

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 15, 2018

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 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	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilman Darrell Newton	Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chief of Police Troy Copeland, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Hemry, Teresa Brannon, Katherine Wilson

**VISITORS:** Duane Jago, Tom White

#### **Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Minutes of May 1, 2018**

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

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**

Ms. Teresa Brannon, Pool Manager introduced Kathryn (Kate) Wilson as the new Assistant Pool Manager. Ms. Wilson is a teacher at Morgan High School, she has worked with aquatic things since she was 15 years old; she worked at a Summer Camp for 12 years, as the Waterfront Director, Assistant Program Director; and, Program Director. She has the license

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to certify our lifeguards at our pool; and, can teach all forms of swimming lessons. Ms. Wilson is trained and certified through the Red Cross.

Mayor Finley welcomed her to our community and to our village.

Ms. Brannon discussed opening dates for the pool; their last work day at the School is May 31, 2018.

Mayor Finley stated for them to discuss this and let everyone know what they decide on.

Mayor Finley stated we need to get aggressive for sales of the pool passes. Mayor Finley feels the prices need to be reviewed and possibly increased.

A Recreation Meeting was scheduled for May 23, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Pool Meeting Room.

Mr. Ray McComas addressed Council regarding the renewal of the Village's Insurance Policy. Mr. McComas went over all of the Village's coverages. The premium is lower this year due to the removal of a vehicle from the policy.

**6:25 P.M. Mr. Tom White entered the Meeting.**

**Mayor John W. Finley**

Mayor Finley reported the Village was awarded the Grant for the water line on Kennebec, part of State Route 78; and Terrace Circle. Mayor Finley stated the Village may have to put a little more out of pocket into this project to bore the water line under Terrace Drive since it has just been repaved.

Mayor Finley reported there will be someone here tomorrow to look at the Tennis Courts and give us an estimate to repair them.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned if there could be a grant for the Tennis Courts.

Mayor Finley stated possibly a Nature Works Grant.

Councilman Dille questioned about the slip on Kennebec.

Mayor Finley stated we haven't heard anything yet.

Councilman Robison stated he has been receiving a lot of concerns over the pot holes within the Village.

Mayor Finley stated he is proud of the Police Department for doing such a good job on the successful drug bust. Mayor Finley stated Chief Copeland works very hard along with the entire department to rid our town of drugs.

Mayor Finley reported he received a phone call from Mike Workman, commending Mayor, Council and the Village for cleaning up the dead tree, promoting tourism; and working with the committees. Mr. Workman feels bringing the Farmers Market down to the square will bring much more business to them and continue with the promoting of tourism within the Village. He is very pleased with Council's progress.

Mayor Finley noted Mr. Workman wishes to reimburse the village for the cost of removing the stump.

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Mayor Finley stated there are a couple of gentlemen here that are not on the Agenda.

Mayor Finley asked Mr. Duane Jago if there was something he would like to bring before Council. Mr. Jago stated no, he was here for the water and sewer ordinance.

Mayor Finley then asked Mr. Tom White if he had something to bring before Council.

Mr. White stated yes, his basement is full of water from the storm we just had. Mr. White stated this was a big problem and is the Village's responsibility and he wants it fixed. Mr. White noted he has previously spoke with Councilman Bragg and Councilman Dille about this matter.

Mayor Finley turned this over to the Streets and Alley Committee for review.

#### **Recreation & Buildings Committee**

Councilman Robison questioned if we found out anything about the restrooms at the Wharf Park.

Mayor Finley stated without any cameras or anyone seeing something, we do not have any leads.

Councilman Robison stated maybe we should use stainless steel in there if they are going to treat it like a jail.

Mayor Finley stated we have vandalism in them every year.

Councilman Robison questioned how they were open and weren't they supposed to be checked.

Mayor Finley stated the crew was supposed to winterize and lock them up. The Police Department check them while they are open; but, with them supposed to be locked up for the winter, they had no reason to think they needed checked.

Mayor Finley turned it over to the Recreation Committee to study and see if they wish to keep them closed, repair them; or, change it into something else.

**6:50 PM – Councilman Robison and Mr. Duane Jago left the meeting.**

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

Councilman Dille stated he would schedule a committee meeting to discuss Mr. White's concern he brought to Council this evening.

#### **Economic Development Committee**

Councilwoman Hughes reported the next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated due to the lack of funds, there would not be any fireworks this year.

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Mayor Finley suggested the committee put an article in the Herald letting everyone know what is planned for the Fourth of July and when. Mayor Finley stated this could possibly generate donations for fireworks.

#### **Public Utilities Committee**

Councilwoman Blackburn stated Councilman Dille did not receive the water and sewer ordinance and Councilman Robison will be sending it out in Word Form to the Fiscal Officer, so it will be prepared for the first reading at the next meeting.

#### **Other Business**

Councilman Dille brought up the Ohio Check Book. Fiscal Officer Hemry stated she met with Addison Miller, a Liason for the Treasurer of State and they are encouraging Villages, Townships and Counties to join.

Councilman Dille questioned if we could join anytime or if this was just a one time offer.

Fiscal Officer Hemry stated it has been around for a few years and they are continually adding entities.

After a brief discussion, Council stated they are still not interested at this time.

#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adjourn, 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.

The meeting was adjourned till June 5, 2018 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. Hemry  
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.