The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:10 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:** Fiscal Officer Ellen M Hemry and Village Administrator John Thompson

**VISITORS:** Matt Morris, Ted McConnell

**Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

**Excuse Absent Council Member**

Councilman Dille made a Motion to excuse Councilman Robison from the meeting, 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.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes of May 15, 2018**

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 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.

**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; 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 May Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported May Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - $445.00; Meters - $1,736.35 for a total of $2,181.35. Mayor Finley reported May Income Tax receipts as $32,072.39. Mayor Finley reported May Mayor’s Court receipts as follows: Village - $4,862.29; Morgan County Treasurer - $429.55; Treasurer of State - $1,208.87 for a total of $6,500.71.

Mayor Finley went over the monthly water and sewer report from Utility Clerk Missy Scott. (see attached)

Mayor Finley reported the Mid-Ohio Valley Mayor’s Association meeting would be held on June 20, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. at Finley Fire Equipment in McConnelsville. All of council is invited to attend.

Mayor Finley stated he recently joined another association, the Mayor’s Partnership for Progress. Their meetings are held at the Ohio University; if any of council wishes to attend these meetings, please let the mayor know.

Mayor Finley stated he received a letter from the Ohio Municipal League; copies were sent to council in their packets.

Mayor Finley stated he and the Village Administrator approved the hiring of the lifeguards. There are eight lifeguards; they were hired in at minimum wage with the starting date of May 29, 2018.

Mayor Finley reported he was in receipt of a letter dated May 25, 2018 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, signed by Carlton Moore. Governor Kasich has signed an executive order for a National Instant Background Check System regarding the purchase of firearms. If anyone wishes to see or would like a copy, they are welcome to it.

Mayor Finley stated sometimes you see things on public forums or chat lines like Facebook. Currently there have been comments made about our website and people with warrants. Mayor Finley printed out the comments and has for council to review if they wish to do so.

Mayor Finley stated we have a warrant listing on our website and have published them in the Herald in the past. Mayor Finley stated we actively pursue these warrants and want to clear them up. Mayor Finley stated we would continue to publish these names until they are arrested and their cases handled. Mayor Finley noted we would do anything we can to help them get their cases cleared up.

Mayor Finley stated he received correspondence from Mr. Eric Glosser that lives at 262 East Main Street. Mr. Glosser made a driveway off Main Street; in which, he did not get permission to put in and people are parking across his entrance. Mayor Finley turned this over to the Streets and Alley Committee for review and to bring their recommendation back to the next council meeting.

Mayor Finley noted he had more cases in court this evening involving our K9. Mayor Finley stated he appreciates council’s support of the K9.
Ordinance 18-09

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 18-09 for the first reading, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES.

Councilman Newton wanted it noted that he does not agree with the annual three percent increase. He is concerned for the senior citizen’s on a fixed income.

Councilman Bragg stated this was discussed; however, Solicitor Tarbert stated we could not put a variable in there and that we would need to rewrite it every year if we wished for a change to be in the percentage.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to pass Ordinance 18-09 on the first reading, 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, Nay.

Ordinance 18-09 was passed on the first reading.

Resolution 18-12

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 18-12, A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELLSVILLE, MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT.

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

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 Resolution 18-12 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.

Resolution 18-12 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported the pool is open; we are in need of a new chemical pump for the baby pool and a new pump to sweep the bottom of the pool. He is currently pricing these items.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he recently met with B & N on the water line. We are anticipating on going out to bid the first part of July; still waiting on the OPWC contract. Village Administrator Thompson stated we are going to directional bore as much as we can; it will cost a few thousand more in doing so; however, we will save the cost in tearing up the street. Construction on this project could begin this fall.
Village Administrator Thompson reported on the railing at the Sewer Treatment Plant. The price of aluminum has gone up considerably, so we are checking into powder coated steel. Village Administrator Thompson reminded council this will come strictly from the village funds; there is no grant on this project.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has been dealing with the EPA; they want an Operations and Maintenance Plan for the Sewer Treatment Plant and are not satisfied with what we have been sending them. Village Administrator Thompson stated they would not be satisfied until we get an Engineer to write one up for us. Village Administrator Thompson stated he did discuss this with B & N and they can write us a plan for about $5,200.00. Village Administrator Thompson stated he wanted to do it ourselves to save the expense; however, he does not feel we have the capability to produce what the EPA is wanting; it is too involved.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the bid opening for the Opera House Project will be in mid-July with construction beginning around September for the outside work and the inside will not begin until the first of 2019.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with a man and discussed the repair of the tennis courts. It will cost around $25,000 to repair them and within two years it will probably be the same as it is now. This company recommends not repairing it, but replacing it. They can overlay that one for Seventy to Eighty thousand dollars; but with the location, it will happen again. Village Administrator Thompson stated it is his opinion and recommendation to move the tennis court over to the Kiwanis Jaycee Park in Malta and just install one court at a cost of around forty to fifty thousand dollars. He suggested we could possibly use half of the basketball courts and apply for a Nature Works Grant in 2019. The Village would have to pay out 25% of the Project. He stated we could possibly include it in the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant we are going to apply for also.

Village Administrator Thompson stated if Council wishes to have the Cemetery Levy on the ballot this fall, they are going to have to start moving on it right away. It has to be done by August 8, 2018 to get it on the fall ballot. He does not feel the township can be included in the levy unless they have joint ownership. Village Administrator Thompson stated must talk to Solicitor Tarbert about who needs to proceed with the paperwork, the Village or Cemetery Board.

Mayor Finley turned this matter over to the Cemetery Committee for review and to include the Village Administrator and Solicitor then bring their recommendations back to council.

Councilman Newton questioned if you could apply for a Nature Works Grant for the pool.

Village Administrator Thompson stated yes, we have done so in the past.

Councilman Newton stated he would like to see a splash pad in place of the baby pool.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we could look into pricing of that for him.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

In the absence of Councilman Robison, Councilman Dille reported on the committee meeting.

Councilman Dille reported the committee’s general consensus was to fix the urinals and add a camera system at the Wharf Park. They received a quote from DJH Computer’s for $854.97.
Mayor Finley stated that he has a couple of extra urinals and one commode in his building that he would donate to the Village if they would work. Village Administrator will check to see if they will work.

Councilman Dille stated they quoted stainless steel; however, they were very costly.

Councilman Dille suggested the Herald put pictures of the damages in the paper.

Councilman Dille made a Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to proceed with pricing and fixing the Wharf Park bathrooms and to purchase the camera system from DJH Computer’s, 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.

The Motion carried.

Ordinance 18-13

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 18-13, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS; EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION; EMPLOYEE BENEFITS; AND INCREMENT PAY FOR WATER AND SEWER LICENSES AND ESTABLISHING PUBLIC ADMISSION CHARGES AND ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AND RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES WITH REGARD TO THE MCCONNELSVILLE SWIMMING POOL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Blackburn noted the changes in this ordinance are increasing the pool season passes by $5.00 each and eliminating the ability to bring in coolers and requiring all items within the pool area being purchased at the Pool Concession Stand.

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

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

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-13 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.

Ordinance 18-13 was duly adopted.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille reported the committee met on May 15th and took a tour through town on the request of different residents.

Mr. Rush that lives in the Button Addition has an issue of water running off the hillside hard. The committee suggested taking dirt from one side and move to the other and the village crew will patch the catch basin where it is leaking around the pipe causing erosion.
Mr. Halsie Sites that lives on State Route 60 has a problem with water catching at the bottom of the hill. The village crew will take the tractor and dig it all out to make a damn so it will push it down away from his house.

Mr. Tom Norman that lives on Oakwood Drive has an issue with the curb. There are three areas where the concrete is raising. The Village Administrator feels the village crew can dig beneath it and reset it back to where they once existed.

Ms. Martha Harlow that lives on Poplar Drive is concerned about a twelve-inch pipe washing out the bank. The committee did not see a problem; the Village Administrator is going to get back with her.

Councilman Bragg stated she stopped by his store and he informed her they could not see where the bank was cut, so she has been told of the committee findings.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he would talk with her, as there is nothing we can do; it is a natural ditch line.

Mr. Tom White that lives on Beechwood and Poplar has an issue regarding water getting in his basement. Councilman Dille stated the water is jumping the curb. The committee recommends the village crew put in a new curb, approximately twenty to thirty feet around the bend at his driveway replacing the existing curb.

Village Administrator Thompson stated an eight-inch curb would be put in.

Councilman Newton stated Mr. and Mrs. Nicol’s lived there for years and we never had the first complaint from them. He is sure they would have notified us if there had ever been a problem there before.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we put an inch and a half of pavement on their street, so the curb is shorter than it was previously. Once the eight-inch curb is in place, they will have more protection there than they had before we paved.

**Economic Development Committee**

Councilwoman Hughes reported the committee met yesterday and they are getting everything finalized for the Festival.

Village Administrator Thompson reminded Council if any monies need expended they must get a purchase order cut prior to the purchase. He stated we need to have communication so we know what is going on and not be blind-sided.

Next committee meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Blackburn noted she would be sending out letters for donations.

**Public Utilities Committee**

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the committee met last evening with Bernie Anderson and Carl Raines. They talked to them about a water project; but she was unable to go into details at this time. She stated there might be some good things happening and they will be getting back with us in a week or so.
Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Dille stated he added another e-mail for the Sewer Plant Operator.

Other Business

Councilman Dille stated the Pool is in need of new tables and holes need made in the old tables for the umbrellas.

Village Administrator Thompson stated they could not put holes in the center of those tables due to stability reasons. Discussion was made on ways of using umbrellas.

Councilman Dille stated they have two or three tables that were busted last year.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Dille made a Motion to adjourn, 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.

The meeting was adjourned till June 19, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers.

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John W. Finley                               Ellen M. Henry
Mayor                                       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.