

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 21, 2017

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:04 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	Absent

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

**VISITORS:** Jay Cordray

#### **Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **Excuse Absent Council Member**

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to excuse Councilwoman Offenberger from the meeting until she is able to attend, 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.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Minutes of March 7, 2017**

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

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Bills of the Village**

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the bills, 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.

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**6:05 P.M. Councilwoman Offenberger entered the meeting.**

#### **Mayor John W. Finley**

Mayor Finley reported he has been in contact with another business that is looking for property within the Village. Mayor Finley stated he is also continuing to work with the other two businesses.

Mayor Finley stated he reported on the ODOT Meeting about the Roundabouts at the last Council Meeting. Mayor Finley stated he encourages anyone to attend the meeting if they have any cares or concerns; this is a State Project, not a Village Project.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if it was going to be two different meetings, or just one.

Mayor Finley stated they will be making two presentations and there will be an open forum in between the meetings.

Councilman Robison stated he has been hearing a lot of concerns about the amount of money each Village will have to spend.

Mayor Finley stated the Village will not be putting any funds out; it will be through grants only. Mayor Finley stated this is being coordinated through the County; they will also be rebuilding the new bridge within this project.

#### **Resolution 17-05**

Mayor Finley introduced Resolution 17-05, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH BURGESS AND NIPLE ENGINEERING FIRM AND A TANK REPAIR AND PAINTING COMPANY TO REPAIR AND PAINT THE HAWK WATER TANK AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Village Administrator Thompson explained the Hawk Water Tank has a leak and it is directly above our Telemetry System. If or when the leak would get any worse it could cause additional problems; thus, the need to fix it quickly.

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

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.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adopt Resolution 17-05 on emergency measure, 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.

Resolution 17-05 was duly adopted.

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Mayor Finley addressed the three billings from Malta Village for the water. Mayor Finley requested Council to approve all three bills pending the Joint Committee agrees to make the changes removing the licensing charge from the December billing; and, changing the computer and printer to a capital outlay item; in which, each Village would then pay fifty percent of the cost of those two items.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to allow the Fiscal Officer to make payment of the February billing; and, to pay the December and January billings once the requested changes are approved and rebilled by Malta; 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 Motion carried.

#### **Streets & Alley Committee**

Councilman Robison stated he didn't have anything to report other than the stories floating around on how much monies the Village was going to expend on the Roundabouts.

Village Administrator Thompson stated if we can't get grants through for the Village's share, then the State will have to do something different.

Mayor Finley stated when they first met with the State regarding this project; they made it very clear that the Village did not have any monies to expend.

#### **Finance Committee**

Councilwoman Blackburn reported she held a Finance Meeting on March 13, 2017. This meeting was held to discuss the credit card processing. Councilwoman Blackburn stated the Fiscal Officer and Village Administrator had met with one company and had received another quote through e-mail. Discussion was made on whether to rent or purchase the equipment and how many to purchase and how many people we thought would possibly take advantage of this service. It was noted purchasing it would be half the savings and to purchase just one to begin with. The Committee decided to put on the website and the bottom of the March water and sewer billings a survey requesting customers to contact the office to let us know if they would use this service.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated a brief discussion was also made on increasing pool rates this year as discussed last year. If they decide to make any changes, they will need to pass a new ordinance.

Village Administrator Thompson noted there is already one pool party scheduled.

Councilman Bragg questioned if they were going to have a work party out at the pool this year.

Councilman Dille stated he is going to have scheduled Buildings and Recreation Committee Meetings; and, he will be getting that out soon.

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#### **Public Safety Committee**

Councilman Bragg reported he spoke with the Mayor and the Committee would like to schedule a meeting with Chief Copeland.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 5:15 P.M.

#### **Technology and Website Committee**

Councilman Robison stated if the Village wants a survey placed on the website; it is only free if it is under ten questions.

#### **Other Business**

Councilwoman Blackburn reported she has received several donations for the Bicentennial and they are selling several mugs.

Village Administrator Thompson asked if a sign could be made up for the Convention & Visitor's Bureau regarding the mugs.

Councilman Dille stated he had check with EZ Grout regarding the planters for the Square. They stated \$100.00 was cheaper than they could make them and suggested we purchase through that site.

Councilman Newton reported he has spoke with John Miller and Mr. Miller may be interested in taking care of the hanging baskets.

Councilwoman Offenberger stated she was willing to take on the water of the flowers.

#### **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 and Solicitor Tarbert into the Executive Session.

Councilman Dille made Motion to go into 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 went into Executive Session at 6:34 P.M.

Councilwoman Offenberger 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 7:03 P.M.

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#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adjourn, 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.

The meeting was adjourned till April 4, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers.

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John W. Finley  
Mayor

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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.