussed it; however, he would bring it to their attention again.

Mayor Finley stated the Committees are staying the same this year as last. He requested the Fiscal Officer to prepare the new chart for Council.

Mayor Finley requested the Streets and Alley's Committee to meet and discuss the extending of parking meters down Main Street and Maxwell's Drive-thru and bring back their recommendations to Council at the next meeting. Mayor Finley stated Past Councilman Bragg had spoken with the businesses and they wish to have them put back up.

Chief of Police Troy Copeland

Chief Copeland reported there are sixteen places for additional meters. Parking Attendant Chern was able to get the cost down from \$479 each meter to \$396; a savings of \$83 a meter. We would have to order twenty to get this break, making a total cost of \$7,939.30 and we would have four spare meters. This does not include the cost of the poles as we purchase them locally.

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Mayor Finley stated he did not want to put Village Administrator Thompson on the spot; however, we have concerned citizen's attending this meeting this evening about the water/ice on Poplar Drive.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he told Foreman Bragg about it a few weeks ago and he was to put a trench down the wall.

The citizen's stated nothing appears to have been done, as it is no better.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has an idea of how to help that area when they come in to pave the next time; unfortunately, all we can do at this time is salt the area. He knows of no way to keep it out of the road and we cannot work on private property; the water has to go to the street.

Mayor Finley questioned if the work order just had not been completed yet.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he thought it had been done, he would have to check into it and if it had not been done, he will see to it that it does.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Robison reminded everyone of the Work Session on January 22nd at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the Swimming Pool.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille reported he was glad to see we are considering installing the sidewalks in our budget for 2019. He would like to have EZ Grout get an estimate on the cost of the handrails.

Village Administrator Thompson stated since this project will cost over \$50,000 he would have to bid it out.

It was noted the "Village sign" at the bridge would probably not be salvageable. The concrete base will have to be removed and when it comes off, it will probably destroy the sign. This sign is made out of Styrofoam like material and it is not very durable. There is already some damage to it from mowing.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn thanked everyone for their work on the water breaks.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she was having difficulty getting a Joint Meeting scheduled for the annual budgets due to the unavailability of Malta Councilman Griffin.

Late entrance of Guest to Meeting

Anita Coffey entered the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

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Other Business

Mayor Finley stated he was nominated once again to the State of Ohio Mayor's Executive Board Committee this year and has been reappointed to the Ohio Fire Council. He noted he is also a member of the Mayor's Association of Ohio and the Mayor's Partnership for Progress.

Mayor Finley stated Village Administrator Thompson has been his proxy at many of the meetings that are held on Wednesday nights.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported she attended the Park Meeting on Saturday. They are looking for someone else to represent for McConnelsville; they currently only have seven members. The Park will be having their Audit this year. They received a \$1,800 Community Grant they are going to use for lighting. They are looking ahead at projects they need to do; getting their by-laws written up and getting sponsorships. Councilwoman Blackburn stated they have many good ideas; they just need more members on the board.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Newton.

Votes were: 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 February 5, 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.