

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 20, 2018

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:40 P.M. in the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers. Mayor John W. Finley called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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| Councilman Tom Bragg | 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 Hemry, Village Administrator John Thompson

VISITORS: Jay Cordray, Jerry Cajko

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of March 6, 2018

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

Public Participation

Mr. Jerry Cajko addressed Council regarding recycling and river pollution. Mr. Cajko stated we have had flooding and the river looks bad. He feels we need to start in our town and we need to put projects in our school system; and, to challenge our students. Mr. Cajko stated cleanliness starts at home and he believes we need to put kids to work on this challenge.

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Mayor Finley encouraged him to go to the School Board and request to be put on their Agenda. The Village has no control over the schools.

Mr. Jay Cordray with the Herald stated he would give Mr. Cajko the proper contact information for the School Board.

Mr. Cajko stated he also believes the town should put in recycle bins and make it clear as to where they are located.

Mayor Finley stated he appreciated him attending the meeting and expressing his concerns.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley stated he received a letter from Amber Wallace regarding 2018 Development Disabilities Awareness Month and requesting a Proclamation from the Village.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to approve the Prolamation; seconded by Councilman Dille.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; 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 reported he appointed Tammy Ray to the Joint Park Board. Mayor Finley stated we had one more vacancy that needed to be filled.

Mayor Finley stated he received a bulletin from Southeast Ohio History Center. Within this booklet on the third page in, is a couple of pages regarding the Opera House. Mayor Finley passed the bulletin around for all to view.

Ordinance 18-07

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 18-07, AN ORDINANCE CREATING A JOINT RECREATION BOARD PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 755.14, ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, MANNER OF APPOINTMENT AND METHOD OF GOVERNANCE.

Councilman Newton 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 Tom Bragg, 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 18-07 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

Ordinance 18-07 was duly adopted.

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Mayor Finley reported he had more drug cases in court tonight that was initiated by the K9 Officer and K9 Atlas. Mayor Finley stated they are very successful with the drug activity and getting it off the streets.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Robison reported he was in receipt of a letter from Dave Bailey regarding the use of the Wharf Park for the Morgan County Fire Fighter's Association the last weekend in April.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to approve the usage of the Wharf Park for this training; seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

The Motion carried.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille reported he has heard many complaints about potholes.

Mayor Finley stated we are putting in cold patch when and where we can.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Hughes reported the committee would be meeting tomorrow evening.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported on the Joint Water and Sewer Meeting with Malta. Councilman Griffin from Malta is the Chair; and, she is the Secretary. Councilwoman Blackburn went over the minutes (see attached). They have scheduled the meetings to be held the third Monday of each quarter at 7:00 P.M.; therefore, the next meetings will be held in May, August and November, alternating villages.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the committee met and went over the water ordinance. They pretty much have everything figured out and will finish it up to present to Council.

Mayor Finley requested the ordinance to be sent out to everyone for review prior to the next meeting.

Technology and Website Committee

Councilman Robison questioned Councilman Dille if the the e-mails for the committees are correct as he recently had an issue.

Councilman Dille stated he believed them to be; however, he would check into it.

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Other Business

Councilman Bragg stated he received a complaint from a resident about cats within the village; there is nothing Council can do.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported there are still problems with littering on State Route 60.

Mayor Finley stated the police are watching; but, no one has been found yet.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported the bid opening for the dump truck would be on Thursday.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he has prepared a Resolution for the handrails at the sewer plant. He asked Council to pass it on emergency, as it is a safety issue. He has a preliminary estimate and will be setting up a contract with the Engineers to make sure everything is done to code.

Resolution 18-08

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 18-08, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE AND OTHER CONTRACTORS AND OR ENGINEERS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE HAND RAILINGS AT THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT AND McCONNEL RUN PUMP STATION, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY NECESSITATING THE REPAIR OF THE HAND RAILINGS.

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

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

Councilman Newton made a Motion to adopt Resolution 18-08 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

Resolution 18-08 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has signed a contract with B & N to do a cost estimate for the generators for the lift stations and the sewer plant.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has an ordinance for the cemetery; if council wishes to review, they can bring it back for the first reading at the next meeting.

Councilman Bragg questioned if the tax levy could only be put on the Village; or, could it be on the Township also.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he feels only the Village; but he will check into it.

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Village Administrator Thompson stated he did include in the ordinance a section if they wish for him to continue with the maintenance and upkeep on it. If Council desires, they can remove it and take him clear out of it.

Councilman Robison stated he thought we would need to change the employee ordinance job description/duties to correlate with this ordinance.

Village Administrator Thompson stated they could; however, the next Village Administrator may not want to do it. Village Administrator Thompson stated he would get with the Solicitor on it.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he passed out a report on the cemetery's income/expenses for Council's review. They will need to consider this when deciding on the millage for the ballot, do they just want enough to maintain the cemetery; or, do they wish to go for more for expansion and improvements.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Teresa Brannon; she has employees lined up for this year's pool season. We need to get the employee ordinance updated in order to bring the lifeguards up to minimum wage. He can hire the manager and assistant manager under the current ordinance; however, he cannot hire the lifeguards for minimum wage until the ordinance is passed.

Councilman Newton questioned about the creek and where it is washing out.

Village Administrator Thompson stated when we did not get the grant, due to the expense of the project it was put on hold. He will get with Burgess and Niple on it again.

Village Administrator Thompson stated the credentials of the new assistant manager for the pool would enable her to recertify our current lifeguards. All of them are up for renewal this year.

Mr. Cajko spoke up and stated he would like to see a medical center in this town.

Executive Session

Mayor Finley requested Council to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel; with further discussions and voting after the Executive Session.

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

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, 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 7:02 P.M.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, 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 7:27 P.M.

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After a brief discussion, Council agreed to pass Ordinance 18-04 on Emergency Measure with the only change to the ordinance being the salary range for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator. They will review the other requested changes and prepare another ordinance.

Ordinance 18-04

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 18-04, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS; EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION; EMPLOYEE BENEFITS; AND INCREMENT PAY FOR WATER AND SEWER LICENSES AND ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS.

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

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

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-04 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Robison.

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

Ordinance 18-04 was duly adopted.

Council approved Village Administrator Thompson to offer \$50,000 with allowing him to bring 5 day's of vacation and 5 days of sick leave from his previous job. He is requesting to begin accruing vacation amounting to three weeks a year. Village Administrator Thompson stated he would get with the Solicitor to see if this can be done by contract as our current ordinance reads a new employee does not get any vacation time until after completion of one year and at that time receives two weeks annually.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; 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 April 3, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnellsville Village Council Chambers.

John W. Finley
Mayor

Ellen M. Henry
Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of McConnellsville 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.